



• OER Liaison March 2022 Newsletter •

Greetings OER Liaisons! We're just two months into the new year and, as always, January flew by, and February is simply too short. Hopefully you have all marked your calendars for [Open Education Week](#) (March 7 - 11) and made note of the events you plan to attend and share with your colleagues. We're highlighting a few events hosted by LibreTexts in this newsletter and modifying our schedule on Friday, March 11 due to that week's events.

• ZTC Certificates and Degrees •

The OERI is gathering data to support the development of ZTC certificates and degrees across the state. Does your college identify the ZTC opportunities that are available for your students? If you have ZTC options that the OERI is not presently sharing on its [OER and ZTC page](#), please [share your ZTC options with the OERI](#). Be sure to provide us with the URL of your college's ZTC certificate and degree information – or explain how the availability of opportunities that are not advertised has been confirmed (i.e., how were the available ZTC pathways identified).

• Discipline-Specific OER Use Surveys •

To inform the work of our Discipline Leads and to further our understanding of discipline needs, we will soon be distributing discipline-specific OER use surveys. The surveys will be distributed via the C-ID listservs, posted on our website, and sent to OER Liaisons. Please help us with their distribution. We will distribute 3-4 surveys at a time and plan to survey at least 11 disciplines before the end of the term. We're currently drafting surveys for chemistry, physics, and Spanish.

• OER Liaison Activity Tracking •

If you are a new OER Liaison (OERL), be sure to sign up for the ASCCC OER listserv by selecting "ASCCC OER Initiative" at <https://www.asccc.org/signup-newsletters>. All OER Liaisons need to document their Spring 2022 OER Liaison "attendance" activities as the term progresses using the [Spring 2022 Liaison Tracking Spreadsheet](#) (tinyurl.com/Spring2022OERL), with all activities recorded by Friday, May 11. You are required to attend a Spring 2022 OERI Kick-Off, live or archived, by March 15. Please access the [OERL Expectations for Spring 2022](#) if you are not sure what is expected of you. We look forward to working with you in the term ahead.

• 2022 OERL Kick-Offs •

As in the past, we kick-off the term with a webinar to prepare you for your OER Liaison role. We look forward to seeing you at one of our Spring 2022 OERL Kick-Off webinars. “Kickoffs” provide an opportunity for the OERI to update OER Liaisons and for the OERI to hear from Liaisons. If you are a new – or newer – OERL, please consider accessing the archived New OERL Kick-Off. (insert link)

Upcoming 2022 OERL Kick Offs

[Register for Monday, February 28, 10:00 am – 11:00 am OERL Kick-Off](#)

[Register for Thursday, March 10, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm OERL Kick-Off](#)

• March 2022 OERL Conversations and Webinars •

Tuesday, March 8, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

OERL Conversation: Open Forum

Join your OERL colleagues to share ideas, ask questions, and interact in this informal space for discussing all things OER or ZTC.

[Register for OERL Conversation: Open Forum](#)

Tuesday, March 15, 1:30 pm -2:30 pm

How to OER: A Guide for Showing Discipline Faculty How to Map their Courses and Find OER

Has a colleague from another discipline ever asked you to help them look for OER? Just because you don't know a discipline doesn't mean you can't help find good, quality, openly-licensed materials for courses in that discipline. Join us for a survey of all the best places to show faculty where to look for OER and what to do with the materials once they find them.

[Register for How to OER: A Guide for Showing Discipline Faculty How to Map their Courses and Find OER](#)

Wednesday, March 23, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

OERL Conversation: Achieving Momentum

Do you have success stories about how your college achieved momentum in the adoption of OER? Do you have OER challenges and would like help in brainstorming solutions? Please join with your colleagues across the state to discuss common challenges and potential solutions in achieving OER momentum.

[Register for OERL Conversation: Achieving Momentum](#)

Thursday, March 24, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Strategic Planning: Developing an OER Vision and Action Plan

Join us for a timely discussion of strategic planning for OER at the college and district level with Karen Cangialosi, Program Director for Regional Leaders of Open Education Network; Sarah Harmon, OER/ZTC Coordinator at Cañada

College; and Amanda Taintor, Faculty Coordinator Instructional Design and Distance Education at Reedley College. Bring your questions and experiences to inform this important dialogue.

