New Ohio Web Library Website

After much testing and input from the library community, we offically launched the new and improved version of the Ohio Web Library on March 1, 2014. It has been completely redesigned with a new look, especially the "Sources" page, new features, and new search functionality (*http://www.ohioweblibrary.org*).

On the backend, we changed the way that search results are retrieved. Previously, we used an open source metadata software called Pazpar2 to index and retrieve search results. With the redesign, we have implemented a custom-built system for increased flexibility and customization. This new search makes use of the vendors' own search functions and algorithms because the vendors themselves are the most proficient at searching their own resources. The way that the search is performed is handled on a vendor-by-vendor basis, but we still rank the results on our end.

section for "Interactive Learning," which is a group of resources or guides requiring participation, rather than just offering articles. Another method for searching involves clicking on the "List of all sources" for a comprehensive subject list of statewide resources (also viewable in alphabetical order). Then, the user can select a specific resource and go directly to the database.

Both the search results and Sources pages look drastically different from the previous version of Ohio Web Library. Another new feature on the results page allows the user to select which sources to include or remove in a follow-up search (grayed out source means that no results were found.) If you want to view local database resources purchased by your library, either click on the "List of all sources" link and choose the "Locally purchased by your library" tab to enter a library card number, OR enter a library card number into the "Local Library Sources" box on the search results page. Voila!

From the user perspective, the Ohio Web Library search functions basically the same, with the user entering a keyword(s) into the search box. Also, we have added a new

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One important note to mention is that we will no longer support versions of Internet Explorer below 10. The new Ohio Web Library will not properly work in outdated versions because they do not support HTML5 features. You will either need to upgrade IE or use a different browser, such as Firefox, Chrome, or Opera. •

Amended Public Use Policy

During our last Board meeting in February, we amended our Policy on Public Library Use of OPLIN. A library had recently inquired about offering Internet fax services to patrons rather than their current telephone-based fax services, but had concerns that their library would be violating the OPLIN policy against charging patrons for Internet services if they charged a cost recovery fee.

Since it had never been the intent of the OPLIN Board to force a library to offer Internet services at a deficit, we proposed that the Board alter the current policy. The proposed revision to the Policy on Public Library Use of OPLIN added the words, "other than cost recovery fees" to the clause.

For our other Internet policies for Ohio public libraries: *http://www.oplin.org/public-policies* •

Content Advisory Meeting

The OPLIN Content Advisory Committee Meeting took place at the OPLIN office on Wednesday, February 19. The Content Advisory Committee (CAC) is a past committee that had been inactive since 2008 and recently revived this year. Composed of 10 members, the CAC was created "for the purpose of working with the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Public Library Information Network to offer recommendations and provide information relevant to the electronic information resources purchased by OPLIN and shall limit its activities to advising on those matters only."

Basically, the primary role of the CAC is to discuss all issues related to the purchase of the statewide database resources, and the Board thought that these issues were better served by the CAC and left out of the OPLIN strategic plan.

During the meeting, the Committee discussed the current selection of resources in the Ohio Web Library collection, additional resources purchased by individual libraries to complement the collection, and types of resources that might be useful and available at low cost.

For more information, *http://www.oplin.org/cac* •

OPLIN Calendar

Thursday, April 3
OLC SW Chapter
Wilmington, 8am-4pm

Friday, April 11
OPLIN Board Retreat
OPLIN office, 9am-3pm

Friday, April 11
OLC NW Chapter
Toledo, 8am-3:30pm

Wednesday, April 23
OLC N Chapter
Independence, 8am-4pm

Thursday, May 1
OLC C/SE Chapters
Worthington, 8am-3pm

Friday, May 2
SLO Board Retreat
West Chester, 10am

Friday, May 16
OLC Board Meeting
OLC office, 10am

Monday, May 26
Memorial Day
Holiday, OPLIN CLOSED

Friday, June 13
OPLIN Board Meeting
OPLIN office, 10am

Thursday, June 19
SLO Board Meeting
State Library, 10am