



Library Automation Task Force

DASite Providers and library users work together to improve all aspects of INFOhio's Automation product, DRA/MultiLIS. Works in progress and accomplishments for 2000-01 include:



- Developed K-4 "friendly" online catalog - CAT Jr.
- Conducted reports survey. The results are currently being used to: enhance current reports, create new reports, and to improve report menus.
- Initiated User-Generated Barcode procedures; libraries can create and print their own patron and item barcode labels, if desired.
- Preparing for migration to the windows DRA product TAOS. The current online catalog (CAT and CAT Jr.) is TAOS; the remaining MultiLIS modules will migrate to TAOS over the next couple of years (circulation, cataloging, etc.)

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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 2000-01 include:

- Selected American National Biography as the newest state provided database.
- Revised ProQuest interface to improve access for students and teachers with the creation of Elementary, High School, Newspaper and Professional collections.
- Continued the Online Preview and Discounted Price List that included more than 130 online electronic resources.
- Investigating how Electronic Books fit into INFOhio Electronic Resources offering.
- Continue development of Electronic Resources' support web page for introducing, teaching and using the state resources in the classroom <http://www.infohio.org/TRAINING/er_resources.htm>.

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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 2000-01 include:

- Completed final conversion for all of Ohio's 23 Area Media Centers to Medianet.
- Enhanced web booking features gave teachers the ability to check their own future and past bookings with an option to re-book items used before. The ability to cancel and extend bookings is also now available.
- A new version release will automate EndDay and EndWeek procedures for staff at Medianet agencies.
- Continue to conduct regional Medianet user meetings (four were held during the 2000-01 school year).
- Search for additional K-12 agencies that would benefit from 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 2000-01 include:

- Improving OH!Teach with hundreds of new web sites and organization with new topics such as Standards, Reading Lists, and more.
- Continued the successful Information Literacy Skills workshop series. 689 teachers and librarians attended fourteen Language Arts workshops across the state.
- Worked with SIRS to develop and make available to Ohio's educators an online, interactive tutorial for SIRS Discoverer Deluxe.
- Offered five additional Guerilla Cataloging workshops across the state working in partnership with OHIONET.

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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 2000-01 include:

- Removed hundreds of thousands of duplicate MARC records.
- Created SuperMARC records - scattered elements, such as reading and interest levels, curriculum objectives, summaries etc. were pulled from like records to create one master record. There are now nearly a half million SuperMARC records in the Union.
- Resumed weekly DASite extractions, which have enhanced over 100,000 existing SuperMARC records and added over 400,000 records for non-print and unique print materials.
- Added nearly 18,000 MARC records through the OCLC Record Request Procedure, these records are available to all schools free of charge through INFOhio's state OCLC contact.
- Added an additional 30,000 records by OCLC CatExpress subscribers.

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