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## Welcome CAT Jr. - The CAT is Out of the Bag!

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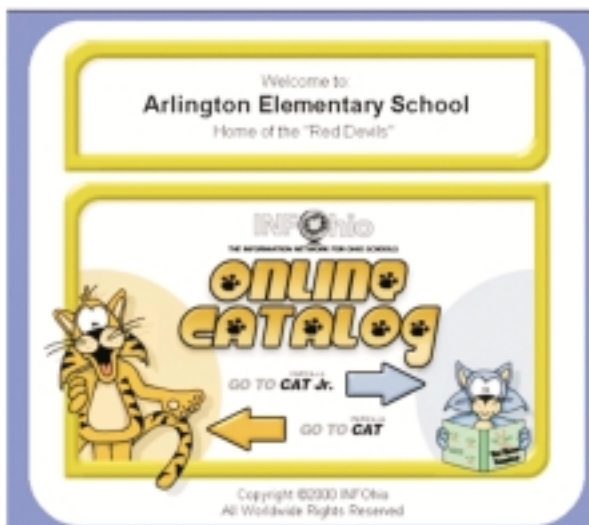
INFOhio's new Web OPAC interface debuts second semester. At the last INFOhio Retreat, the Library Automation Task Force decided it was time to develop an elementary school interface for the online public access catalog.

And so, CAT Jr. was born.

The new, user-friendly interface, designed especially for grades K-4, sports an uncluttered design and upbeat colors so it's easy for younger students to navigate. It also

offers an improved Brief Record Hit List that displays location, call number and availability for each item.

Please share your comments and suggestions with us at <[central@infohio.org](mailto:central@infohio.org)>. INFOhio, through the Library Automation Task Force, welcomes your feedback. Our intent is to continuously improve our products and services, making it easier for you and your students to access the resources you need.



The New Welcome Screen



*“Thanks for making it easier for elementary students to search. Having the call number and availability on the brief hit list is a big help!”*

*- Lana Moore, Librarian,  
Ironton Middle School*

The new graphical search screen for CAT Jr.

## Dates and Locations

February	15	Columbus
	21	Kings Mills
	22	Piketon
	23	Sylvania
March	7	Kent
	14	Mansfield
	15	Elyria
April	11	Warren
	12	Cambridge
	25	Newark
	26	Cincinnati
	27	Centerville
May	1	Columbus
	2	Wapakoneta
	4	Cleveland

All workshops are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register online at <[www.infohio.org](http://www.infohio.org)>.

## Language Arts Workshops

INFOhio continues our successful Information Literacy Skills Workshop Series. In its fourth year, the series addresses Language Arts. Fifteen workshops will be offered across the state and will cover:

- Children's, Young Adult, and Professional literature,
- Writing and composition
- Reading and literacy.

Presented by Drs. Greg Byerly and Carolyn Brodie, Kent State University, the sessions will actively engage participants and serve as a model for how to incorporate the various educational resources and information literacy skills into the classroom. The workshops will also include tips for teaching the reading components of the state-mandated proficiency tests and will incorporate Ohio's Draft Academic Content Standards for English Language Arts.

Who should attend? All those involved in Language Arts instruction for grades 4-12, especially Reading/Language Arts curriculum coordinators and library media

specialists. Schools are encouraged to send a two-person team, e.g., the school library media specialist and a Reading/Language Arts educator, who is actively involved in incorporating information literacy skills and electronic resources into the classroom.

*“As a first year science teacher I would like to commend the presenters for what I felt was an incredibly informative and well put together workshop. I found the materials helpful more than once just in the week following the workshop.”*

*- Patrick Coughlin, Columbia High School*

## Vision Statement

INFOhio, a partner in Ohio's library network, ensures the free delivery, quality, format, and equity of information for learners and educators by embracing appropriate, emerging technologies used in the school, home, and community.

## Our Mission

INFOhio, a statewide cooperative school library and information network, uses technology to enhance curriculum and instruction of information literacy by providing greater access for Ohio's

learners and educators. INFOhio's components include electronic resources for schools, instructional development for teachers, library automation, media booking, and a statewide union catalog.

## Task Force Updates

### Instructional Development

#### *Goals for 2000-2001*

1. Develop online tutorials for current electronic resources provided by INFOhio.
2. Collect examples of "Best Practices" that incorporate information literacy skills throughout the curriculum.
3. Investigate a Summer Institute for K-12 faculty to develop and enhance the use of various forms of print and non-print educational technologies.

