OER Collection Management Canadian Context

Perspectives from the University of British Columbia

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Canada - Overview

Federal Advocacy & Policy Directions

- Interest in OER funding advocacy at the federal level
  - Council of Ministers of Education Canada (CMEC) (2012-2013)
  - Report of the Standing Committee on Finance (2017)
  - House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology (INDU) (2018)
- Future Directions
  - National Advocacy Framework for Open Education Resources in Canada
  - National Summit (November 2022)

Canadian Environmental Scan of Open Education Initiatives

Executive Summary

- Over 250 Canadian Post-secondary institutions
- Libraries tend to lead provision and information of OER
- No Canadian province or territory has adopted an OER policy
- Development of OER is not yet an established service or a core activity for most institutions and academic libraries in particular
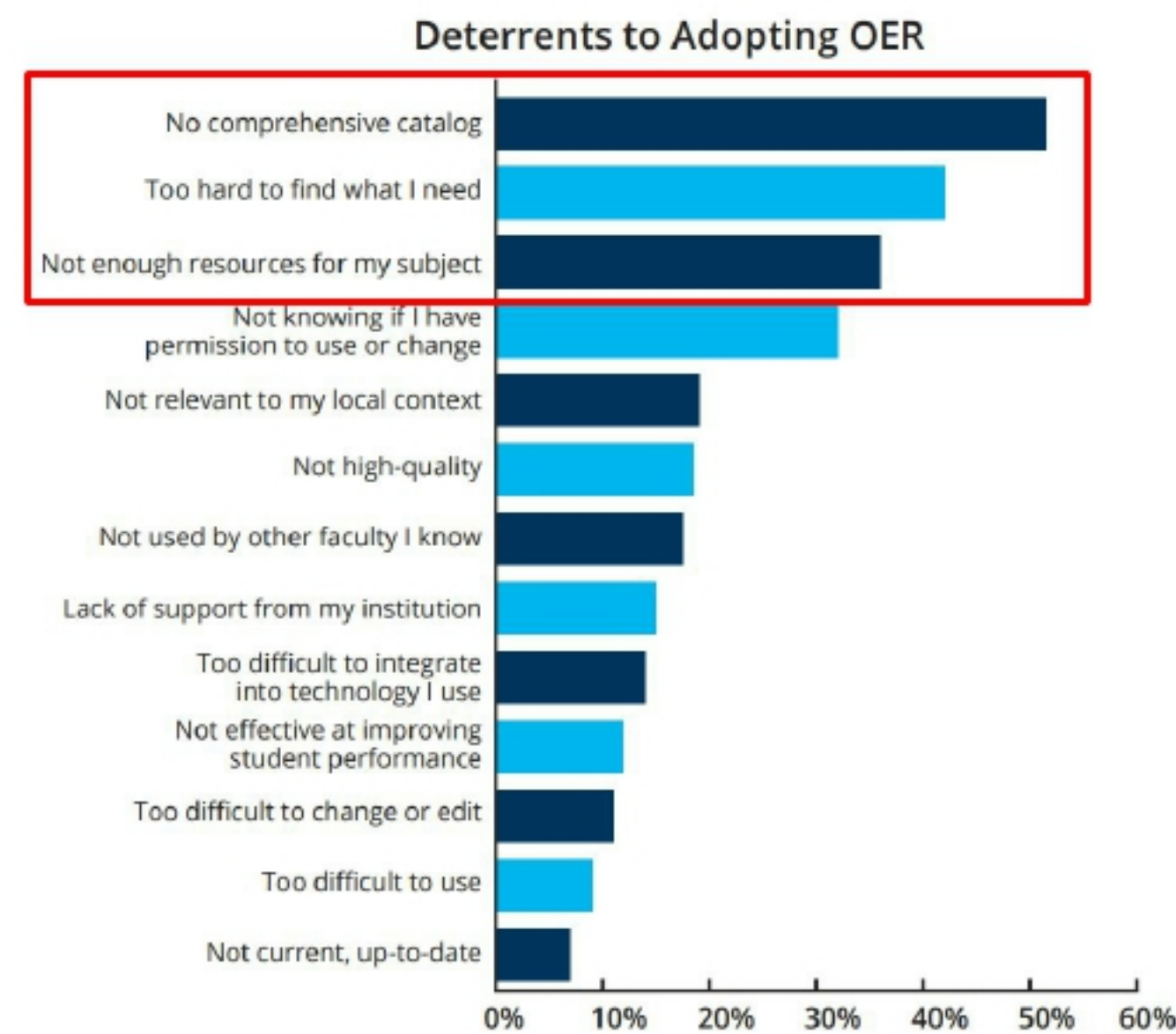
Map of Canadian Institutions Supporting OER
http://bit.ly/OECAN

OER Collections
Faculty Barriers & Resistance

Deterrents to Adopting OER

No comprehensive catalog	
Too hard to find what I need	
Not enough resources for my subject	
Not knowing if I have permission to use or change	
Not relevant to my local context	
Not high-quality	
Not used by other faculty I know	
Lack of support from my institution	
Too difficult to integrate into technology I use	
Not effective at improving student performance	
Too difficult to change or edit	
Too difficult to use	
Not current, up-to-date	

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Allen, I. E., Seaman, J., Pearson, & Babson Survey Research Group. (2014). *Opening the curriculum: Open educational resources in U.S. higher education, 2014.* Babson Survey Research Group. https://www.onlinelearningsurvey.com/reports/openingthecurriculum2014.pdf

OER Collections
Publishers Impacts

Platform/Content Service Model Shift

Current Models

1. Pre-built Customizable Courses Using OER

2. Integration of Publisher Content with OER

3. Publisher Catalogue Flat Fees for Students

4. Learning Management Systems/Content Management

Examples

- Macmillan Learning
- Mcgraw Hill - Open Learning Solution
- Pearson - Project Blue Sky
- Cengage
  - Cengage Unlimited
  - OpenNow

OER Collections
Library Collection Management Impacts

Impact on Collection Management in Libraries

Collection Development Process
- Multimedia OER (e.g. 3D models)
- Textbook Collection Policies
- Access to "purchase"

Course Reserve Request
- Item vs database/CMS

Findability OER Content
- Access to catalogue records
  - Search and Discovery Layer
  - Locally developed content
  - Archival vs version control

Covid Impacts

….increase their purchasing of e-books, licensing and copyright issues to make textbooks and course material available digitally, and leverage consortial agreements and interlibrary loan programs to fill gaps where needed.

(Yatcilla & Young, 2022)