

Library Automation Task Force

DASite Providers and library users work together to improve all aspects of INFOhio's Automation product, MultiLIS. Works in progress and accomplishments for 2001-02 include:

- Introduced spell-checking ability for the online catalogs - CAT and CAT Jr.
- An LSTA grant provided for the creation of standardized training materials for MultiLIS. A statewide training database has also been developed in association with the new materials.
- Four school libraries joined MORE to share resources with other libraries across the state: Antwerp, Jackson Local, Liberty Union, and Newark.
- Preparing for migration from MultiLIS to the windows SIRSI Unicorn Ecole product.

Automation Survey revealed the following:

- 44.9% of Ohio's public schools are automated through INFOhio.
- 28% of Ohio's public schools are NOT automated for circulation and cataloging.
- 27% of Ohio public schools are automated using one of 18+ other automation software systems.

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Electronic Resources Task Force

This group of librarians and DASite Providers provides guidance to INFOhio to improve school libraries through access to online electronic research resources. Works in progress and accomplishments for 2001-02 include:

- Electronic Resource use for this year is currently 35% higher than the use for all of last fiscal year. Resources include: American National Biography, Encyclopaedia Britannica, INFOhio ProQuest Collection, and SIRS Discoverer Deluxe.
- Continued the Online Preview and Discounted Price list that included more than 150 online electronic resources.
- New Britannica interface brought access to an elementary encyclopedia.
- All resources now have the ability for researchers to email articles to themselves for later review and use.
- Investigating with OPLIN and OhioLINK a joint purchase for a statewide full-text periodical database.

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Media Booking Task Force

Representatives from Area Media Centers, Special Education Resource Centers and other K-12 education support agencies work with INFOhio to provide Medianet. This software provides online access for teachers to a statewide reservation and tracking system - view online catalogs at http://www.infohio.org/Medianet_header.htm. Works in progress and accomplishments for 2001-02 include:

- Seeking grant funding to incorporate all Medianet records/holdings into the Union Catalog, which would allow for Medianet agencies to participate in MORE.
- Seeking grant funding for Digital Video Project making digital formats available to be streamed or download from Medianet catalogs.
- Fall 2002 a new Medianet feature will be available, Multipick, which will allow a user to check multiple items for ordering.
- This year more than 127,000 items were provided to educators via Medianet.

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Instructional Development Task Force

Librarians and other educators work with INFOhio to offer a full range of workshops, seminars, and Electronic Resources support materials for use in the classroom. Works in progress and accomplishments for 2001-02 include:

- Continued the successful Information Literacy Skills workshop series. 521 teachers and librarians attended thirteen *R & R for Academic Excellence* workshops across the state.
- INFOhio Trainers as well as DASite Providers were trained to use MarcoPolo and the INFOhio home page now provides for easy access to the site for all educators.
- OH!Teach continues to improve with 500+ new web sites including the supporting websites from the INFOhio Information Literacy Skills Workshop series (Language Arts; Science & Math; and Social Studies).

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Union Catalog Task Force

Users and DASite Providers work closely with INFOhio to increase the functionality of the Union Catalog not only for use by any K-12 automated library, but for use by teachers to access all area media centers. Works in progress and accomplishments for 2001-02 include:

- Increase in CatExpress use: 54 school districts including two DASites have purchased 15,000 records that have been added to the Union.
- Continuing to make strides towards reducing the OCLC Request backlog.
- The non-print deduping is soon to be completed and will result in the entire Union Catalog being deduped and remaining so.

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