



At the annual OPLIN Stakeholders meeting in mid-September, we released our annual report, and it certainly reflects a lot of changes since July 2007. This report is made available (see link list on page 3) so you can read all about the network status, budget concerns, and most importantly, the accomplishments OPLIN made in fiscal year 2007. *Here are some highlights from the report:*

✓ Major changes were made to the Ohio Web Library collection of databases, including the launch of the new ohioweblibrary.org site.

✓ A new search tool was implemented for the databases to give faster, better results.

✓ ExploreOhio.org replaced Discover Ohio. New name, same great resource.

✓ OPLIN.org is now only intended for library staff members.

✓ The OPLIN Support Center opened 2,304 tickets this year for library issues.

✓ The OPLIN staff has been reduced from seven to five.

In the past year...

66 libraries qualified for a circuit upgrade and

34 of those sites have been upgraded to Ethernet.

Despite deep cuts in the budget, the report clearly shows the determination of the staff to bring libraries the services they need and have come to expect from OPLIN.

✓ In July 2009, OPLIN will receive at least 20% less money than it received in 2007.

✓ OPLIN began doing quarterly bandwidth checks on all OPLIN-provided lines to see what libraries may qualify for a circuit upgrade.

✓ Statistics for the ohioweblibrary.org databases skyrocketed with the introduction of the new format and web page on July 1st.

✓ OPLIN is now part of permanent law.

Mark your calendar

OPLIN and the State Library will be hosting two workshops on E-rate for public libraries on November 4 and December 12. Presenters from eTech Ohio will be at the State Library and remote videoconferencing sites are being arranged. Workshop participants are generally expected to sign up for both sessions.

The session on November 4th will provide an overview of the E-Rate process, specific requirements for the upcoming funding year and a line-by-line review of the Form 470, the first step in the application process. This session will probably be a day-long workshop.

The second session, on December 12th, will offer a line-by-line review and analysis of the filing of the Form 471, the actual application for discounts on eligible services. This session will probably be a half-day workshop.

OPLIN has contracted with eTech Ohio to provide E-rate consultation to public libraries. If you need assistance with your local E-rate application, you can contact **Lorrie Germann**, who is the Educational Technology Consultant at eTech Ohio. Her phone number is 614.485.6050 or she can be contacted by e-mail <Lorrie.Germann@etech.ohio.gov>.

Last year, only 177 of the 251 Ohio public libraries filed for E-rate funds.



DATABASE NEWS

We regretfully announce that the statewide OPLIN subscription to EBSCO NoveList will be canceled when our current contract ends in June, 2009.



The OPLIN budget has been cut 14.7% in the last 9 months. In our next fiscal year (starting July 2009) we simply cannot afford to purchase NoveList any longer. We are well aware of the popularity of this database, and this decision was not taken lightly. NoveList is our only remaining database purchase that is not part of our partnership with Libraries Connect Ohio (OhioLINK, INFOhio, State Library); our only other choice would be to start cutting our contributions toward the cost of the general EBSCO databases or our general encyclopedia (World Book), which would jeopardize the heart of the Ohio Web Library collection.

OPLIN and the State Library are looking into alternative readers advisory tools, and OPLIN has met with EBSCO and OHIONET to see if Ohio public libraries can get deep discounts on purchases of NoveList. We will immediately inform you of any developments in regard to NoveList discounts.

Did you know that you can now get your ODURT database stats automatically each month?

- * To do this, have the library director send an email to support@oplin.org requesting the service, and provide the e-mail address the stats should be sent to.
- * Stats will be sent out on the 10th of each month.
- * If you need stats for previous months, you can still obtain them from ODURT. <<http://www.oplin.org/odurt>>



Need some marketing materials for the EBSCO databases?

EBSCO has announced their new Customer Success Center.
<<http://www.ebscohost.com/customerSuccess>>

Click the "Public Libraries" link to start exploring these free resources for Ohio librarians.

- * Customized marketing materials for the various EBSCO databases
- * Logos, buttons and icons
- * Links to support and training, including webinars and Flash tutorials
- * And lots more!

Ten Things You Absolutely, Positively, Should Know!

Join **Jay Burton**, Library Consultant with the State Library of Ohio, for his online look at 10...*count 'em 10* new online resources that you absolutely, positively, should know about if you help people find information at the library. This series of webinars will cover the Ohio Web Library, the new databases and will make you an expert searcher. Sessions will be held October 8th (9-10:30 am & 2-3:30 pm) & October 28 (9-10:30 am & 2-3:30 pm).

But wait! There's more!

Hey! That's Pretty Cool: Using Page Composer From EBSCOhost

Wednesday, October 29, 10-11:00 am & 2-3:00 pm

This hour long course will guide you through the fundamentals in using Page Composer, the EBSCOhost online tool for saving and displaying search results.

To register for these classes and see much more, check out the training calendar at:
<http://host6.evanced.info/ohio/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>



OUT AND ABOUT

OPLIN Board Meeting

Friday, Oct. 10

LITA Forum

Oct 16-19

ETM

Friday, Oct. 17

OLC Leadership

Thursday, Oct. 23

E-rate Form 470 Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 4

OLC Environments of Innovation

Nov. 5 - 6

SERLS Web 2.0 Exposed

Tuesday, Nov. 18

E-rate form 470 Workshop

Friday, Dec. 12

Unfortunately because of budget cuts, we are no longer able to make print copies of the *OPLIN Circuit* available. Please share this link with your library staff:

http://www.oplin.org/oplin_circuit

Thank you!

Friendly reminder...

If your library needs to move, add or uninstall a circuit, you must allow at least 60 days for a T-1 line and even longer for Ethernet lines.

Link List

EBSCO Customer Success Center

<http://www.ebscohost.com/customerSuccess>

ExploreOhio

<http://www.exploreohio.org>

ODURT

<http://www.oplin.org/odurt>

Ohio Web Library

<http://www.ohioweblibrary.org>

OPLIN

<http://www.oplin.org>

OPLIN CIRCUIT

http://www.oplin.org/oplin_circuit

Report to Stakeholders

<http://www.oplin.org/files/2008%20OPLIN%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

State Library of Ohio Schedule of Events

<http://host6.evanced.info/ohio/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

Our blogs:

<http://www.oplin.org/4cast>

<http://www.oplin.org/ohiolibrarynews>

<http://www.oplin.org/meanlaura>

Chat with us at
<http://support.oplin.org>

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