[Register for Strategic Planning: Developing an OER Vision and Action Plan](#)

• End of OERL-Specific Newsletter •

The rest of this newsletter contains content for a general audience, and you are expected to share it with your colleagues, as appropriate. We've provided a sample message that you can use, but feel free to adapt it to your college culture. Also note that if you have not signed up for our general newsletter, you may wish to do so as it can easily be forwarded on with your personalized message added as an introduction. [Sign up for the ASCCC OERI List Serv.](#)

• Sample Cover Message to Send to Your College •

Greetings! As the Open Educational Resources Liaison for our college, it is my responsibility to share communications from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Open Educational Resources Initiative (OERI) with you. Please read on to learn about upcoming events and opportunities that are open to all.

If I can assist you in your considering OER or answer any OER related questions, please let me know.

• ASCCC OERI Request for Proposals (RFP) IV •

The RFP IV process garnered many worthy proposals and we are pleased to now share the list of funded projects. The projects will be developed throughout the 2022-2023 academic year and will be available for adoption in fall 2023.

Discipline	Project Working Title
Anthropology	"Explorations, Second Edition: An Open Invitation to Biological Anthropology" (CC BY-NC, 2019). An updated, expanded, equity-minded OER textbook (C-ID ANTH 110)
Arabic	Introduction To Arabic Textbook
Ethnic Studies	New Directions in Chicanx and Latinx Studies OER Textbook and Ancillary Materials
Ethnic Studies	OER Textbook and Ancillary Materials for "Introduction to Ethnic Studies"
Geography	Contemporary World Geographies, a textbook-equivalent OER for World Geography (C-ID 125)
History	Integrating Social Justice, Equity and Antiracism Themes in World History Since 1500 (C-ID 160)
Homeland Security	Introduction to Homeland Security and Terrorism e-book

Math	Linear Algebra and Differential Equations (MATH 240 and 250) MyOpenMath Assignments and other Ancillaries
Spanish	Tarea Libre: First-Year Spanish (C-ID SPAN 100, 110) OER Homework Question Bank in LibreStudio and ADAPT

• Discipline Communications – Don't Miss Out •

The OERI – and ASCCC – use discipline list-servs to share information specific to a given discipline. These one-way disciplines will never overwhelm your inbox and being on your discipline's list ensures you don't miss out on any discipline-specific opportunities or events. [Sign up for an ASCCC list-serv – or list-servs today](#). Also consider signing up for the ASCCC OER Initiative list-serv if this message has been forwarded to you.

• OERI Discipline Resources – Archived Webinars and Resource Collections •

The ASCCC OERI Discipline Leads have been busy updating resource lists and making new collections available. Visit our [Open Educational Resource by Discipline](#) and [Open Educational Resources by TMC](#) pages to access a comprehensive and curated list of resources by discipline or by Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC). [If you are using an OER that is not on your discipline's list, please let us know](#). In addition to our discipline collections, we have [an ever-growing collection of archived webinars](#) that not only offer discipline-specific information but can also expand your knowledge of OER more generally. If you are considering contributing to your local ZTC degree efforts, these resources can help to inform your response.

• Upcoming Events •

[March 7 – 11 is Open Education Week](#), a week dedicated to sharing resources and accomplishments related to Open Education. Follow #OEWeek on social media to get updates. **Due to OE Week, the OERI's Weekly Webinar on Friday March 11 has been rescheduled to 10:00am.** Please note that our March Weekly Webinars have been designed specifically for those new to OER – our “Back to the Basics” series begins with OER basics and then moves on to showcasing simple ways to use OER in LibreTexts. The final two webinars will focus on homework systems – with an emphasis on the use of existing free and openly-licensed resources. More advanced sessions on OER development, LibreTexts, and homework systems will follow in April.

• OERI Discipline Lead Webinar – March 2022 •

The ASCCC OERI is pleased to offer its first webinar of the year to be hosted by an [OERI Discipline Lead](#). This event is intended for discipline faculty as well as others

who have an interest in the discipline. This Webinar will be archived. The ASCCC OERI will provide automated captioning for all webinars. If you would like to request live human closed-captioning for any of our offerings, [please contact us by e-mail](#) at least 10 business days in advance.

Friday, March 25, 9:00-10:00am

What's new in Spanish OER?

Are you interested in learning what's new in Spanish OER? What about using H5P activities as formative assignments? Come and learn what OERs faculty are using in their classrooms. We will also discuss what else is needed in our discipline (specific resources, what classes lack quality OER, etc.) and any other issues or questions that come up along the way.

[Register for What's new in Spanish OER?](#)

• OERI Events – March Weekly Webinars – Back to the Basics •

In the spring 2022 term, our Weekly OER Webinars are on Fridays from 10:30 – 11:30 am. Weekly webinars are archived. The ASCCC OERI will provide automated captioning for all webinars. If you would like to request live human closed-captioning for any of our offerings, [please contact us by e-mail](#) at least 10 business days in advance.