### Electronic Resources

- Preview 2001 is online from January 15 to March 15, 2001. This year, 32 vendors are participating in the two-month, online preview of products and discount prices for Ohio's K-12 schools. A printed price list was mailed to all schools. Contact the INFOhio Central Office if you need a copy of the list 614-752-2941 or <[central@infohio.org](mailto:central@infohio.org)>.
- Last year, INFOhio Electronic Resource users conducted more than 2.2 million searches and article retrievals. We expect continued growth as more teachers and students become familiar with the available resources.

### Media Booking

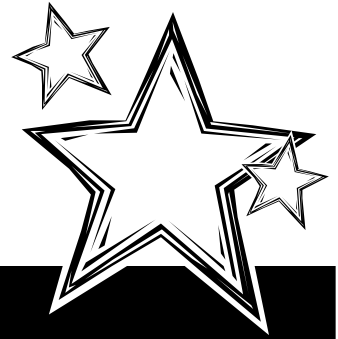
- Medianet Options: This new section allows users to display a list of late items, current and past bookings, and to extend or cancel reservations. The page also provides an easy way for Medianet users to change their passwords.

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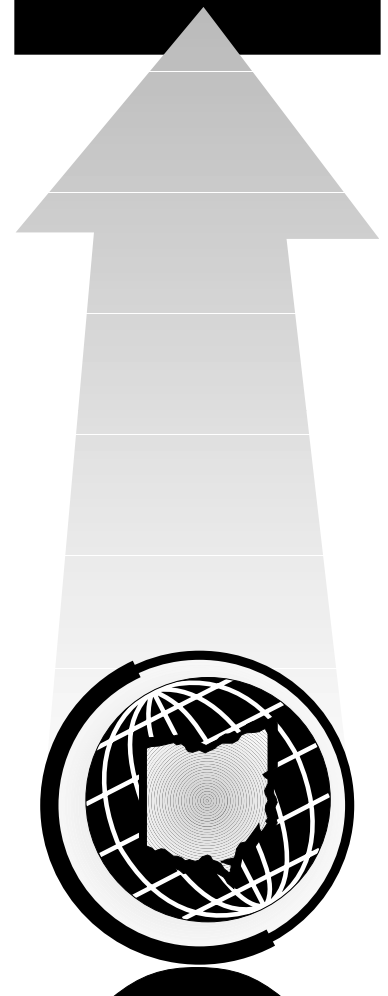
1. Establish active regional users groups.
2. Provide additional training to all sites.
3. Investigate future software enhancements.

### Union Catalog

- Union Catalog Dedupping: Duplicate records for print items have been eliminated from the INFOhio Union Catalog. Prior to the dedupping process, nearly 1.8 million print records existed, now only 700,000 remain. INFOhio Technical Services has written routines to avoid future duplication of records when DASite extractions resume December 2000.
- SuperMARC: As part of the dedupping process, routines are now in place to collect scattered elements of similar records for the same material (e.g., reading and interest level) into a single MARC record, the SuperMARC, which is identified in tag 042.
- Coming Soon: The OCLC Request procedure will now notify librarians placing a request if a mandatory data field is missing. Also, everyone is reminded of the CatExpress service that is available to all schools. <<http://www.infohio.org/about/catexpress.header.htm>>



*Various Task Force projects and goals for 2000-01 were highlighted at the State Users Group Meeting in September.*



## Statewide Resource Sharing

Statewide Resource Sharing (SWRS) will soon be a reality in Ohio. SWRS is a centralized, web-based, patron-initiated request system that allows any patron with a valid library card to find and request items from any participating library. The system offers daily material deliveries to and pickups from each participating library, plus a tracking system that reports item status at any given moment.

To ensure success of this initiative, a Technology Task Force researched and selected the software that would best enable the diverse library automation systems in Ohio's public and school libraries to communicate with each other. Jean

Banks (NOACSC), Lois Lequeya (LNOCA) and Tony Marshalek (NEO-IMC) represented INFOhio and K-12 libraries on the team.

The software selected allows for a single, common search interface to be used among all the various library catalogs. The two data standards that make this possible are Z39.50 and SIP2. DRA/MultiLIS is already Z39.50 compliant, and INFOhio is coordinating financial assistance for each DASite to acquire SIP2. Once installed, all DRA/MultiLIS libraries will meet the required technical standards.

In January, a prototype system will link one DRA Classic, one Dynix,

and one MultiLIS system. NOACSC will participate in the test for INFOhio DRA/MultiLIS. A general implementation plan will be announced later.

INFOhio continues to work with its state partners to turn the dream of SWRS into reality for all K-12 schools that want to participate.

Learn more about the Statewide Resource Sharing Project online at the State Library website <<http://winslo.state.oh.us/publib/swrs.html>>.



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