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What are the possible functions of an IR in an OER initiative (from the expected to the creative)? What is the best role for your IR in your institution’s OER program, and how far are you from achieving that? In this discussion we'll consider IRs alongside OER and disciplinary repositories in order to determine next steps that you can take to promote your IR’s role in OER work on your campus.

Issues identified at NWIRUG 2017

- Staffing! No staff = no repository
- Content recruitment, building collections
- Content management
- IT
- Metadata assignment
- Project management/tracking
- Long term obligation to preserve content
- How to share records with central aggregators
- Figure out pros/cons of working with K12
- Version control, forking, link management, updates, new ed’s, dynamic content not necessarily appropriate to IR environment
- Enabling 5 R’s - hosting editable formats for future users, making remix easy
- Accessibility

Info from HB 2729

Grantee’s Statewide OER Coordinator shall reconvene a Statewide OER Steering Committee of relevant stakeholders. The Committee charge must include making a recommendation on whether Oregon should have a statewide repository of OER materials, and if so how and when such a repository should be developed to best support the accessibility of Open Educational Resources for students in Oregon. The Statewide OER Coordinator shall establish a workgroup representing diverse interests to write recommendation on whether or not a statewide repository should be implemented, and report the recommendation to the steering committee by December 31, 2018. If the workgroup and committee determine that a statewide OER repository is recommended and funds are identified to support implementation, the Statewide OER Coordinator may implement recommendation by June 30, 2019.
- Statewide OER Steering Committee Charge
- Repository Workgroup Report and Recommendations - DRAFT
- Workgroup was unable to finalize recommendations in light of funding uncertainty and will reconvene in fall 2018 to continue work.
- No funds are currently available to support repository implementation.