



## Direction for Fiscal Year 2001

Our primary effort this year was to secure funding to effectively support and operate INFOhio.

- Current level of state funding
  - FY 02 \$ 2,043,938
  - FY 03 \$ 2,095,037
- INFOhio instituted a Legislative Action Plan in February after the elimination of funding for Electronic Resources in the Governor's proposed budget. With tremendous librarian support the House of Representatives budget reinstated INFOhio's \$1.7 million for state licensed online resources. Please thank your Representatives for their support.
- We continue to seek Federal support for INFOhio and all school libraries. LSTA grants have provided for standardizing DRA/MultiLIS training materials and the purchase of SIP2 for all DASites to make Statewide Resource Sharing technologically possible for MultiLIS schools. INFOhio encouraged Federal support of school libraries by attending the annual American Library Association Legislative Day urging congress to reauthorize LSTA and ESEA. INFOhio and other Ohio school librarians we invited to testify at the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science hearing, "School Librarians: Knowledge Navigators Through Trouble Times," that examined school librarians as partners in education.
- The Governing Advisory Board charged INFOhio to obtain outside grant dollars. The overall goal for seeking private funding is to "Improve student achievement test results and enhance capability/lifelong learning."

Additional projects include:

- Preparing for Statewide Resource Sharing to ensure that all schools can participate if interested.
- Working with vendors to ensure that INFOhio products and services are accessible to anyone with a disability.
- Preparing to implement the transition from text based cataloging and circulation to web based modules in Taos.

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## **Growth**

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As a result of the last reporting cycle ending February 28, the total ADM count for DRA/MultiLIS is 693,021. This represents 1,435 buildings in 368 districts.

Electronic Resource use this school year already exceeds 3 million searches and full text articles retrieved.

## **Appointments**

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INFOhio representation has been appointed to:

- Ohio Memory Project Advisory Group
  - Project of the Ohio Historical Society, funded through a special grant issued by OPLIN; development of an online scrapbook with cooperation of Ohio historical societies and public libraries. Project models the Library of Congress American Memory Program. <[www.ohiomemory.org](http://www.ohiomemory.org)>
  
- Ohio Resource Center for Mathematics, Science and Reading Policy Board
  - A virtual "best practices" center for Ohio teachers; funded through the Ohio Board of Regents and housed at OSE-Eisenhower National Clearinghouse. Regarded as an initiative of the Governor for grades P-16.