OERI Webinars are intended for a diverse audience. Please share with your colleagues. We hope you will all join us!

Friday, March 4, 10:30-11:30am

Beginner Series: OER Basics

Are you new to OER? This webinar will provide an introduction to what OER is, what open licenses allow you to do, places to start exploring OER, and compelling reasons to consider adopting OER.

[Register for Beginner Series: OER Basics](#)

Friday, March 11, 10:00-11:00am

Beginner Series: LibreTexts Level I

LibreTexts is a powerful platform for all things OER – publishing, printing, developing, “remixing”, interactive exercises, homework systems, and more. This webinar will introduce you to LibreTexts and its capabilities, providing an overview of the simplest use-case scenario.

[Register for Beginner Series: LibreTexts Level I](#)

Friday, March 18, 10:30-11:30am

Beginner Series: Introduction to MyOpenMath

Have you wanted to create a ZTC course, but the need for a homework system has prevented you from doing so? MyOpenMath is a free and openly licensed homework system that California Community College faculty in math, physics, and other disciplines have been populating for their use – and yours. What is MyOpenMath and what

resources are available for your adoption? Join us for a basic overview of MyOpenMath to learn more about this valuable resource.

[Register for Beginner Series: MyOpenMath](#)

Friday, March 25, 10:30-11:30am

Beginner Series: Introduction to H5P

Do you teach in a discipline where interactive exercises are a must? H5P is a tool that can allow you to create the interactive exercises you need or to use the interactive resources developed by others. What does H5P have to offer and where can you access H5P? This session, hosted by LibreTexts, will introduce you to the H5P resources available to you within the LibreTexts platform.

[Register for Beginner Series: Introduction to H5P](#)

• OpenEd Week LibreTexts Events •

We've selected events from the LibreTexts OpenEd Week schedule that we think would be of interest to California Community College faculty – and many feature your CCC colleagues. Registration is not required. [Access all LibreTexts OpenEd Week events.](#)

March 7, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Co-Authoring OER in LibreTexts

This session will present strategies developed to help authors collaboratively create resources using the LibreTexts platform.

[Join Co-Authoring OER in LibreTexts, 11:00 am March 7](#)

March 7, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Leveraging OER to Increase Access to and Engagement with Ancient and Medieval Texts

This presentation discusses how student- and instructor-created and annotated OER editions and translations of ancient and medieval texts can increase the accessibility of and engagement with challenging primary sources. Example units for ancient history and literature, medieval history, and gender and women's studies will be shared.

[Join Leveraging OER to Increase Access to and Engagement with Ancient and Medieval Texts, 12:00 pm March 7](#)

March 7, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Introduction to the LibreVerse

Join LibreTexts Executive Director, Delmar Larsen, as he introduces you to the LibreTexts OER creation and hosting platform.

[Join Introduction to the LibreVerse, 3:00 pm March 7](#)

March 8, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Making the Most of an Open Textbook

We will discuss how to bring your LibreTexts book into your LMS so students encounter textbook materials as needed in connection with assignments. We will also see how to

assign and give credit for social annotation of the assigned textbook readings and revise the book in response to student feedback.

[Join Making the Most of an Open Textbook, 1:00 pm March 8](#)

March 9, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Mastering ADAPT - The LibreTexts Homework System

Join LibreTexts Executive Director, Delmar Larsen, as he gives you an inside look at LibreTexts open homework system, Adapt. Account creation is strongly recommended before attending the session. [Create a free account](#) before attending this session.

[Join Mastering ADAPT - The LibreTexts Homework System, 3:00 pm March 9](#)

March 10, 9:00 am – 10:00 am

LibreTexts Accessibility Updates

Join LibreTexts accessibility team as they discuss their latest efforts to make the LibreTexts more accessible to users.

[Join LibreTexts Accessibility Updates, 9:00 am March 10](#)

March 10, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Using LibreTexts to Create Interactive OER Content for Your Courses

See how to take OER textbooks and customize them to include multimedia and interactivity using LibreTexts. The remixed versions of the OpenStax calculus and statistics books will be shown, but the remixing can be accomplished with any OER textbook.

[Join Using LibreTexts to Create Interactive OER Content for Your Courses, 1:00 pm March 10](#)

March 11, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

H5P in LibreStudio: Building Interactive Content for your Textbook

Join LibreTexts Senior Product Manager, Yasin Dahi, in conversation with faculty who are using LibreTexts LibreStudio software to generate H5P exercises for their courses.

[Join H5P in LibreStudio: Building Interactive Content for your Textbook, 11:00 am March 11](#)