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 14 million sessions on their public computers, and more than 22 million connections to their wireless networks.

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

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https://oplin.ohio.gov
support@oplin.ohio.gov
Internet Filtering & Security Awareness
OpenDNS by Cisco Umbrella empowers libraries to enforce local policies with Internet filtering. Infosec IQ provides security awareness training and email phishing simulations to help library staff remain alert to security threats.
https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/internet-filtering-service
https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/securityiq

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 authenticated database resources from outside the library, through OPLIN’s managed database proxy service. This service is available for any database a library purchases on its own as well as statewide subscriptions.
https://oplin.ohio.gov/content/databases

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.
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