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Abstract
This presentation provides details about two distinctive and unique peer learning programs at Gettysburg College and Millersville University. It also highlights how our collaboration sparked new initiatives to advance each of our peer research programs.

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Musselman Library
Peer Research Mentors - Gettysburg College

- Launched in Fall 2014
- Peer to peer model is widely embraced on our campus
- Developed to augment traditional reference service & expand library outreach

Peer Research Fellows - Millersville University

- Piloted in Spring 2013 with music research fellows
- Followed by Earth Sciences, Communication & Theatre, Providence Project, Latino/a Studies research fellows
- Discover a research passion and serve as resource for their peers
Library Research Fellows: Program Structure

Community of Practice

Domain
- LMS/D2L course
- Meetings
- Assignments

Community
- Social events
- Online engagement
- Overlap between returning and new fellows

Practice
- Made in Millersville presentation
- UNIV 103 Seminars
- Treat Yourself to Research & Writing
Peer Research Mentor: Program Structure

**Training**
- Boot camp
- Biweekly meetings
- Question of the week

**Research Help Desk**
- 2 shifts per week
- Work alongside librarians

**Outreach Projects**
- Connect research skills with peers
- Planned, implemented, and assessed by PRMs
How did an ACLCP grant help us innovate?

- Benefits of local professional exchange
  - Time, money, and ideas
- Focus on problem-solving
  - Background information and articulating burning questions
  - Presentations to address burning questions
  - Warren Berger’s systematic approach to solving problems
    - Why? (What?) / What If? / How?
- Actionable takeaways:
  - Millersville action
  - Gettysburg action
Further Reading:


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