



## OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY INFORMATION NETWORK

The **Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN)** provides **broadband internet connections** and related information services to Ohio public libraries. Our vision is to ensure that all Ohio residents have fast, free public internet access through the 251 local public library systems in Ohio, as well as the use of high-quality **statewide research databases**.



### Internet Connectivity

OPLIN supplies an Ethernet internet connection for each of Ohio's public libraries. Each year, Ohio libraries support more than 5 million sessions on their public computers, and more than 55 million connections to their wireless networks.

[oplin.ohio.gov/internet](https://oplin.ohio.gov/internet)



### Research Databases

OPLIN manages the Ohio Web Library collection of premiere information resources, providing all Ohioans with quality digital information to support consumer research, homework help, career development, genealogy research, and continuous learning.

[ohioweblibrary.org](https://ohioweblibrary.org)

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### Internet Filtering & Security Awareness

**Cisco Umbrella** empowers libraries to block malicious domains and enforce local Internet content policies. OPLIN shares network **vulnerability reports** with libraries, and can perform port scans on request.

<https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/security>



### Website Kits

Professional, accessible websites with advanced features and options, with managed hosting, maintenance, and upgrades. Request an audit report for any current Ohio public library website, including those not hosted by OPLIN.

<https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/webkit>



### SMS Notifications

Libraries can send notices and reminders directly to patrons' cellphones when they prefer text messages instead of email. SMS notices are generated by a library's software platform to automatically remind patrons about loan activity.

<https://oplin.ohio.gov/sms>



### E-rate Information and Training

The federal E-rate program provides discounts on internet access costs to public libraries, but the process can be complex and intimidating. OPLIN contracts with the State E-rate Coordinator to provide workshops and individual assistance.

<https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/erateinfo>



### Co-Location Service

Libraries can house their servers and networking equipment in the state's **Tier III rated data center**. Prices are based on the number of standard rack units occupied by library equipment.

<https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/co-location-service>



### Remote Database Access

Library cardholders can access subscription databases from outside the library through OPLIN's managed authentication services. These services are available for any database a library purchases on its own as well as statewide subscriptions.

<https://oplin.ohio.gov/services/authentication>



### Keeping Libraries in the Know

Find information about technology and trends through OPLIN's blogs, social media, and webinars. OPLIN hosts several electronic mailing lists, especially OPLINLIST and OPLINTECH, so Ohio librarians can share information among themselves.

<https://oplin.ohio.gov/intheknow>