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Automation survey evaluates LSTA dollars

Almost 60% of INFOhio's 2,300+ automated school libraries have benefited from funds provided by Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) programs administered by the [State Library of Ohio](#). A comprehensive study recently completed by Greg Byerly summarizes effects of the program on Ohio school libraries, including many points that reinforce how automation enhances student access to information and the benefits of membership in an automation network. Byerly's report can help advocate for quality library media programs and encourages those not yet automated with INFOhio to join the network. [Read more...](#)

Next LSTA grant opportunity

The [State Library of Ohio's Automation Grant program](#) for FY08 is a restricted grant for eligible school library media centers to automate through INFOhio. INFOhio will be submitting the grant proposal. No individual school or district applications will be accepted.

School library media centers interested in automating should contact their [Information Technology Center](#) (ITC) immediately for eligibility requirements and be prepared to submit project checklists and a letter of intent to participate by December 18, 2007. Questions for INFOhio regarding the K-12 automation grant should be sent to central@infohio.org, 614-752-2941 or 877-463-6450. For general questions about the LSTA program, contact SLO's [Missy Lodge](#), 614-644-6914 or 800-686-1532.

Preview 2008 cancelled

Theresa M. Fredericka, INFOhio Executive Director, has announced that INFOhio's Vendor Preview for 2008-2009 will not be held. There will be no online preview period during January, February and March of 2008. [Read more...](#)

2007 Durbin Award presented to Connie Carnicorn

Connie Carnicorn, Library Media Specialist for [Fostoria Community Schools](#), has received the INFOhio Hugh Durbin Leadership Award for 2007. The award was presented during the awards luncheon at this year's OELMA conference in Dayton during October.

Those who nominated Carnicorn praised her efforts on behalf of students and staff members, especially her help integrating INFOhio's Core Collection of Electronic Resources in the curriculum. "She has shown students how to prepare for standardized tests, how to find primary research, artwork, important historical documents, magazine articles and countless other resources," wrote Catherine Bucher, English Department Curriculum Leader for Fostoria High School. Read other comments from her nominators and the presenter's remarks by clicking [Read more...](#) Congratulations, Connie!

Important News, Stories and More Links



Several presentations at this year's OELMA Conference, [I3: Inspiration / Innovation / Invention](#), focused on various INFOhio components and projects. Several *PowerPoint*® presentations, handouts and links have been collected on the INFOhio Web site. Thanks to all those who presented on INFOhio's behalf, attended our sessions and those who visited our booth. [List of INFOhio sessions resources...](#)



Evaluation of two new products from INFOhio continues, and you can help! [INFOsearch](#), an improved search engine available to Ohio's K-12 community through the Core Collection, has a *Was This Helpful?* link in the top menu bar. For those automated with INFOhio, *New CAT* has a blog available from the *Suggestion Box* link in the top menu bar. (Those not automated with INFOhio can select any school from the [ITC map](#).) Encourage your colleagues, students and parents to evaluate both products, too!