Mini-Grant Opportunity!

Centralia College’s Kirk Library through a State Library Grant is offering a mini-grant opportunity! $150 mini-grants are available for 10 faculty members looking to kick-start their Open Education Projects!

Visit our OER LibGuide for more Information and your OER starter kit!

http://libguides.centralia.edu/oerstarterkit

Open Education Workshop Outcomes

We hosted an open education workshop here in Kirk Library. Faculty members participated in a brainstorming exercise to think through their current course materials. Faculty members were asked to:

- Describe the ideal relationship between their students and course materials
- Think about the CURRENT relationship between students and course materials

After the exercise we discussed how Open Educational Resources encompass much more than textbooks and provide pathways to achieve better relationships between students and course materials.

Barriers identified:

- Cost
- Painful Course Material
- Laws Change Yearly
- Students’ Lack of Experience with Technology
- Students’ fear of being “bad” at something

Ideal Student to Courseware Relationship:

- Self-guided Interest in Material
- Accessible Technology
- ALL students able to read—access—download—print materials at little/no cost
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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.

SAVE THE DATE

Centralia College will host its first Open Education Week event on:
11 March 2015 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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