THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE CIE BOOK-LOAN PROGRAM IS TO BRIDGE THE RESOURCE GAP OF STUDENTS WHO MAY NOT OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO AFFORD OR ACCESS NECESSARY CLASS TEXT BOOKS. TODAY'S HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS INVOLVE MUCH MORE THAN TUITION, THE HIGH COST OF TEXTBOOKS BECOMES A LARGE FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS THROUGHOUT CAMPUS. WHILE THIS MAY BE A MANAGEABLE FINANCIAL BURDEN FOR SOME, FOR OTHER LOW INCOME AND UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS THE ACCESS TO NECESSARY TEXTBOOKS COULD MAKE OR BREAK THEIR PERFORMANCE IN THE CLASSROOM.

THE CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL ENGAGEMENT DEDICATES ITSELF TO SERVE THE MARQUETTE POPULATION WITH INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING, BUT MORE SPECIFICALLY HOPES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO LOW INCOME AND UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS. THROUGH THE CIE BOOK-LOAN PROGRAM STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS TEXTBOOKS FOR CORE OF COMMON STUDIES COURSES AND OTHER INTRODUCTORY LEVEL COURSES FREE OF COST. WITH OUR ONGOING BOOK DRIVE, THE CIE HOPES TO HAVE A GREATER AMOUNT OF BOOKS TO OFFER FOR THE 2016 SPRING SEMESTER.

ABOUT OUR TEAM

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ABOUT OUR TEAM
Our team originally came together when the Center for Intercultural Engagement’s director, Eva Martinez Powless challenged the program assistants of the CIE to brainstorm and address an issue relevant to the students serviced by the CIE. Being first generation and underrepresented students themselves, one of the first ideas that came to the program assistants’ mind were the issues involved with high cost textbooks. This idea led to the development of the CIE Book-Loan Project as the program assistants took the lead in its submission for Social Innovation Funding.

MILESTONES

AUGUST 2015
First book donations received
Students began to donate books upon finding out that the book loan program would be officially running.

SEPTEMBER 2015
CIE Book-Loan Project rules and regulations officiated
One of the most important aspects of the program became finalized.
CIE Book-Loan Program loans first text books
The first students in need began using the books available for loan.

BEYOND BOUNDARIES
Social Responsibility and Community Engagement

The CIE Book-Loan program focuses on acting in social responsibility and community engagement servicing the under resourced and underrepresented students in the Marquette community.