California Community College Librarian Survey on Open Educational Resources (OER)

The Michelson 20MM Foundation surveyed community college librarians throughout the state of California in 2019 about their experiences and desired support in open educational resources (OER). Below are some of the highlights of the 92 replies representing 66 California Community Colleges.

Is OER support part of your job description?

- **YES**: 13%
- **NO**: 87%

92 responses

If OER support is not part of your job description, is it a “voluntary” addition?

- **YES**: 78.3%
- **NO**: 21.7%

83 responses

What is your personal level of knowledge of OER?

- Advanced: 48.9%
- Intermediate: 16.3%
- Beginner: 31.5%
- I know nothing about OER: 13.3%

92 responses

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When asked what type of OER work they do librarians responded:

- 75% - Assisting faculty find OER
- 57% - Initiate contact with faculty to switch to OER
- 54% - Website creation and/or guides around OER
- 46% - Ensure greater access to e-resources held by library
- 44% - Assist faculty with issues related to copyright and Creative Common licensing

On average librarians reported having just over 5 librarians on staff at their campuses but only 1.5 of those are working on OER.

When asked what additional supports are needed for faculty to adopt OER the top responses were:

- 75% - Reward faculty for OER adoptions
- 72% - Filling in OER content gaps
- 66% - Professional development
- 64% - Stipends for developing OER
- 59% - Outreach funds for faculty

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