

OR Community Colleges in Second Life- OCCDLA Spring Update

Project Links

Project Blog - <http://slorcc.blogspot.com/>

Main Information site- <http://sites.google.com/site/orcommunitycollegesisland/>

Latest Newsletter- http://spot.pcc.edu/~mmartine/orccisle/orccisle_htmlEmail_Feb09.html

Island Use Request Form-

http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?key=pEN_bfYLDqyT4YfsGFWY7Fw&hl=en

Island Schedule Calendar-

http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=pk1rckst3s51iakaijrfnen354%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Los_Angeles

Current Challenge: We are all too busy on authentic projects to blog or write the newsletter!

Island Projects Update

State CC Libraries – We are lucky to find Kevin Moore, a part time librarian in the PCC system who also has advanced illustration skills and sharp wit as a talented cartoonist. His avatar name is KevinW Huckleberry , and he's coordinating communication between the state community college library directors to coalesce a group vision of how libraries will serve in this space. Kevin is keeping a blog of his development and experience at <http://orccl2ndlifeproject.wordpress.com/>



The Libraries' home developing on the island.

Umpqua CC- Virtual Vidiculture OR Community Colleges island has been hosting Duncan Ramer, the avatar of CJ Bryant, an instructor at Phoenix School in Roseburg. He is working with Javier Ayala and they are in process of purchasing an island in Second Life, which should be available for Umpqua this week. We will be working with CJ and UCC to help them get their island off the ground, and offer any additional needed support as the project develops. A link to UCC 's island is present on OR Community Colleges Isle in the form of a grape arbor covered picnic area. We are currently looking to develop a link to each CC island that already exists, and will link to future OR CC Isles as they spawn in the same manner.



CGCC - Philosophy 201 – Working with Paula Ascher and Instructor Bill Noonan at CGCC, we're creating a space for Philosophy 201- this includes both a contemplation garden of philosophical thought, and Plato's cave, to support 10 optional hours of a 40 hour course to be delivered Fall 2009.



PHY 201 Philosophy Garden

Medical Simulation - Working with Marilyn McGuire-Sessions who has shared a script from the Oregon Simulation Alliance, another CCWD grant project, we are developing a space in Second Life to support the objectives of this script. This space will be used as an example for state community college health technology programs for how Second Life can be used in their programs.



Medical space is in development.

Machinima Studio/ Channel 27 Outreach – Working with PCC media services Marc Cole who is also learning how to film Machinima, we are partnering to generate media that will describe the project and highlight teaching and learning in virtual spaces that can be published on PCC’s cable television channel, and streamed online. We also have green screen capabilities, and Marc has already begun generating media that blends both physical and virtual generated content. The possibilities of what we can create with Second Life and linear video editing are only limited by time, talent and budget. Oregon is a VERY talented place! 😊



(note, this is not our studio, but one we’re using as a guide.)

Caption- Capable Media Player – Second Life does not currently have a media player publicly available that can also display captions. Working with Gabriel McGovern who works on the PCC web team and is also the author of youtubecc.com, and project programmer Ben Turas, a Second Life citizen who resides in Holland, we are creating a streaming video player add on for Second Life avatars that displays XML based caption files.

Additional Roles

Administrative Assistant – John Sneed, DL Manager at PCC, has generously donated 5 hours of Donna Swanson’s time a week- she is currently assisting with general administrative tasks and building, and seasonal island decorating.

Student Assistant – We briefly had a student worker on the island who was helping us add additional sandbox hours for drop in assistance. This position is currently vacant- Because one of Donna Swanson’s responsibilities at PCC is managing the student help desk, she is helping identify a student to fill this position for the remainder of the year, continuing to next pending funding for 09-10

Available Island Resources

Weekly Meeting at the Firepit – Mondays, 2PM (except for finals week)

Drop in Sandbox Hours – posted on the calendar schedule of events.

Virtual Meeting Spaces – available by request via the scheduling form.

Streaming Media Theater – available by request via the scheduling form.

Green Screen Capture Studio – available by appointment

