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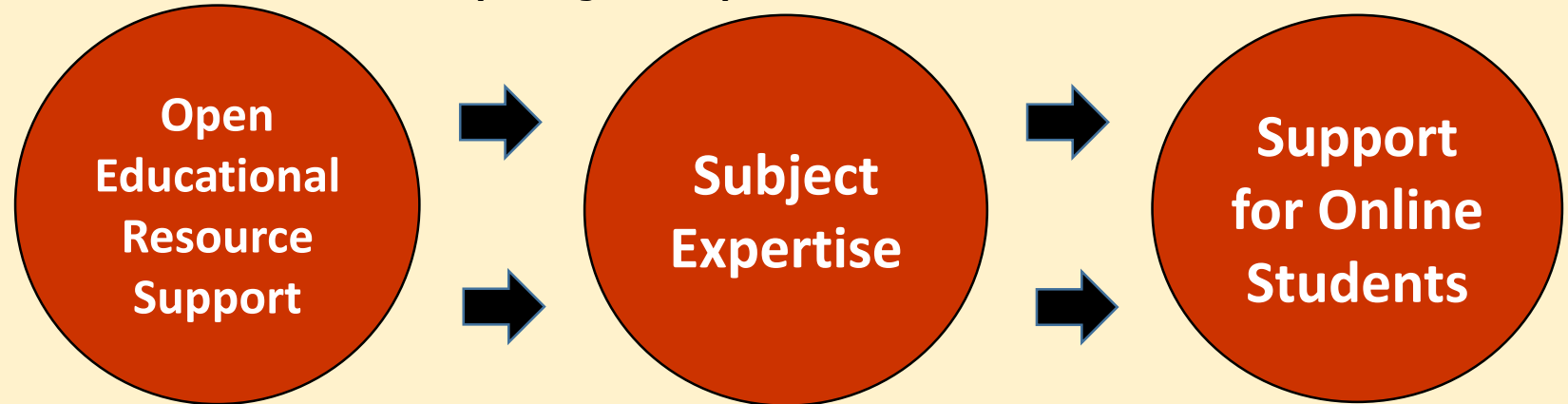
An OPEN Door to Deeper Librarian/Faculty Partnerships

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Introduction

Fall and winter 2016, Tacoma Community College faculty librarian Rebekah Williams worked with Written Communications faculty member Tamara Kuzmenkov on an LOEL grant to develop an online ENG 103, Russian Literature course that used OER and other free-to-use resources in lieu of a textbook.

While the partnership began merely as a way for the instructor to obtain open resources for the course, it soon morphed into a full-scale collaboration involving the librarian's subject expertise, and the opportunity to provide much-needed research support for online students throughout the quarter.



Lesson Learned/Impact

Impact Assessment: A weekly journal was kept to document work, provide a tool for assessing the collaboration, and provide data for the LOEL grant as a whole.

Lesson Learned: As OER continues to break down barriers to education and transform teaching and learning, it also has an unexpected benefit: to create richer, deeper librarian/faculty collaborations.

Next Steps

The librarian will:

- Embed research modules within the course
- Develop an online presence within the course, resulting in more effective librarian/student interactions

The TCC Library will:

- Work to more fully support online students