

New Explore Ohio Interface

In May, OPLIN launched a new version of Explore Ohio (<http://www.exploreohio.org>). The Explore Ohio website was completely redesigned, and now has a new look and new search functionality for easier discovery of links “about all things Ohio.”

For many years, OPLIN has been collecting links to websites with information about Ohio. To date, we have almost 12,500 links to sites covering everything from Ohio government to family activities.

The new search interface is really simple and clean with a big search box similar to Google. Just type in a term and click “Search,” which should give a list of related link results, if any are available. After the initial search, two options are available – keyword search or filter by tag (category or county).

In addition, Explore Ohio now can access location information from mobile devices or HTML5-compliant web

browsers to give the option of only displaying links to organizations and destinations that are near.



New Database Authentication

- Zip code information has been replaced with HTML5 geolocation.
- Patrons can use library card to authenticate or allow the system to know location.
- Statistics will remain the same.

Public Library Ebook Lending

The Ohio Library Council and the metropolitan libraries have been working with former Congressman Zack Space to educate members of Congress about the ebook lending issues faced by public libraries.

Pat Losinski, Kim Fender, Lynda Murray, and Congressman Space met with Ohio’s Congressional delegation in February in Washington, D.C., and a delegation of library directors and trustees attending ALA Legislative Day in May continued the process of building support for a change in the current situation. The February group also met with Maureen Sullivan, President of ALA, and members of her staff, who showed some interest in look-

ing at legislative strategy for improving the ability of libraries to obtain and lend ebooks.

OPLIN has made a substantial financial contribution to the project to be used to pursue legal research and education efforts dealing with ebook public access in libraries. That research could be used to craft a legislative solution to the ebook problem. The Ohio Revised Code charges OPLIN with “ensuring equity of access to electronic information for all residents of this state.” The OPLIN Board feels that the inequity of access to electronic books must be addressed, and that OPLIN should be supporting this effort to the extent allowed by law.



Ohio Web Library Renewals

The State Library of Ohio has awarded a \$1.6 million federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) LSTA grant to Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO) to support the purchase of statewide resources in the Ohio Web Library collection for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014). The Libraries Connect Ohio committee, composed of members from INFOhio, OhioLINK, OPLIN, and the State Library, negotiated with vendors for the next five years of Ohio Web Library databases because the current five-year contracts expired at the end of June.

Starting July 1, 2013, five new resources were added to the collection: 1) EBSCO Consumer Health Complete; 2) EBSCO Literary Reference Center; 3) EB-

SCO Points of View Reference Center; 4) EBSCO Science Reference Center; and 5) Learning Express Workforce Skills for 21st Century Success. Both the ART Collection and Oxford Reference Online were discontinued on June 30.

Two other resources, Mango Languages and NewsBank, were also technically discontinued on June 30. However, to allow libraries the opportunity to arrange for replacements and budget for expenses, we have received approval to extend these two subscriptions. Mango Languages will be available to public libraries for another six months until the end of December 2013, and NewsBank will be available for another four months until the end of October 2013.

Ohio Web Library will include the following database resources on July 1, 2013:

- **American and English Literature**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/literature>
- **Ancestry Library Edition**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/ancestry>
- **Biography Reference Bank**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/bios>
- **EBSCOhost Databases**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/ebSCO>
- **EBSCO Academic Search**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/academic>
- **EBSCO Business Source**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/business>
- **EBSCO Consumer Health Complete***
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/health>
- **EBSCO Kids Search**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/kids>
- **EBSCO Literary Reference Center***
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/literary>
- **EBSCO Newspaper Source**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/newspaper>
- **EBSCO Points of View Reference Center***
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/viewpoints>
- **EBSCO Science Reference Center***
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/scienceref>
- **EBSCO Student Research Center**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/student>
- **Facts on File Science Online**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/facts>
- **Job & Career Accelerator**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/job>
- **LearningExpress Library**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/tests>
- **LE Workforce Skills – 21st Century Success***
To be announced, not available yet
- **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/sanborn>
- **World Book Online**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/worldbook>
- **World Book Early World of Learning**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/worldbook-early>
- **World Book Kids**
<http://ohioweblibrary.org/worldbook-kids>

* New statewide database resources



OPLIN Happenings & Reminders

The OPLIN Board has appointed four candidates for three-year terms to fill vacancies on the Board, beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016.

- **Joseph Greenward** – Director of Lane Public Library since 2011; previously worked for the New York Public Library and the Dayton Metro Library.
- **Cindy Lombardo** – Deputy Director of Cleveland Public Library; previously served as Director of Ashland PL, Orrville PL, and Tuscarawas County PL.
- **Jamie Mason** – Deputy Director of Rocky River Public Library; reappointed to the OPLIN Board for second three-year term.
- **Michael Penrod** – Director of Wood County District Public Library; initially employed by the Muskingum County Library System.

OPLIN Calendar

Thursday, 7/4
Independence Day,
HOLIDAY – OPLIN CLOSED

Thursday, 7/18
State Library Board Meeting

Friday, 7/19
OLC Board Meeting

Friday, 8/9
OPLIN Board Meeting

Monday, 9/2
Labor Day,
HOLIDAY – OPLIN CLOSED

Thursday, 9/19
State Library Board Meeting

Friday, 9/20
OLC Board Meeting



Recently Launched Web Kits

- *Carnegie Public Library (Washington CH)*
<http://www.cplwcho.org>
- *Richwood-North Union Public Library*
<http://www.richwoodlibrary.org>
- *Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library*
<http://www.welibrary.info>

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



Starting on July 1, 2013 (FY 2014), Website Kit annual maintenance and upgrades will cost \$260 per year.