

OPEN ED UPDATES

KBOR Statewide OER Steering Committee Newsletter



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Adopting Open Stories: MyOpenMath

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The Richard E. Shermoen Mathematics Learning Lab opened in 2019 in Mabee Library at Washburn University where Lab Director Jill Kimzey teaches fundamental math courses including *Preparation for Quantitative Reasoning Pathway* [MA 090]. Last year Jill received the Mabee Library Open Textbook Grant which has supported faculty adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) since 2018. Jill adapted MA 090, writing guided notes and building a course homework system with MyOpenMath. [MyOpenMath](#) is a non-profit online course management system for the quantitative fields established in 2011 by David Lippman.

What inspired you to adapt your course with OER?

"[Our] goal is reducing barriers to student success. The cost of the textbook and homework system was inhibitive to passing the course. Passing math and writing courses in the first year of college are important [for on time graduation]."

Why MyOpenMath?

"I went with MyOpenMath because it operates as a traditional homework system and is easier for students to navigate. I also liked that MyOpenMath is growing and offers [faculty] support with a community [of faculty contributors]."

UPCOMING KS OER EVENTS

Public Domain Day
January 1, 2024
Mickey Mouse enters the public domain through *Steamboat Willie*.

MHEC OER Summit
January 23-25, 2024

Kansas Day
January 29, 2024

KU Language OER Conference
February 17, 2024

KS OER Legislative Showcase
February 22, 2024

Open Education Week
March 4-8, 2024

Adopting Open Stories: MyOpenMath, Continued:

What has been the most rewarding part of this project?

“Seeing students be successful and hearing the appreciation about one less expense. Many students were only able to afford a [two-week] trial of the [previous paid] homework system and then suffered interruptions and setbacks when the trial period ran out. Without that issue it is easier for students to stay on track and successfully complete the course.”

Learn more about MyOpenMath: <https://www.myopenmath.com/>



State & Regional OER Updates

The KBOR OER Steering Committee has finalized a system-wide LibreTexts membership. Contact your institution’s steering committee representative for additional information.

An OER Roundtable on Languages was held November 30, 2023.

Roundtables on Education, Communication, and Music & Performing Arts will be held during Spring term.

Webinars on recommended OER textbooks for the system-wide transfer courses English Composition I, College Algebra, Elementary Statistics, Public Speaking, and Introduction to Psychology will also be held during Spring term.

Join the Kansas OER Google Group to share information and get assistance with OER questions: <https://groups.google.com/g/kansas-oer>.

Spotlight on System Schools

In this section, we will be talking about the OER initiatives of the universities and colleges around the state. We will feature one or two institutions in each newsletter. Do you have exciting things happening with OER at your institution? Would like to share about what is working for you, or maybe what did not work for you? Please let us know! It may be that you have begun to work with OERs but have questions about the process. Ask us your questions. We will do our best to find the answers you need or put you in contact with someone else who can help. Remember to check out the OER resources on the KBOR website at

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