

Ethernet Circuit Upgrades

We have good news for those libraries that have OPLIN-provided AT&T or TWC Ethernet circuits. At the end of March, we filed upgrade orders for *51 TWC circuits* and *37 AT&T circuits* for a total of *88 circuit upgrades*, which should be completed relatively soon.



This whole change is being driven by new telecommunications contracts, not by any policy change. We can now buy 100 Mbps from AT&T or Time Warner for less than we currently pay for their 10 Mbps circuits, although we still have to go through all the necessary steps for E-Rate contract changes before upgrading.

Also, we plan to file upgrade orders for approximately 120 additional TWC circuits near the end of August for the next



E-Rate cycle. Bandwidth for the new upgrades is determined as follows: Libraries with less than a 10 Mbps circuit will be upgraded to 20 Mbps,

and libraries with a 10 Mbps or higher circuit will be upgraded to 100 Mbps. Of all the upgrades currently in process, 48 will be going to 100 Mb! •

OPLIN Brief News

OPLIN welcomes new Board member, *Marty Beets*.

On June 19, the State Library Board appointed Marty Beets to a three-year term on the OPLIN Board, beginning this July 1.

Marty is the Director of Technology Operations for The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, where he has held multiple IT positions since 2008, having spent the previous ten years with various private technology companies.

He replaces Sandi Plymire, Director of the Muskingum County Library System, who is term-limited from the Board after six years, including a year serving as Chair of the OPLIN Board.

OLC Informational Video

While librarians are quite familiar with the problems libraries face in trying to keep the popular ebooks available, many people do not understand why libraries cannot “do a better job” of providing ebooks. Since public awareness of our problem is fundamental to trying to fix the problem, OPLIN has provided funding to the Ohio Library Council (OLC) to develop an informational campaign about the library/ebook issue.

OLC is working with Goldfarb Weber Creative Media to make a 60-second video and a microsite to help raise public awareness. OPLIN is happy to support OLC's efforts because we are charged by the Ohio Revised Code with “...ensuring equity of access to electronic information for all residents of this state,” and the restrictions that publishers have placed on ebooks in libraries threaten such access. Check the OLC website for updates, <http://www.olic.org> •



Ohio Web Library Renewals



The State Library of Ohio has again awarded a \$1.6 million federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) LSTA grant to Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO) to support the annual purchase of statewide resources in the Ohio Web Library collection for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015).

The Libraries Connect Ohio committee, composed of members from INFOhio, OhioLINK, OPLIN, and the State Library, negotiated with vendors last year for five-year contracts because the previous contracts had expired at the end of June 2013. So from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018, the current resource collection should remain relatively unchanged.

The only minor changes after June 30 involve LearningExpress Library. LEL has officially discontinued the old 2.0 platform, and Job & Career Accelerator will be incorporated into the 3.0 platform. One thing to note is that LEL still treats JCA as a separate product *for statistics*, called JCA version 4, but access is through LearningExpress 3.0. User data in LE 2.0 and JCA will not be migrated to LE 3.0, so patrons will need to create new accounts if they haven't already. The Ohio Web Library URLs were automatically updated on July 1, so libraries should update any outdated links on their own websites.

For a complete list, <http://www.ohioweblibrary.org/sources> •

- American and English Literature
- Ancestry Library Edition
- Biography Reference Bank
- All EBSCOhost Databases
- EBSCO Academic Search
- EBSCO Business Source
- EBSCO Consumer Health Complete
- EBSCO Kids Search
- EBSCO Literary Reference Center
- EBSCO Newspaper Source
- EBSCO Points of View Reference Center
- EBSCO Science Reference Center
- EBSCO Searchasaurus
- EBSCO Student Research Center
- Facts on File Science Online
- LearningExpress Library
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
- Workforce Skills for 21st Century Success
- World Book Academic
- World Book Early World of Learning
- World Book Kids
- World Book Online

OPLIN Calendar

Friday, July 4
Independence Day
 Holiday, OPLIN CLOSED

Thursday, July 17
SLO Board Meeting
 State Library, 10am

Friday, July 18
OLC Board Meeting
 OLC office, 10am

Friday, August 8
OPLIN Board Meeting
 OPLIN office, 10am

Monday, September 1
Labor Day
 Holiday, OPLIN CLOSED

Thursday, September 18
SLO Board Meeting
 State Library, 10am

Friday, September 19
OLC Board Meeting
 OLC office, 10am