INTRODUCING CORA: EXTENDING LIBRARIAN’S VALUE IN A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

CORA, the Community of Online Research Assignments, is an open access platform for faculty and librarians to share, adapt, and experiment with research assignments. It is intended to be a collaborative environment that 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, faculty, and stakeholders interested in information literacy education.

The CORA platform is a space where all of us can contribute, and promote discussion on information literacy education. CORA contributors can comment, provoke discussions, or adapt existing assignments with the “I adapted this” feature. When a contributor adapts another assignment, they can specify how they adapted it for their own context, what worked, and what could be tweaked.

Teaching resources on the CORA platform range from websites, rubrics, readings, and other information that can benefit you or your students. Contributors can suggest teaching resources. CORA prioritizes adding open access or freely valuable teaching resources to the collection.

All assignments contributed to this collection are released under an intellectual property license that permits free use and re-purposing by others. Opening your learning and teaching materials to a wider public means that people throughout the world can benefit from your knowledge. Participation in Open Educational Resources (OERs) helps build collaborative academic networks. As educational resources are used, reused and repurposed, potentially throughout the world, new opportunities arise to apply your work to a wider context.

The ultimate value of the site is directly related to the CORA community’s contributions.

The CORA platform is a space where librarians, faculty, and those interested in information literacy can engage with issues surrounding the new Information Literacy Framework for Higher Education.

The CORA platform already has a rich collection of information literacy assignments, activities, assessments, that can be shared and adapted by faculty and librarians who teach information literacy competencies.

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