OER Collection Management
Canadian Context

Perspectives from the University of British Columbia

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Federal Advocacy & Policy Directions

- Interest in OER funding advocacy at the federal level
  - Council of Ministers of Education Canada (CMEC) (2012-2013)
- Future Directions
  - National Advocacy Framework for Open Education Resources in Canada
  - National Summit (November 2022)
Canadian Environmental Scan of Open Education Initiatives

Executive Summary
- Over 250 Canadian Post-secondary institutions
- Libraries tend to lead provision and information of OER
- No Canadian province or territory has adopted an OER policy
- Development of OER is not yet an established service or a core activity for most institutions and academic libraries in particular

Map of Canadian Institutions Supporting OER
OER Collections
Faculty Barriers & Resistance
Deterrents to Adopting OER

- No comprehensive catalog
- Too hard to find what I need
- Not enough resources for my subject
- Not knowing if I have permission to use or change
- Not relevant to my local content
- Not high-quality
- Not used by other faculty I know
- Lack of support from my institution
- Too difficult to integrate into technology I use
- Not effective at improving student performance
- Too difficult to change or add
- Too difficult to use
- Not current, up-to-date

OER Collections
Publishers Impacts
Platform/Content Service Model Shift

Current Models

1. Pre-built Customizable Courses Using OER
2. Integration of Publisher Content with OER
3. Publisher Catalogue Flat Fees for Students
4. Learning Management Systems/Content Management

Examples

- Macmillan Learning
- McGraw Hill - Open Learning Solution
- Pearson - Project Blue Sky
- Cengage
  - Cengage Unlimited
  - OpenNow
OER Collections
Library Collection Management Impacts
Impact on Collection Management in Libraries

Collection Development Process
- Multimedia OER (e.g. 3D models)
- Textbook Collection Policies
- Access to "purchase"

Course Reserve Request
- Item vs database/CMS

Findability OER Content
- Access to catalogue records
  - Search and Discovery Layer
  - Locally developed content
  - Archival vs version control

Covid Impacts
...increase their purchasing of e-books, licensing and copyright issues to make textbooks and course material available digitally, and leverage consortial agreements and interlibrary loan programs to fill gaps where needed.

(Yatcilla & Young, 2022)