

# MOOCs

(Massive Open Online Courses)






# A Guide for Librarians

Discover a new way to improve your knowledge and skills!

MOOCs are courses available online, typically free, that expand access to quality education.

They are a unique opportunity to learn a new subject, upgrade job skills, get a professional certification and receive academic credit.

## MOOCs are:

-  Open to anyone with an internet connection.
-  Offered in different fields of study from high-tech science to food management.
-  Backed by major institutions and the world's leading universities.
-  Available in numerous languages.
-  Accessible any time, any place.



Libraries are uniquely positioned to provide access to quality academic materials thru MOOCs.

In developing countries<sup>1</sup>, for every additional year of education an individual's future income is increased by an average of 10%.

# What can librarians do?



16% of library users in the US say they took an online class or completed an online certification program at the library.<sup>2</sup>

## Create a MOOC user group!

1. Identify a topic relevant for your community
2. Invite users to enroll
3. Reserve a few computers for MOOC users
4. Hold conversation groups to share the experience



<sup>1</sup> Source: Center for Global Development. "Education and The Developing World." CGDEV.Org. Accessed April 8, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Source: <http://libraries.pewinternet.org/2013/01/22/library-services/>

# Sign up and take a MOOC!

Here are some platforms to choose from:

**coursera**

<https://www.coursera.org/>



Coursera is an education platform that partners with top universities and organizations worldwide to offer courses online for anyone.

**edX**

<https://www.edx.org/>



Founded by Harvard University and MIT in 2012, edX is an online learning destination and MOOC provider, offering high-quality courses from the world's best universities and institutions to learners everywhere.



UDACITY

<https://www.udacity.com>



Udacity offers a range of online courses from Entrepreneurship, Design and Math to Physics and Genomics.

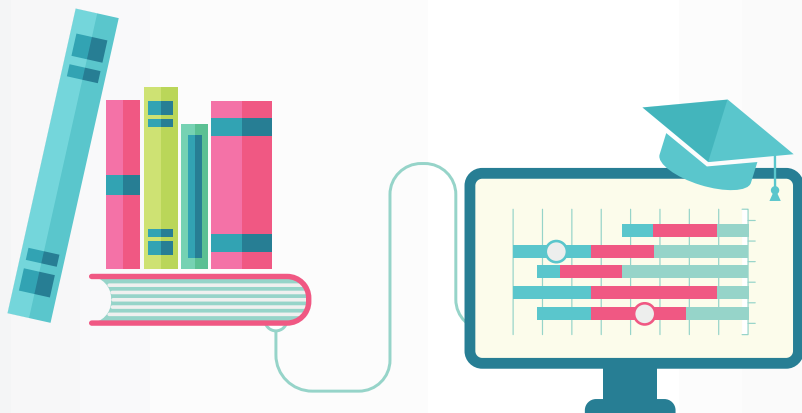
**miríada**



<https://www.miriadax.net/>



Miriada X offers Spanish language courses from leading Latin American institutions.





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