

MOOCs and Libraries: Massive Opportunity or Overwhelming Challenge?

Results from Online Audience Poll via Poll Everywhere

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Question:

What's at the top of your mind regarding MOOCs and libraries?

Responses:

How and if librarians can impact student learning in a MOOC

Role of the librarians. You can teach search strategies but wonder how one would handle subscription database searching.

Can librarians team teach research skills classes online in this environment (that might be hard to get accepted on individual campuses)?

How libraries that aren't affiliated with a university (e.g., large public libraries, national libraries) can coordinate, develop, or lead MOOCs.

How about teaching a MOOC with NO licensed resources? - Lets go all OA and take it out of the publishers hands!

how can we make sure librarians are involved early in the process, and that we are adequately prepared to effectively consult on these projects?

how can libraries lead and partner in this area? i hope to leave today with some concrete ideas about what we should do next.

A widely distributed MOOC student population is served by lots of local libraries. Good ways of linking generally to a student's local library's resources related to the content of various MOOCs could be very helpful.

Can my Federal agency work with a university partner to produce a MOOC? zemogogog@yahoo.com

copyright issues

the role of information literacy / research methods, if any. also shouldn't librarians be apart of the curriculum design team as a matter of course

staffing issues

A MOOC would be a perfect platform for an embedded librarian.

I want to believe otherwise, but my sense is that the Library input is not central in the MOOC design. At least this is what happens in the UK. They just "don't need our help". The MOOC objective is not the same as the objectives in traditional courses and therefore the Library seems to be out of scope. Quite disappointing!

scalability of library support and the future of librarians as accessible/legitimate-information providers/finders

Where is the best point of partnership between libraries and those involved with MOOCs (from instructor to providers like Coursera)? Should libraries be involved at all points -- from initial development conversations to implementation and on-going iterations -- or just the most strategically-aligned points?

How can public libraries support MOOC learning?

importance of building collaborations

Should we have a MOOC librarian position? or does it wrap into elearning librarian positions?

Is embedding in a course possible? What are the expectations?

Opportunities and challenges regarding integration of open-access resources into MOOCs

how do we impact the discussions around licensing?

How do we effectively market ourselves on campus?

What skills do librarians need to consider promoting or adding expertise in?

how strategic is it for libraries to be at the table?