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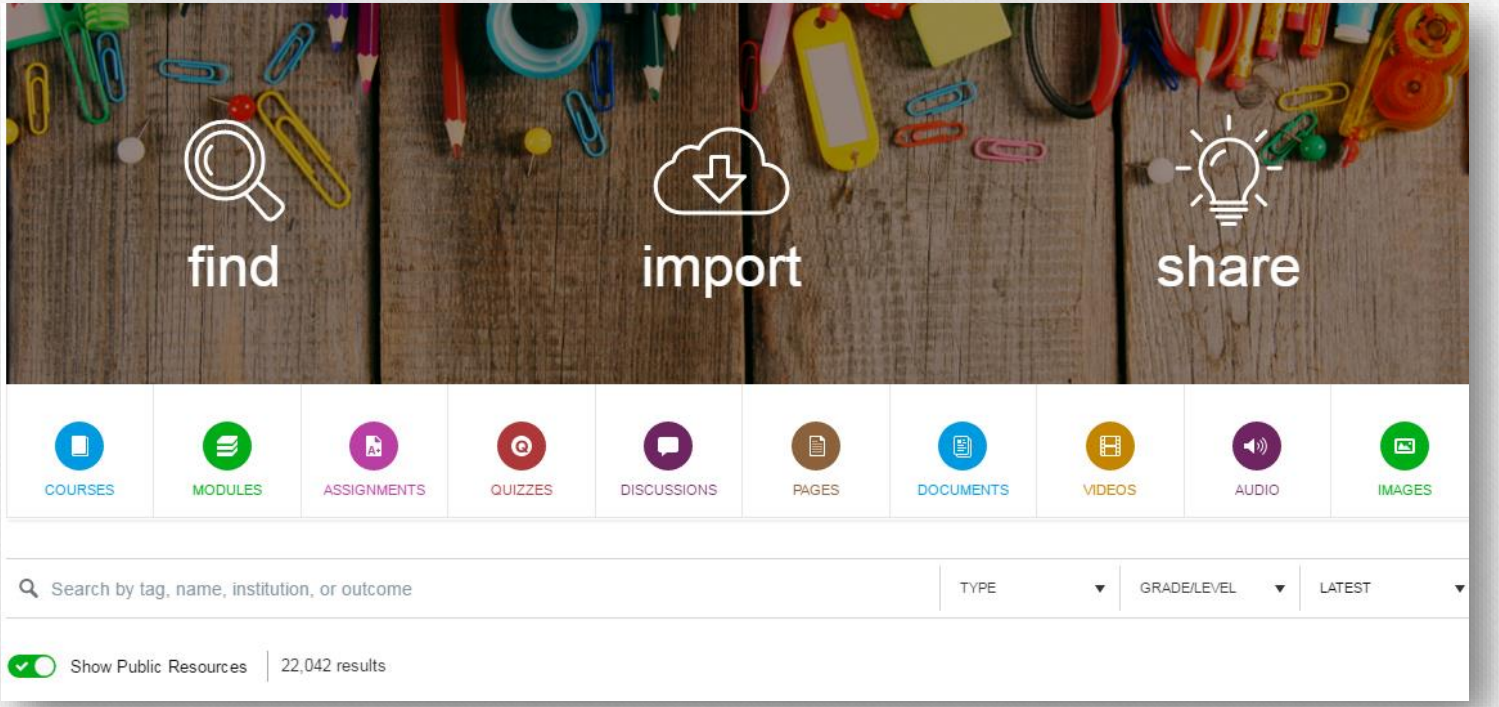
What is Canvas Commons?

