



INFOhio Users Council Meeting
February 1, 2010
2:00-4:00 p.m.
eTech Conference, Room B201

2:00-2:05 Welcome – Julie Thogmartin

2:05-2:30 Announcements/Updates/UC Business—Julie Thogmartin

√ **June meeting plans—should we have a June meeting???**

Best date June 16, 17

Best days Weds or Thurs

Best location Mansfield (field was close)

√ **October dates – OELMA is Oct. 20, 21, 22**

October meeting will probably be October 20 (Weds)

√ **Planning for Users Council representative elections/appointments**

- Discuss with your ITC.
- If your term is up, help plan for replacement. Email Gayle.
- You can serve 2 terms.
- July 2010 – July 2012

2:30-3:30 Program Update - Gathering Needed Input

√ **INFOhio Awards**

Spence White—(ITC)

Hugh Durbin—(Media Specialist)

Do we need other awards?

- Awards are nice accolades,
- suggestion of award that reflects over length of a career, for someone closer to retirement

√ **INFOhio Resources Preview—OHIONET**

- runs 1/25 – 2/26
- 22 vendors, over 100 titles
- Trial access at http://www.ohionet.org/ref_preview_infohio_2010.php
- Pricing info available at INFOhio site
- Contact Christine Morris @ Ohionet.

√ **Video Update—21st Century Tools and Electronic Resources Distribution**

- Received well with Superintendents & ITCs
Comments
- Trumbull County—assistant Sup. very gracious and excited. Invited librarians to meet with principals meetings (ele & MS), common experience with many ESCs
- Did some videos not get out? Medina, NEOnet? (Lori Guerrini and Karon Lippincott)
- Other volunteers needed for Pickaway, Lawrence, Fairfield, Columbiana
- Online video is available for use
- Handout for video is available (with these minutes)
- Don't forget you can use it with staff, parents

√ **21st Century Learning Commons—<http://learningcommons.infohio.org>**
Promotion

- <http://learningcommons.infohio.org> (NO www)
- Ohio is 14th state to join Partnership for 21st Century Skills
- INFOhio wants to be at the top of this initiative in Ohio
- State standards are being revised...leaning to National Standards
 - English, Science, Math
 - 21st Century has reviewed and made comments on these new standards
 - Social Studies, Foreign Language begin next year
- Decided to create a **portal** for TEACHERS to INFOhio resources
 - A learning commons
 - Physical and virtual space that allows knowledge to be built and shared
 - Links to Partnership for 21st Century Skills MILE guide.
 - Research Project Calculator is there too
 - Focus on 5:
 - Creativity & Innovation
 - Metacognition
 - Information Literacy
 - Communication & Collaboration
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 - Looking for feedback on how INFOhio resources fit the skills. Suggest others, comment.
 - Resources that allow collaboration, email, interact with user
 - **May—21st Century Skills Summit in Ohio (announced week of 2/1)**
 - **21 Essential Things** is a part of this
 - can work at own pace through this site and learn about 21st century skills
 - individual or group
 - can receive CEUs or Credit (BGSU / Ashland)
 - centered around INFOhio resources
 - Skills are locked until step one (must sign up)
 - Each is designed to take about 2 hours to complete
 - Good Staff Development opportunity
 - Suggestion: depository bank for worksheets/lesson plans, etc.
 - Possibly use as district set up
 - Contact your ITC between now and June to discuss so they see it
 - Roll out plans? Advertisements?
 - Intro to ITC thru webinar Feb 9
 - State wide webinar for libraries
 - Attempting to work with state BOE for a formal launch
 - Also working with 12-13 Transition team

√ **Cat 2.0—updates**

- Distributed 1/8
- Chilifresh (online book reviews by YOUR students) pricing is available at INFOhio pricelist page
- Kept/Keep toggle button updated

- Kept List can run as a report. Email option available WITH COMMENT BOX
- Call # is in different color & larger
- Visual Search only searches home library
- Lexile targets match better
- Navigation bar is more graphical
- Summary on Brief Description tab (not More Info)
- Search box widget available for library web page (CONTACT ITC...comes in html code)
- Quick search page is rearranged and list is more K12 centric

Feedback

- Addition of New Titles and Librarian Favorites book lists
 - New Book Report—run a report to generate this list
 - Librarian Favorites—have to go in to record to code (598 tag), or to use search/keep function
 - **CONTACT ITC if you want this! Won't be part of "always on" features**
 - **Does searching ALL LIBRARIES instead of your own make it worth it.**
 - If you are trying to teach your students to use the cat to find books and this list suggests books you don't have in your own library, it's not worth it. Also k-12 is a wide range
 - Didn't seem too popular
 - Recommended not to pursue more lists until ability to do it by grade/building.
 - **Cat Junior is still in progress...no updates.**
 - **Target date is end of school year.**
 - **All old Cats are gone as of June. Only 2.0 will be up and running for next year.**
 - Question: will those links redirect or will they need reset on district web pages
- √ **New MLA Tools and the Research Project Calculator**
- MLA how to:
 - Located in ERhelp page INFOhio & in Research Project Calculator (step2)
 - Makes good handout at circ desk
 - Send to LA dept
- √ **HB1—updates**
- OELMA has FAQ section on web page

OTHER

Take online eTech survey before Feb 28.

Reflect with questions about 21st Century Skills

Where are certain aspects that are needed for these skills

3:30-3:50 Wrapping up and Determining Next Steps