



Statewide Database News

The committee that will work on the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for the next five years of Ohio Web Library databases met for the first time on August 27. The current five-year contracts for databases are about to end in June 2013, so it is the intent of Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO) to use this committee for three tasks: 1) Review the fundamental philosophy of Libraries Connect Ohio (Why do we buy databases? What purpose do they serve? Is it still best to buy them collaboratively?); 2) assist Libraries Connect Ohio in writing an ITN; and 3) select databases for purchase from vendor proposals.

The five people representing public libraries are Tamar Kreke (Greene County), Kristen Pool (Kent), Jeff Regensburger (Worthington), Sandi Thompson (Puskarich), and David Topoleski (Toledo). The committee has com-

pleted the first two tasks and our suggested language for the ITN was sent to the Libraries Connect Ohio fiscal agent, Wright State University. This ITN was recently posted on December 20, and proposals will be accepted until February 15, 2013.

It is very likely that the collection of databases we are able to purchase going forward will be smaller than it currently is. The State Library has projected that the maximum amount of LSTA funds available for the next year will be \$1.6 million, after having extra funds available for the past two years. Those extra funds were used to purchase Ancestry Library Edition and Mango Languages. Without the extra funds, the committee's third task – selecting databases – will not be easy.

For a copy of the ITN, please email Mary J. Pasquinelli, Sr. Purchasing Agent, at mary.pasquinelli@wright.edu.

Upcoming E-Rate Information

The federal E-Rate program provides discounts to assist schools and libraries in obtaining affordable telecommunications services and Internet access. Individual library discounts can range from 20-90%, which is a critical source of additional funds for public libraries, especially with widespread budget cuts.

Lorrie Germann, Educational Technology Consultant at eTech Ohio, will present an upcoming E-Rate workshop to assist public libraries in completing Form 471. This session will provide an overview of the E-Rate process, specific requirements for this funding year, and a line-by-line review of Form 471. If you have a laptop and want to bring it, Lorrie can provide on-site guidance. A

Important dates are listed below:

- E-Rate Form 471 Workshop:
January 23, 9AM – 12PM
- Form 470 Filing Window Closes:
February 14, 2013
- Form 471 Filing Window Closes:
March 14, 2013

small number of laptops will also be available for use at the State Library of Ohio.

The workshop will be held at the State Library of Ohio with videoconferencing available to the Ohio Regional Library Systems and designated library locations.

<http://www.etech.ohio.gov/e-rate-technical-assistance-program> or <http://oplin.org/go/470workshop>



Dynamic Website Kit Upgrades



The OPLIN Website Kit hiatus was in effect from late October through December 2012. Every year all website work is placed

on hold during this time to perform major upgrades and add new features.

The Website Kit upgrades and features included:

Part I Upgrade – Completed on 10/29-10/30

- The Web File Manager no longer exists. The new file browser (CKFinder) is more visual and intuitive, but the process to upload images is similar and allows for uploading multiple images at once.
- As part of the CKFinder installation, OPLIN provided each library with a folder called “Graphics from OPLIN.” This folder contains small, high-quality images that can be used on your website.
- There is now a direct link to the Dynamic Website Kit Manual in the administrative block. This link will go directly to the page with the manual link.

Part II Upgrade – Completed by 12/18

- Major calendar conversion from old events system to new calendar system.
- Extra calendar customization and all-day events.
- The new calendar system has advanced options for repeating events and sorting (taxonomies) as well as color-coded events.
- Format of the new calendars has also been revised, including better color-coordination with the existing site and addition of times on the calendar as well as removal of the column for the week number.

For SEO Libraries Only – Completed on 11/8

- We received updated search code for the new Enterprise ILS from SEO. The website search function has been converted to use the Enterprise catalog.



OPLIN Happenings & Reminders

In December, we retired the old OPLIN DNS server IP addresses due to network changes at the state level (and libraries should no longer have been using them). If your library is experiencing slow connectivity or inconsistent performance issues, you might want to verify your DNS settings, which are located on your firewall, network server, or individual computers. A good recommendation is to designate at least primary and secondary DNS servers, in case one experiences a problem.

For more information – <http://www.oplin.org/dns-services>

State of Ohio DNS servers are referenced below:

- 156.63.130.100
- 156.63.130.68
- 156.63.130.75
- 156.63.130.120



Email Phishing Attempts - Helpful Tips to Remember

The topic of phishing scams has been covered in the past, but we thought it worthwhile to mention again after libraries recently reported receiving messages claiming to be from OPLIN. Phishing scams are emails from supposedly legitimate sources that are attempting to gain sensitive information, such as usernames, passwords, and financial account details. Sometimes these emails can include links to fake websites for unsuspecting users to access and provide information, and users might even download malware by clicking these links.

Some spam messages also have a spoofed email address, such as info@oplin.org. Spoofing just means to impersonate or forge email in which the sender address and parts of the header are altered to appear as though it originated from a different source. These “senders” were trying to obtain user IDs and passwords in addition to threatening to deactivate or delete OPLIN email accounts.

Tips to remember if you receive a suspicious email:

- Real messages from OPLIN will *never* ask for your password.
- Emails will be sent from support@oplin.org or one of five employees.
- Emails will come from “OPLIN Support Center”, NOT Help Desk or Webmaster.
- We will always identify ourselves as OPLIN staff in our email signatures.

OPLIN Calendar

Friday, 1/18
OLC Board Meeting

Monday, 1/21
Martin Luther King Day,
HOLIDAY – OPLIN CLOSED

Wednesday, 1/23
E-Rate 471 Workshop

Thursday, 1/24
State Library Board Meeting

Friday, 2/8
OPLIN Board Meeting

Monday, 2/18
Presidents Day,
HOLIDAY – OPLIN CLOSED

Thursday, 3/21
State Library Board Meeting

Friday, 3/22
OLC Board Meeting

Recently Launched Web Kits

- Bellaire Public Library
<http://www.bellaire.lib.oh.us>
- Fort Recovery Public Library
<http://www.fortrecoverylibrary.org>
- Homer Public Library
<http://www.homer.lib.oh.us>
- Jackson City Library
<http://www.jacksoncitylibrary.org>
- Mercer County District Public Library
<http://www.mercer.lib.oh.us>
- Portage County District Library
<http://www.portagelibrary.org>

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

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