



# VIVA HIGHLIGHTS

Open & Affordable Course Content Forum

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# STEERING



# ANTI-RACISM STATEMENT AND WEBINAR SERIES

- Earlier this year, the SCHEV Library Advisory Committee (LAC) and VIVA unequivocally condemned racism and its associated violence in a statement: <https://vivalib.org/va/antiracism>.
- VIVA is planning a webinar series for 2021 that will cover a wide range of topics and serve as an opportunity for learning and building community supporting anti-racist actions. There is currently a call for relevant projects and task force nominations.

# COLLECTIONS



# SUPPORTING SMALL PUBLISHERS

- The Collections Committee is in the process of forming a new Support for Small Publishers Task Force.
- In the context of increasing the bibliodiversity of VIVA's shared collections and helping to ensure that small publishers have sustainable and long-term models for partnership with libraries, this task force will be charged with having deep discussions with these publishers about their challenges in marketing, selling, and distributing their content at scale.
- Special attention will be given to minority-owned and led publishers that have diverse voices represented in their content.

# OPEN ACCESS

- Supporting the Open Access publication of content, particularly by that of Virginia authors, is of deep importance to VIVA.
- Conversations about this have included managing the holistic spend of the state with publishers (subscriptions and publishing costs), containing APC increases, supporting small publishers with new Open Access models, and building infrastructure to support Virginia publishing.
- Building consensus for the right fit for consortial work in this arena will be a focus for the Collections Committee over the next year.

# OUTREACH



# FEATURED MEMBER LIBRARIES

- The Outreach Committee's Featured Member Library program is shifting to focus on how VIVA Libraries are responding to the pandemic, highlighting how institutions responded in the spring when campuses were quickly closed and everyone scrambled to bring classes, research, and services online.





# VIVA USERS' GROUP MEETING

- The VIVA Users' Group Meeting, taking place on October 16 from 10 am to 12 pm, has the theme of "VIVA Libraries: Prioritizing Communities in Crisis."
- The program will include a panel featuring people from five VIVA institutions detailing the rapid adjustments they made in services to support communities in a time of crisis, as well as brief presentations on additional relevant topics.
- The full schedule and presenter information can be found here: <https://vivalib.org/events/users-group-2020>, and you can register for the event here: <https://vivalib.libcal.com/event/7116679>.

# RESOURCE SHARING



# CONTROLLED DIGITAL LENDING

- VIVA has a new Joint CDL Task Force, made up of members from the Resource Sharing and Collections Committees, as well as external VIVA participants.
- This Task Force will develop statewide guidance and approaches for CDL, including both policy and mechanism. They will review current organizational statements and approaches, consult with library legal experts as needed, and draft statewide recommendations for Steering Committee consideration.

# RAPIDILL

- VIVA is in the processing of licensing RapidILL with the goal of decreasing the staffing burden of interlibrary loan among the VIVA members.
- RapidILL, through its pod structure, can provide better data for borrowing and lending articles among the VIVA institutions, as the data is driven by catalog holdings and can match down to the year level. The software, designed specifically for resource sharing, can do automatic processing, routing, and load leveling, and it integrates with existing lending software.
- All public institutions are planned to have access to RapidILL, and private institutions can opt in as well.

