

Goal #1: Ensure continued and equitable access to information and learning resources for all Ohio PreK-12 students, educators and parents in support of Ohio's Academic Content Standards.

- We expanded efforts to inform students, parents and educators about INFOhio's Core Collection of Electronic Resources. Strategies employed include Web-based materials to learn how to best use Core Collection resources, in-service materials to develop educator awareness and search capabilities, and an effective procedure to distribute home access username/password information to eligible audiences.
- We continued our support for Ohio Area Media Centers Digital Video Collection by promoting the program as a component of our Core Collection of Electronic Resources. In addition, bibliographic records that provide links to teachers' guides and Web content are maintained in our Curriculum Resource Catalog. Due to limitations in funding, only around 50 full-length videos have been added to the DVC since the beginning of last school year. These include videos from the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and the Ohio Farm Bureau.
- We conducted a grass roots process of collecting, testing and selecting enhancements for the online public access catalog that is a component of our integrated library automation software. The effort involved building library staff, their patrons, Information Technology Center support staff and INFOhio Central technical support personnel. The online catalog for upper grade levels, known as CAT 2.0 was implemented in the fall of 2009 and enhanced in the winter of 2010 to respond to the needs of the users. The new features include recommended reading lists, best sellers lists, the ability to place holds through the OPAC and Web 2.0 capabilities like the ChiliFresh Review Engine. The same grass roots efforts are being utilized as the new version of Cat Jr. is being developed for the lower grade levels.
- We participated on the Ohio English Language Arts Standards revision committee so that we can ensure we will continue to offer the right resources for Ohio's Pre-K12 Community as the new standards are made available.

Goal #2: Help all students and teachers access the right content, in the right format, at the right time to meet learning and teaching needs through professional selected resources.

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- We continue to provide a solid Core Collection of Electronic Resources, available to all of Ohio's PreK-12 community. A series of state-mandated cuts forced INFOhio to alter the Core Collection (we lost SIRS Discoverer, a resource for lower to middle grade students), but with our colleagues on the Libraries Connect Ohio Committee, we made every effort to minimize the impact of the changes with the help of federal funds.
 - We implemented the new World Book Student interface that provides many new tools for students like the interactive timeline. We also implemented a new World Book Spanish Encyclopedia: *Hispanica Saber Gran Enciclopedia Hispanica*. These additional encyclopedias are useful to students and teachers of foreign language classes as well as ESL students.
 - We promoted the new "Job & Career Accelerator" from LearningExpress Library and the new e-books they have available; tools useful to guidance counselors and teachers as they prepare students to enter the work force. We also made an effort to prepare users for the resource's revised interface.
 - We made the Mobile Search interface of EBSCOhost available to our users so those with Web-capable mobile devices can access the resource more efficiently.
 - We migrated and rebuilt the Curriculum Resource Catalog (CRC); we made available to all INFOhio automated libraries through the SmartPort interface in the software; and we delivered updated catalog formats statewide so library catalogs can follow AACR2 standards for cataloged materials.
 - We implemented the SirsiDynix StaffWeb Client, which is a Web-based staff interface for the library automation software to make the software more accessible for libraries.
 - We changed the format of streaming videos in the DVC to an Adobe Flash format, which is more readily supported by the various Web browsers than the previously utilized video format, making the videos more accessible to patrons.
 - INFOhio submitted an LSTA grant proposal to the State Library of Ohio titled "*Captioning Ohio's K-12 Digital Video Collection, Providing Access for All Learners*". If awarded, funds will be used to acquire captioning rights for titles currently available in the OAIMC Digital Video Collection and acquire licenses for additional captioned titles to make the videos in the DVC accessible to the deaf and hard of hearing population. Captions incorporate an additional learning style that encourages the viewer to retain more information from the video, actually benefiting all PreK-12 users. All Ohio teachers, students and parents have free access to the DVC resources.

Goal #3: *Institute an efficient and effective delivery model for accessing needed 21st century learning tools to help students acquire 21st century skills.*

