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ONE YEAR LATER: ADVOCATING FOR OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
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This poster covers the first year of a scholarly communication librarian's efforts to provide information about open educational resources at library, institutional, and state consortium levels.

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Strategies
• Focus on affordability rather than just open resources
• Information about affordable resources on online library guide
• Library is adding open textbooks and other web resources to online catalog
• Outreach to select individual faculty
• Internal and external workshops

Successes
• Workshop for teaching faculty was well-received
• Internal workshop on OERs for library staff was well-attended, received helpful feedback from colleagues

Challenges
• Lack of local data (“affordability problem,” interested faculty, etc.)
• Role of affordability committee vs. other units on campus
• No funding source yet identified for faculty incentives
• No infrastructure/support for authoring OERs

Collaboration
• The campus-wide Textbook Affordability Committee has representation from student government, teaching faculty, student affairs, the registrar, and the library
• Opportunity to work with Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology
  • Hosted faculty workshop (classroom space, promotion, registration, evaluation)
  • Bi-annual librarian panels for faculty cohorts creating online classes

Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois, OER Task Force

Strategies
• Joined Open Textbook Network/attended in-person trainings
• Surveyed CARLI members
• Created OER resource website
• Hosted Open Textbook Network workshops
• Give/host webinars
• Open OER conference call
• OTN books loaded into consortial catalog
• Pamphlet

Successes
• OER resource website is useful for members
• Webinars/workshops are well-attended
• Announcements in CARLI Newsletter provide regular updates

Challenges
• Most meetings are not in-person
• CARLI membership is large and varied
• Providing appropriate level of information (beginner to advanced)

Collaboration
• Get ideas from colleagues at other Illinois libraries
• Understand realities at different types of institutions (2-year, R1, etc.)
• CARLI staff liaisons, CARLI director