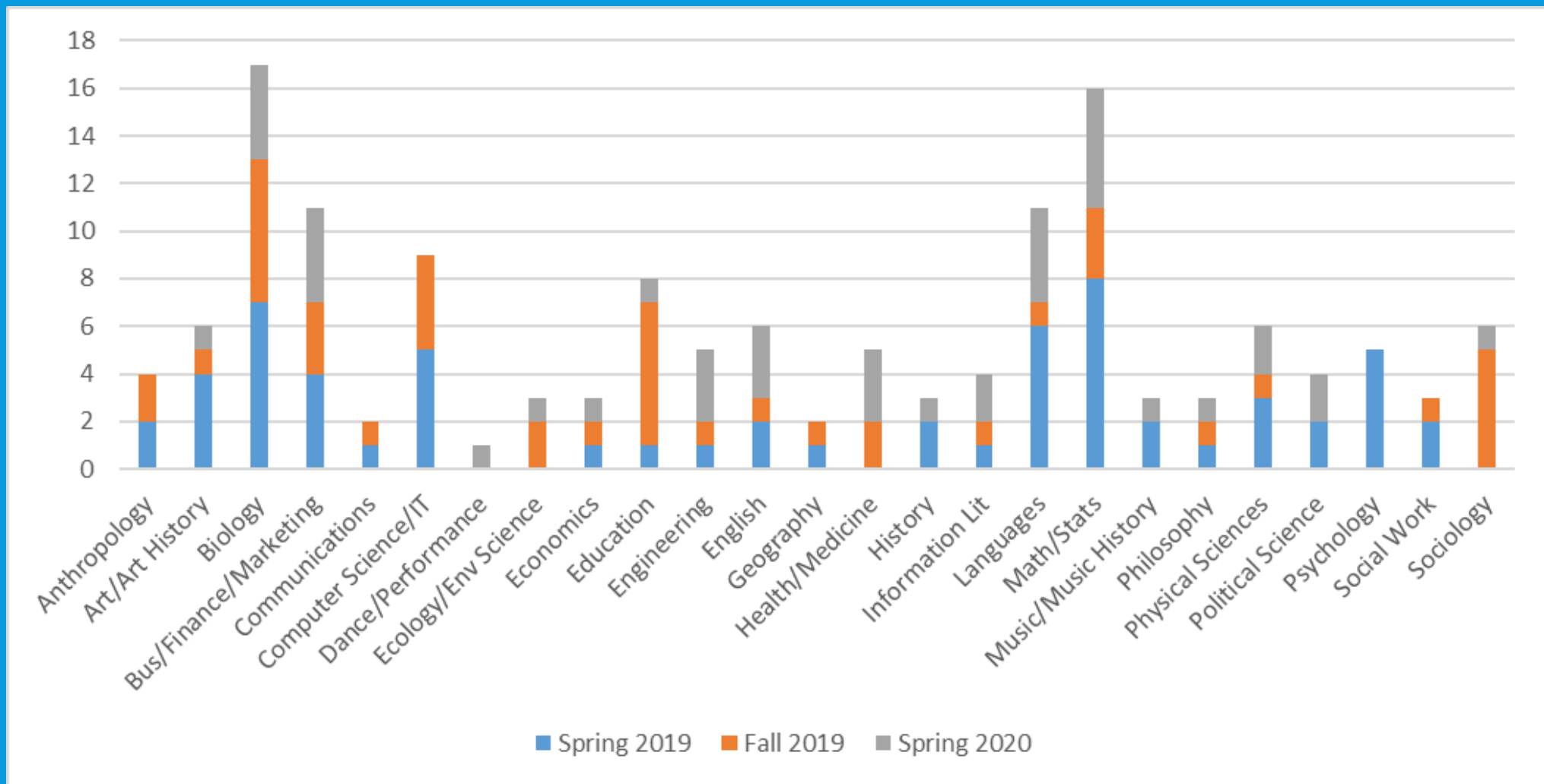
# OPEN AND AFFORDABLE COURSE CONTENT



# OPEN GRANTS: ROUND THREE

- VIVA received 41 proposals in its third round of grants, and applicants requested a total of \$560,000 in funds.
- 11 projects were funded, with \$130,358 awarded to 16 institutions.
- These projects will generate at least \$540,000 in annual student cost avoidance.

# OPEN GRANTS: PROPOSALS BY DISCIPLINE



# NEXT UP: OPEN ADOPT GRANTS

- The next call for proposals, currently live and with applications due on October 19th, is for Open Adopt Grants.
- Grant recipients will be expected to adopt an existing resource for a recurrent course and, at the end of the period of performance, provide assessment data, any created ancillary materials, and the syllabus to VIVA Open (<https://vivaopen.oercommons.org/>).



# COURSE MAPPING TASK FORCE

- The goal of the Course Mapping project is to find two to three OER that match with high enrollment courses in Virginia, initially the ~70 courses in the Virginia Transfer program, and promote these as options to faculty across the state.
- The task force recently completed the first faculty sprint review of collected Biology resources mapped to specific transfer Virginia Courses. The sprint was a great success, with positive and constructive feedback from faculty, and better aligned and peer reviewed resources.
- An endorsement has been created to highlight which resources have been reviewed by Virginia faculty, and the next two subject areas will be History and Music.

# VIRGINIA COURSE MATERIALS SURVEY

- A Virginia Course Materials Task Force has been formed with a total of fourteen members, including three people from the Virginia Assessment Group.
- The task force is charged with developing and implementing a statewide survey to better understand how Virginia students are impacted by the costs of course materials and the extent to which these costs affect educational equity in the Commonwealth.

# OPEN EDUCATION NETWORK

- The goal of VIVA's Open Education Network program is to train open education leaders who will hold workshops for faculty across the state to support them in making greater use of openly available educational materials, including textbooks, which are free of cost to students.
- A virtual OEN Campus Leader training for VIVA is planned for this fall, date to be determined.

# CURRICULUM DRIVEN ACQUISITIONS

- The Curriculum Driven Acquisitions Pilot's first semester with multiple institutions was completed this fall with three participating institutions: J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, James Madison University, and Virginia Commonwealth University.
- VIVA was able to purchase 218 ebooks and match 23 shared VIVA ebooks through this program for the fall semester.
- The pilot will be extended through the spring to capture more complete data and provide a full picture of an academic year. Markers of success will include student cost avoidance and faculty feedback.

QUESTIONS?

