ILLINOIS
MIDWEST OER SUMMIT I JANUARY 2024

OVERVIEW
College of DuPage and College of Lake County held the Illinois Community Colleges OER Summit in 2018. 220 community college faculty, staff, and administrators attended the event.

OER IN ILLINOIS HIGHER EDUCATION SURVEY
The Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board released the survey in 2020. It assessed the status of OER usage and integration at higher education institutions. 65 institutions responded.

ILLINOIS OER SENIOR LEADERS SEMINAR
70 leaders from higher education institutions attended the seminar in 2021. Sponsored by MHEC and offered by the Open Education Network, it clarified portfolios for open education initiatives and the potential for connections between open education and strategic priorities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE CONSORTIUM OF ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES IN ILLINOIS (CARLI)
Membership to Open Education Network (OEN)
Earning the Open Education Network (OEN) Certificate
Earning the Creative Commons Certificate (with MHEC)
Training on open pedagogy and understanding OER

OPEN ILLINOIS OER HUB
• 3,000+ RESOURCES
• 29 INSTITUTIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL HUBS

INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES
Universities and community colleges developing institutional initiatives:
• FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
• OER INTEGRATION INTO COURSES
• COURSE MARKING
• COST SAVINGS TRACKING
• STUDENT SURVEYS

FOSTERING ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY & EQUITY
ICCB funded the Office of Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRRL) to develop the 2021 report “Fostering Access, Affordability, and Equity: A Primer on the Role of Open Educational Resources in Illinois Career and Technical Education” exploring the perceptions on the rate of adoption and OER in CTE programs of study.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS
SUPPORT FOR CREATION OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (SCOERS) GRANT
• $2M OPEN TEXTBOOKS PILOT GRANT TO CARLI
• 27 OER MATERIALS DEVELOPED

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE & RESEARCH LIBRARIES FORUM (IACRL)
• THE OER CAMPUS KICKSTART PROGRAM PROVIDED 5500 GRANTS TO SMALL COLLEGES TO BEGIN OER WORK. 5 AwarDS WERE MADE WITH COURSE IMPLEMENTATION TO OCCUR IN FALL 2023 AND SPRING 2024. FUNDING WAS PROVIDED BY MHEC

COLLEGE COURSE MATERIALS AFFORDABILITY AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TASK FORCE
2022 legislation created the task force to conduct a study on affordability and equitable access course materials.

NEXT BIG THINGS
• CARLI STUDENT SURVEY - 3,000 RESPONDENTS, 29 INSTITUTIONS
• $3M IN STATE FUNDING THROUGH ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY FOR OER DEVELOPMENT
• WORKSHOP DEVELOPMENT ON THE INTERSECTION OF OER & DEI

WAYS MHEC CAN HELP
ADVOCATE FOR CONTINUED FUNDING