Canvas Commons is a learning object repository that enables educators to find, import, and share resources. A digital library full of educational content, Commons allows Canvas users to share learning resources with other users as well as import learning resources into a Canvas course.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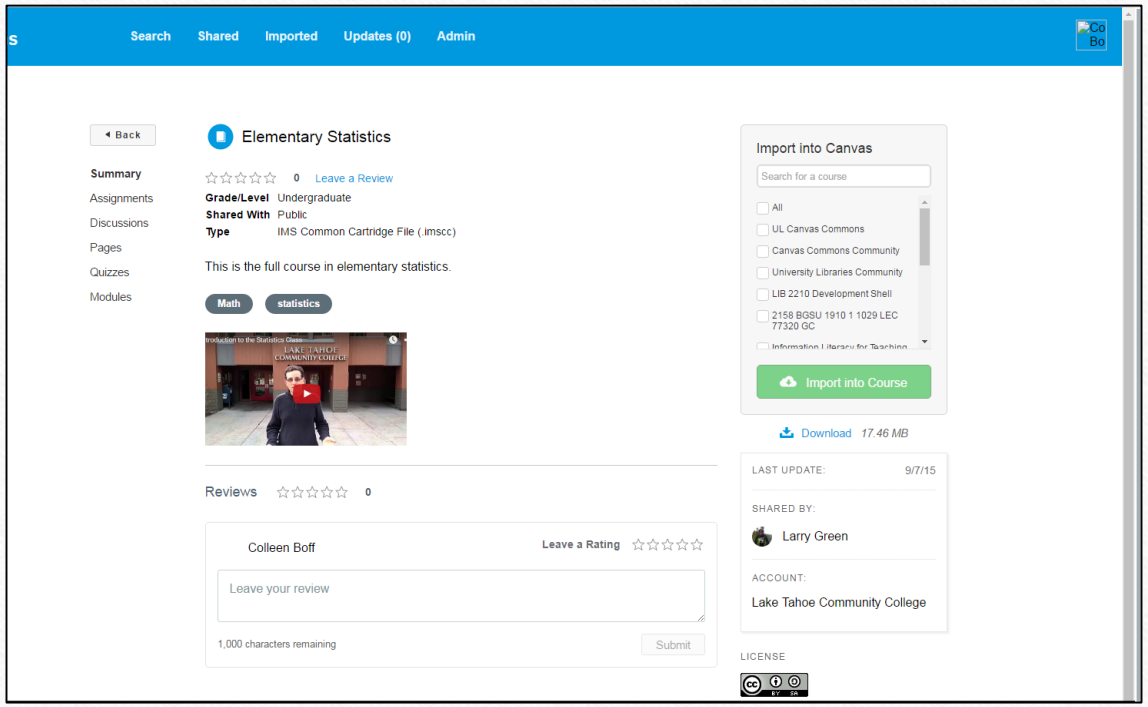
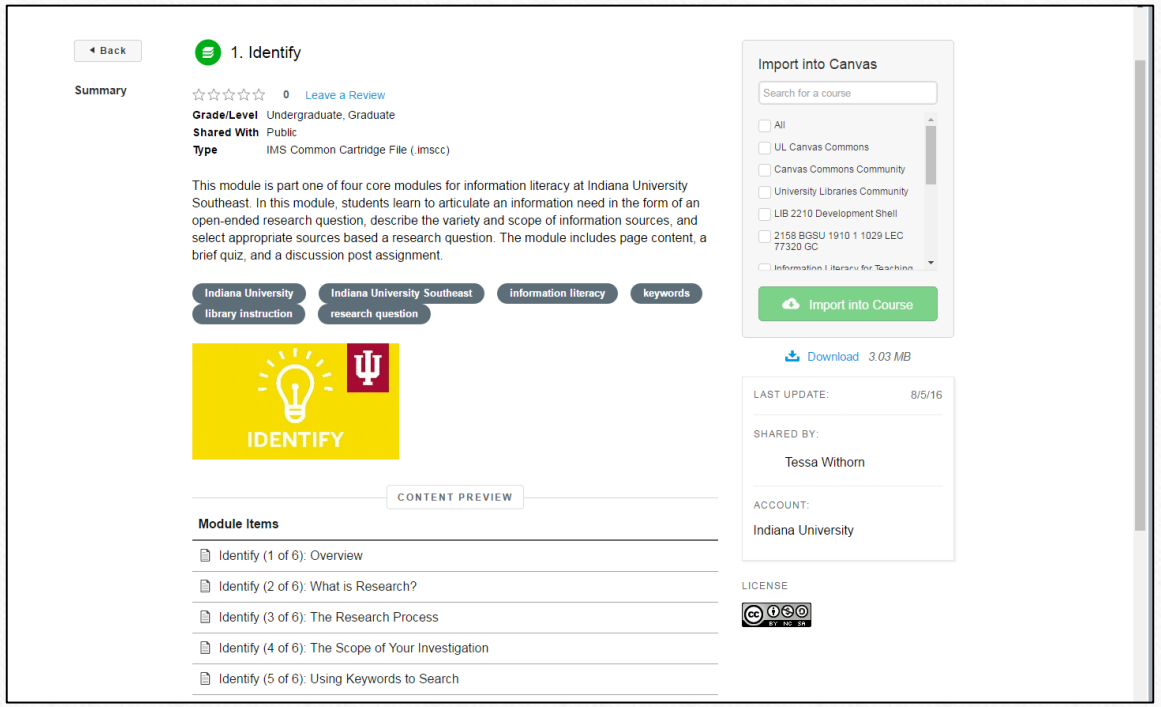
Canvas Commons: Course Example



