

Introducing CORA (Community of Online Research Assignments): Extending Librarian's Value in a Virtual Community of Practice

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Abstract

This poster will showcase CORA (Community of Online Research Assignments), a pilot open access platform developed for faculty and librarians to share, discuss, and improve research assignments. CORA was developed through a Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium (SCELC) grant. This poster will show how CORA puts the values of open access into practice, extends information literacy pedagogy beyond the one-shot, and opens a space to cultivate a virtual community of practice among librarians and faculty. This poster will include a laptop for participants to try out the online prototype.

Communities of practice provide a space for peers to network in the exchange of information and experiences. CORA is a collection of research assignments designed to be extended and enriched by its users—eventually building a community of faculty and librarians sharing their knowledge of pedagogy, information literacy, research and writing within the landscape of higher education. All teaching resources contributed to this collection are released under an intellectual property license that permits free use and re-purposing by other educators. CORA promotes and encourages the sharing of success and lessons learned so its entire community can benefit from a rich corpus of best practices.