Centralia College’s Kirk Library is currently addressing the unique needs of our students and faculty through our open education (OE) initiative.

**Open Education Initiative**
Starting Fall quarter 2014, we began by defining what “open” means to us here at Centralia. With the addition of our Open Education Librarian we were ready to develop our strategy for an open education initiative.

In 2015 we will be focusing on:
- Faculty Forums
- Faculty OE Awareness Survey**
- Informal OE Consultations

We have been awarded a $2500 “Library as Open Education Leader” (LOEL) **planning grant** to use in service of our OE planning efforts (details for grant can be found in the “campus wide projects” section).

This grant enables us to:
- Host 2 workshops
- Award 10 faculty OE project mini-grants
- Host an outdoor event for Open Education Week (March 11th)

**Our faculty awareness survey was adapted from the survey developed by Babson:**
http://www.onlinelearningsurvey.com/

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**Campus Wide Projects:**
We primarily use Canvas as our online Learning Management System. We are participating in Canvas’s beta testing of their Canvas Commons—which allows for sharing and adopting of OER within the Canvas system. Faculty have been eager to use the system, but it resides in a Beta version which means materials are limited to adopt, however, we have been working with faculty members who are willing to share their courseware into the Commons.

More information on Canvas Commons can be found at:

**Library as Open Education Leader Grant**
We are participating in the Washington state Library as Open Education Leader (LOEL) mini-grant program.

The LOEL grant project is a collaboration between the Washington Library Leadership Council and College Librarians & Media Specialists (CLAMS) with support from the E-Learning Council and State Board for Community & Technical Colleges (SBCTC). The grant is funded by the WA Office of the Secretary of State and Institute of Museum and Library Services.
Save the Date

Centralia College will host its first Open Education Week event on:

11 March 2015 from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

“Open Education gives people access to knowledge, provides platforms for sharing, enables innovation, and connects communities of learners and educators around the world.”

http://www.openeducationweek.org/what-is-open-education/

Centralia Commons

Our Data Analysis and Research Team (DART) at Centralia College noted that there have been great faculty projects, but there has not been a way to conduct substantial analysis across all projects at the institutional level.

Although the idea stems from these specific projects, we are currently looking to use MyCC to house larger faculty work and possibly student culmination projects.

All materials in the repository will allow for not only the final work to be shared, but also the data behind some of the research projects.

Final Notes

The mission of Centralia College includes supporting our students through life-long learning and in recent years we’ve worked hard to define what constitutes as life-long learning in 2014.

Information is available in abundance and at an ever-increasing pace; as educators we have to be able to teach our students how to handle this evolving information landscape and as librarians we are responsible for helping faculty and students discern the necessary information to meet their individual information needs.

Open Education (OE) provides an opportunity to progress our pedagogy and use innovative practices to enhance our students’ experiences. For us, OE has a presence (Weller, 2013) it is in the activities we use to challenge our students, the resources we reference, the technology we embrace, and our approach to teaching.

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