Canvas Commons: Module Example



How can this be used?

- Curriculum sharing among colleagues
- Great for various offices to create up to date modules
  - Disability Services
  - Multicultural Services
  - Library
  - Tutoring

Why should Librarians be involved?

Implementing Canvas Commons

- Contact the IT administrator of Canvas
- Decide early on who needs to know about this because of Intellectual Property concerns
- Establish a small working group of logical collaborative partners
- Assign a project manager

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Establish Timeline

September 1-October 14
- Actively test system and decide if it is a quality product

October 15-December 30
- Create supporting documentation (FAQ, web site, etc)
- Create content to share in Canvas Commons

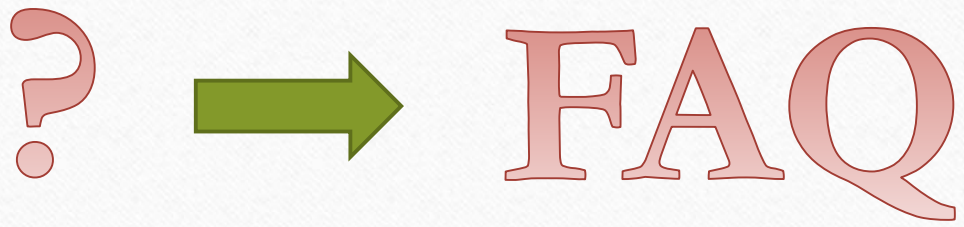
January 13
- Finalized communication plan

January 16
- Deploy tool
- Begin communication plan

February 6-April 28
- Offer at least three training/informational sessions through CFE

Testing

(October 15-December 30, 2016)



Communication Plan

(due by January 13, 2017)