- We implemented significant enhancements to INFOhio’s Research Project Calculator by improving the aspects used by students. In addition, the educator support materials were greatly expanded, giving classroom teachers and library staff a variety of new tools to introduce and develop the research process among their students.
- We produced a video, “21st Century Tools and Electronic Resources for Students, Teachers and Parents,” that can be streamed or downloaded for classroom presentations and individual exploration. The video was created in partnership with the Montgomery County ESC and distributed to all ESCs. The video is segmented, with sections that introduce specific Core Collection resources and the Research Project Calculator. These videos also include closed captions for those who are hearing impaired. This outreach project was well received and helped expand awareness of INFOhio around the state.
- We developed INFOhio’s 21st Century Learning Commons to foster Ohio educators’ awareness and competency for Web 2.0 tools and teaching strategies. Most of the 21 Learning Commons modules relate to some aspect of our Core Collection, thereby enhancing the use of these resources in a Web 2.0 learning environment. Since February more than 1,000 educators have registered and the user feedback has been extremely positive. Based on the response many more updates and new features are planned for the Learning Commons site.
- We continue to support Ohio’s use of Internet2 by providing in-service opportunities for Ohio educators and technical support personnel. In addition, we promote the use of Internet2 curriculum opportunities through our Web site and other communications tools.
- We are taking a lead role in fostering a smooth transition for Ohio’s secondary students to their academic careers. INFOhio coordinates the 12-13 Transition Task Force with our higher education colleagues and OhioLINK. Together, the INFOhio and OhioLINK Special Task Force has published “Preparing 21st Century Ohio Learners for Success: The Role of Information Literacy and Libraries,” a report that includes a list of goals and action steps for transitioning students from high school to college. INFOhio’s website has collected various resources for students, classroom teachers and school librarians to help accomplish our goals. Now that Ohio has joined the Partnership for 21st Century Skills and has been designated a Leadership State, our efforts continue to build awareness and expertise in this critical area.
- We conducted two surveys as part of the 12-13 transition plan - Skills Audit Survey and Core Collection Needs - with over 1,000 responses returned for each; added teacher content to the Research Project Calculator; and participated in state and regional meetings between school and academic librarians on this topic.
- INFOhio submitted a grant proposal to the Jennings Foundation titled, “*Learning and Leading in the 21st Century: Building Collaboration and Community through INFOhio.*” If awarded this is a pilot project that will allow necessary preparations for INFOhio

to expand the Learning Commons and create a Knowledge Building Center for sharing 21st century lessons and student projects; thus providing 21st century skill building tools that can be replicated at little cost in districts throughout Ohio.

- At the invitation of ODE, INFOhio submitted a proposal for supplemental funding to support additional tasks to sustain and grow INFOhio's 21st Century Learning Commons. Investments made with this supplemental funding will amplify the content delivery, training, and hardware infrastructure to ensure the Learning Commons provides a space for creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration and communication for Ohio's PreK-12 educators.
- We collaborated with Montgomery County ESC for a second grant where INFOhio will create instructional content modules using the School Improvement model to provide a clear understanding of the uses for 21st century learning skills. Modules will be housed in the INFOhio 21st Century Learning Commons and availability will be promoted through the ESC network.

Goal #4: Advocate 21st century learning skills to enable all Ohio PreK-12 students to be information and media literate reaching their full potential to learn, work and be active participants in the 21st century knowledge base.

- We worked with ChiliFresh to make certain that the new CAT 2.0 Online Catalog will support the ChiliFresh Review Engine. ChiliFresh allows library patrons to write and share their own book reviews which appear in the school library OPAC. A number of districts subscribed to the ChiliFresh service in FY10 and we expect more will subscribe in FY11.
- We incorporated the searching of the online catalog, even to the library level, directly into SchoolRooms. Several school districts have taken advantage of special negotiated pricing of SchoolRooms for INFOhio libraries. We have also developed a feature within the resource that features the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. For FY11, INFOhio is re-evaluating how this product is delivered in hopes of making it more widely available.
- We developed an INFOhio Contact Database to allow us to contact administrators, curriculum coordinators, librarians and other school district personnel and promote 21st century learning skills through the use of INFOhio resources.
- We promoted a series of IVDL sessions and webinars conducted by INFOhio Providers and INFOhio staff. The sessions covered a wide variety of topics and provided professional development opportunities for ITC staff, library media specialists and other school staff.
- INFOhio created a twitter account to promote INFOhio resources, educational information and 21st Century skills to the INFOhio community at large. <http://twitter.com/infohio>

- INFOhio donated resources to the Ohio on iTunes U Project. In particular our [*21st Century Tools and Electronic Resources for Students, Teachers and Parents*](#) video and various webinar recordings including Internet2 in Ohio Schools.

Goal #5: Strengthen strategic partnerships which support common statewide programs and initiatives for educational technology and school libraries.

In addition to the efforts previously noted in this document:

- We were recognized in February through an Ohio Senate resolution for our First Two Decades of Service to Ohio's PreK-12 Students, Parents and Educators.
- We continue to have a presence at statewide educational and technology conferences, including the OELMA Conference 2009: Educating 21st Century Leaders and 2010 Ohio Educational Technology Conference (eTech Ohio Conference).
- INFOhio continues to serve on the Board of Trustees for OHIONET and collaborated with their staff to publicize the 2010 Electronic Resources Preview.
- We moved to a new facility that has physically put us in close proximity with several other educational organizations – Board of Regents, eTech Ohio, OhioLINK, Ohio Learning Network. We anticipate that this will further strengthen our partnerships with these organizations.
- We continue to advocate for school library media specialists in conjunction with OELMA. This includes a presentation with OELMA to Ohio's State Library Board, and attending the 21st century partnership dinner sponsored by OEA and featuring the Executive Director of the national organization on behalf of OELMA.
- We are working with the Instructional Technology Services of Central Ohio (ITSCO) on an LSTA-funded Literature Lounge Project. Book Talks content developed through this project will be accessible through the ITSCO website, Ohio on iTunes U and INFOhio's online catalogs.
- We continue to have a presence nationally through our participation in the American Association of School Librarians and served on the national writing team for new program guidelines; membership in the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) group; as well as our recent contribution to the Florida Study on Library Automation.