

College and University Library Division of the Arkansas Library Association  
Minutes of the Spring 2017 Meeting—April 7, 2017  
University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR

David Sesser, President of CULD

- Called the meeting to Order.
- Thanked ARKLink for the opportunity to have a joint meeting
- Thanked UCA for Hosting
- Informed members of new officers.
- Previous minutes were approved.

David Sesser introduced the Panelists to discuss Open Educational Resources (OERs) in Arkansas Libraries

- Panelists:
  - Lacy Wolfe, Reference Services Librarian, Henderson State University
  - Renee LeBeau-Ford, Library Faculty, University of Central Arkansas
  - Emily Ray, Metadata and Discovery Services Librarian, University of Arkansas, Little Rock
- The discussion started with defining what an OER is:
  - Teaching, learning, and educational resources
  - Open materials
  - Intellectual content, not just textbooks
- Resources:
  - Shank, J.D. (2014) *Interactive Open Educational Resources: A Guide to Finding, Choosing, and Using What's Out There to Transform College Teaching*.
  - OpenStax <https://openstax.org/>
  - Open Textbooks <http://http://www.collegeopentextbooks.org>
  - Open Textbook Library <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/>
  - Zdegree (A Text-book free degree) <https://www.tcc.edu/academics/degrees/textbook-free>
  - MERLOT II <https://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm>
  - Most resources are for intro level or lower level courses
  - University of Oklahoma LibGuide for Open Educational Resources <http://guides.ou.edu/oer>
  - ACRL
    - SPEC Kit <http://publications.arl.org/Affordable-Course-Content-Open-Educational-Resources-SPEC-Kit-351/>
    - Webinar <http://www.arl.org/focus-areas/statistics-assessment/spec-surveys/4096-webinaraffordable-course-content-and-open-educational-resources-spec-kit-351#.WP57QvnyvIU>
  - In Arkansas
    - AState Digital Press <https://www.astate.edu/a/ittc/>
    - University of Arkansas <http://libraries.uark.edu/oer/>
      - Pays professors to create, adapt, or use an OER textbook

- Concerns:
  - Printing costs
  - Digital Divide
  - Devices in class
  - Mostly for intro classes
  - Initiatives for faculty at schools without funding

David Sesser thanked all the panelists and participants, and reminded members to renew their ARLA memberships.

The meeting was closed.