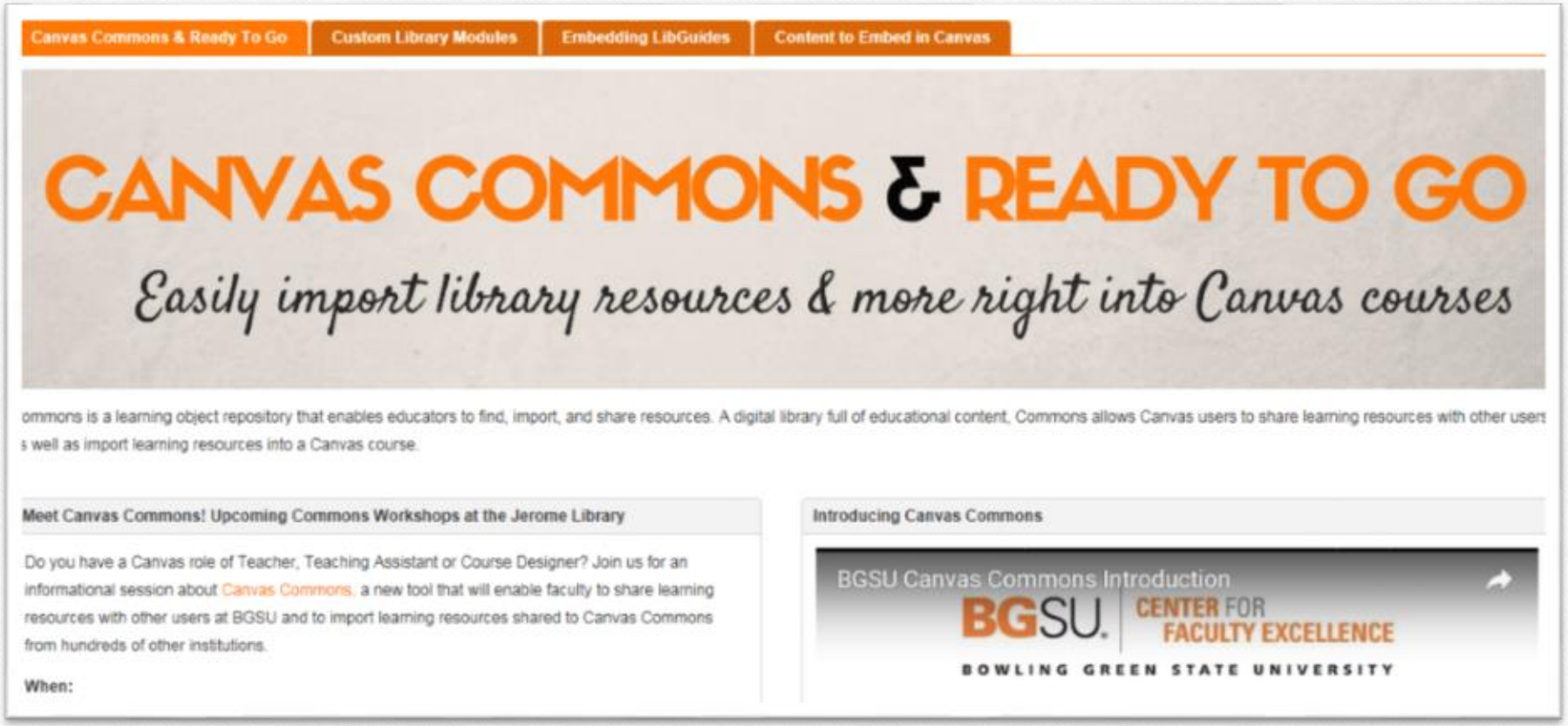
- Make a list of audiences who need to know about this
- Establish deadlines and work backwards to set milestones
  - Important to keep breaks and intercessions in mind
  - Avoid busy times of the term

Canvas Commons Communication Plan & Timeline

Date	Action	Responsible Party	Status
?	Present to Deans council	ITS	Done
October 24, 2016	Meet with Julie Matuga to discuss CC and to discuss mini grants for faculty	Colleen	Done
October 25, 2016	Meet with Paul Cesarini from the Office of Summer & Online Education	Colleen	Done

Content Development

(due by January 13, 2017)



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Pre-Launch Check List

- ❑ System testing (linkages, single sign on, etc)
- ❑ Develop sample content
- ❑ Develop publicly accessible F.A.Q. & documentation
- ❑ Process for requesting test shell
- ❑ Schedule training sessions
- ❑ Develop evaluation / feedback form for training sessions
- ❑ Establish point person/area for ongoing training

Training Session Outline

End of Fall Term, 2016

Beginning of Spring Term, 2017

- What is Canvas Commons
- Why use it
- Where it's located
- Where the documentation is located
- Borrowing from Canvas Commons
- Sharing to Canvas Commons
- Pros / Cons of using Canvas Commons

Phase II of this project

- Build more Library and Information Literacy Modules
- Continue to promote Canvas Commons across campus
- Establish an advisory/review board
- Solicit more involvement from academic support offices such as Multicultural Services, Career Services, etc.
- Become more active in the Canvas Commons Community to lobby for enhancements such as analytics so that content providers know who is borrowing their content

Lessons Learned

- Hands-on time for participants during training sessions
- Don't worry about being overwhelmed with business. May need to spend more time promoting it
- Be honest with constituents and get feedback from them when approaching a challenging decision (e.g. the degree to which content should be shared)

For more information…

Visit Instructure

- Canvas Commons Guide: https://guides.instructure.com/m/38287/pdf
- Canvas Commons Community: https://community.canvaslms.com/community/answers/commons

Visit our materials

- This presentation with associated documents will be available at http://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/
- F.A.Q. https://www.bgsu.edu/center-for-faculty-excellence/find-a-resource/canvas-commons-resources.html

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