

Kentucky Learning Depot (<http://kylearningdepot.org>)
Kentucky's P-20 Repository of Quality Digital Learning Content
Bullets for Launch Marketing – 11/15/2009
Connect + Content + Community

1. Gateway

- Convenient one stop shop for rich & engaging digital learning content including not only Kentucky educators' content but also content from educators all over the world
- For educators using course management systems such as Blackboard, ANGEL or Moodle, they will have the Depot tab right in their course space.

2. Gatekeeper

- Peer review process integrated into the Depot not only for contributed content from Kentucky educators but also learning content from other repositories

3. Learning Community

- Educators can rate or comment on the content, just as one does at Amazon.com, so as to help nurture community members and improve content quality.

4. Tagged Content for Powerful Discovery

- Learning content is tagged by contributors and librarians for effective discovery using control terms that educators normally use.
- In addition to Google-like keywords, Discipline, Level, Technical Format, Learning Resource Type, subject terms used in CIP (Classification of Instructional Programs), ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), and GEM (Gateway to Educational Materials) can be used as indexes. The upcoming new K-12 Common Core Standards will be added when available in December 2009.

5. Cost Savings

- Quality content is created once and used many times
- State-funded content can be shared and leveraged
- Best practices can be shared and leveraged
- Group license for commonly needed content
- Open Educational Resources (OER) such as Open Textbooks selected and peer-reviewed for educators

6. Content Scope for Launch

- **National Repository of Online Courses (NROC)**
 - A growing library of high-quality online course content for students and faculty in higher education, high school and Advanced Placement

- 13 AP courses, 19 college course foundations, 6 high school foundations, 4 high school courses in production
- Unbundled into 673 lesson-level items
- **Kentuckiana Digital Library**
 - 1,300 rare Kentuckiana imprints including historical works and fictional works.
 - The Mountain Life and Work Journal
 - 80,000 photographs from Kentucky archives.
 - 4,600 archival collection descriptions from Kentucky archives.
 - 4,000 historic Sanborn map sheets covering all Kentucky geographical regions
- **Depot Learning Resources**
 - 19 items from Wisc-Online purchased by Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) for SCORE (Sharable Content Object Repositories for Education) members
 - 4 open textbooks (and growing) unbundled to chapters from Connexions (<http://cnx.org/>)
 - 20+ items contributed by Kentucky educators that are currently being peer reviewed by the Depot Peer Review Team
- **Other Repositories**
 - Florida OrangeGrove Repository
 - USG Share – University System of Georgia’s Repository
 - NCLOR – North Carolina’s P-20 Repository
- **Upcoming Collection**
 - KET’s Literacy Leadership collection – <http://www.literacyleadership.org/>
This features video clips that examine successful literacy programs at nine Kentucky schools and explore how one district is taking its first steps on the journey to a comprehensive literacy program.

7. Membership-based

- Depot Steering Committee’s Business Plan for sustainability (<http://apps.cpe.ky.gov/depot/steeringcommittee/depotbusinessplan20090320.pdf>)
- Why pay for user accounts if Guest can access most of the content?
 - Access to restricted items such as NROC or contributed content that contributors have specified to be restricted to the Depot users
 - Rate and comment on colleagues’ contributed content
 - Contribute content to the Depot

8. How Does This Benefit

- Educators?

- Improve teaching by using rich, engaging digital content
- Save time and resources by going to one place for reusable, vetted content
- Become an active member of a learning community by contributing own content and rating and commenting on other's content
- Students?
 - Understand concepts and skills easier or faster as courses use content in the form with which the digital generation is familiar
 - Have opportunities to participate in interactive learning
 - Have alternative ways to learn based on learning styles
 - Have opportunities to cut down on textbook costs
- Schools?
 - Realize efficiency and cost savings by reusing quality digital content when developing courses
 - Realize cost savings by using open textbooks in the Depot
 - Help with teachers' professional development by using the Depot content as examples of best practices
- Colleges & Universities
 - Realize efficiency and cost savings by reusing quality digital content when developing courses
 - Realize cost savings by using open textbooks in the Depot
 - Help with faculty development by using the Depot content as examples of best practices

9. How Does This Differ from EncycloMedia Currently Used by K-12 Educators?

- Similar to EncycloMedia, the Depot serves as a convenient gateway to quality digital learning content for educators. In this aspect, the Depot provides an additional alternative source for K-12 educators using digital content.
- The difference lies in the building of the Depot learning community. While EncycloMedia has defined content, the Depot encourages educators to use, rate, comment and contribute quality content so members can learn from one another on using best practices to improve teaching and learning.

10. Collaborative Planning for 2 Years (Since July 23, 2007)

- Involving more than 50 work team members from K-12, postsecondary education, adult education, KET, KDLA (<http://kylearningdepot.org/workteams/>)
- Awarded \$136,171 by the AT&T Foundation in January 2009
- Selected as a pilot site by the Florida Orange Grove Repository for their OnCoRe Blueprint Project funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) in August 2007