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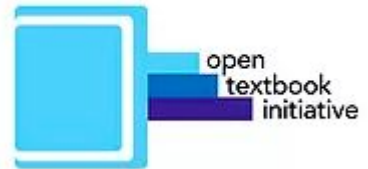
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Small State, Big Challenge

Creating a Community of Practice for Rhode Island
Librarians



A unique partnership



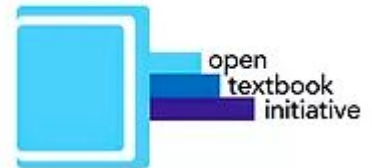
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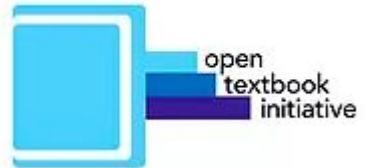
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A bit of history...

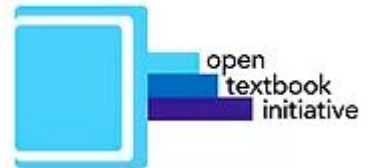
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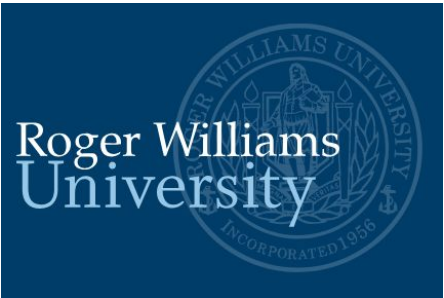
First steps...

- Make it Press Conference Official
- Get institutional buy-in
- Join the Open Textbook Network
- Data Data Data
- Create lasting systems and community of practice



Institutions come online...

- Identified library liaison
- Letter from the provost to faculty



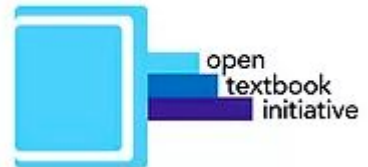
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Steering committee

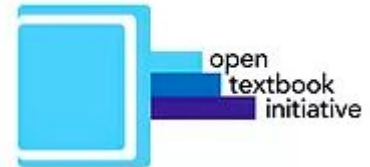
The Open Textbook Steering Committee plays a critical role in guiding the ongoing work to make Rhode Island an Open Textbook state.

- Dragan Gill (Co-Chair), Rhode Island College
- Lindsey Gumb (Co-Chair), Roger Williams University
- Sarah Evelyn, Brown University
- James Salisbury, Community College of Rhode Island
- Kelly Faulkner, Johnson & Wales University
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A shared message

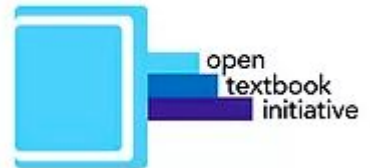
- Website: <http://innovate.ri.gov/opentextbook>
- Official hashtag: #RIOpenTextBooks
- Shared email tips and tricks language
- Logo



Data collection

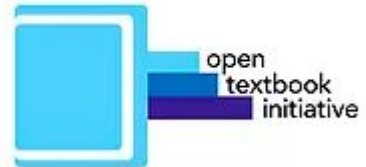
[Data collection forms and responses](#)

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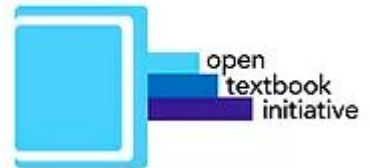
Challenges: Individual and collective

- Administrative support
- Joining at different times
- Figuring out how to share the load
- Trust and communication
- Communication and reporting
- Integrating initiative with campus missions, goals, values



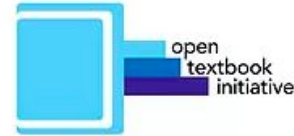
Community of practice

- Meeting cadence
- Retreats
- Trainings and supports
- [Steering Committee Google Folder](#)



But let's end on a high note!

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Progress to Date



**\$1,342,400: Savings for Rhode
Island College Students**



12,300: Students Served

Questions?

