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MOOCS AND KEY ROLES OF LIBRARIES

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ABSTRACT

Concerns about librarians' place in a Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) context have been raised. In the MOOC setting, librarians play an important role, as shown in this manuscript. A survey of the literature on the work that librarians perform to assist professors and students in their educational, teaching, and research endeavorswere conducted. As said, librarians are collaborating with academics to help them make the shift from conventional classroom instruction to the MOOC-specific teaching needs. Some librarians are actively participating in the creation of MOOCs, while others are taking use of the ones that are already accessible to further their careers as librarians. Copyright is a serious problem that has to be addressed. Copyright clearance is one area where librarians can play an important role, says the author, since they can help students learn about their rights as well as provide information literacy training and alert them to MOOCs that could be of interest to them. A library of open access resources that librarians may suggest for MOOCs should be developed.

KEYWORDS: Massive Open Online Courses, MOOC, MOOC and Libraries

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