

# POWER UP BACK TO SCHOOL WITH INFOHIO

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The 2011-2012 school year is here! Here's a list of some new INFOhio resources and old favorites to help you give your students the best start ever. The statewide username/password for INFOhio's Core Collection remains the same as last year's. To get the statewide username and password, contact your school media specialist or complete the [online username and password request form](#).

## Research Project Calculator

Just input the start date and the due date, and INFOhio's [Research Project Calculator](#) devises a work plan for papers and projects. Not only does it help students break big projects into manageable steps, it also helps them think through each one. The *Calculator* will even send them gentle email reminders to keep them on track.

## LearningExpress Library

College and career readiness tools are available for students and adults as they practice for many standardized tests, including the SAT, ACT, GMAT, GRE, ASVAB, and the PRAXIS series. Add to that skill building help for K-12, and [LearningExpress Library](#) is a resource you don't want to miss.

## Discovery Portal

Tired of students starting every research project with *Wikipedia*? Direct them to the **Discovery Portal**, available through your INFOhio online catalogs, CAT and CAT Jr. The *Discovery Portal* gives students one-stop access to age-appropriate websites that support Ohio standards, *Digital Video Collection*, and many INFOhio databases. And it's all searchable through one simple box. If your library is not automated through INFOhio, you can still get *Discovery Portal* access through this year's special introductory subscription pricing. Write [central@infohio.org](mailto:central@infohio.org) for specifics.

## eBook Collection

This year may mark the demise of the excuse, "I couldn't read it because all the copies were checked out," because INFOhio is your source for many classic literature e-books for your students. By October 1, several hundred public domain e-books – including titles selected from Ohio schools' recommended reading lists and the American Library Association's *Top 100 Books for the College Bound* – will be available for free download through INFOhio's *Discovery Portal*. That's in addition to all the e-books already available through [LearningExpress Library](#), [Literature Online](#) and [World Book Advanced](#). All your students need is a computer or e-book reader.

## Digital Video Collection

If you haven't checked out INFOhio's [Digital Video Collection](#) lately, take a few minutes to peruse it now. It offers free access to more than 2,000 high-quality educational videos, 80 of which feature closed captioning. You will find titles to support the standards in science, history, geography, folk culture and more.

## World Book Early World of Learning **NEW!**

Designed specifically for children in preschool and the early grades. [World Book Early World of Learning](#) is colorful, visual and interactive—the perfect introduction to online learning.

## Mango Languages **NEW!**

Have students who need extra practice in French, Spanish, Chinese or 30 other world languages? [Mango Languages](#) gives them a fun, interactive way to drill and practice pronunciation. What's more, *Mango* offers English skill building for ESL learners.

## ProQuest Ancestry Library Edition **NEW!**

Amateur and professional genealogists have relied on this resource for years, and now you can use the [ProQuest Ancestry Library Edition's](#) wealth of primary sources, census data and photos in your classroom.

## 21st Century Learning Commons

Need to complete professional development on your own schedule? Need help incorporating digital learning skills into your classroom? Want to trade ideas with other professionals around Ohio? Register for the [INFOhio's 21st Century Learning Commons](#), it's free. Begin using the *21 Essential Things for 21st Century Success* to earn CEUs or course credit, and connect with your peers through the *Knowledge Building Community*.

## ICoach Team

Need a trainer to present INFOhio resources to faculty while introducing 21st century learning and showing how easy it is to integrate resources with critical thinking, collaboration or inquiry skills? ICoaches can help with that. In its second year, the ICoach program provides specially trained consultants to help you integrate INFOhio resources into your classroom. For more information about scheduling ICoach help for your school or district, visit [ICoach: INFOhio's Certified Coach Program](#).

Keep up to date with these and other exciting resources with the *Learn With INFOhio!* webinars and by visiting [www.infohio.org](http://www.infohio.org).