



STATEWIDE RESOURCE SHARING

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Statewide Resource Sharing: What You Can Expect and When

The day when any resident of Ohio can borrow anything that circulates from any library in Ohio at any time at the click of a mouse is closer.

Right now OPLIN staff is working with three libraries to create a prototype of Ohio's Statewide Resource Sharing System, which will be called **MORE** (tentatively, Multiplying Ohio Resources for Everyone. Think of it as an icon on your WebPAC). By July 1 we hope that public libraries serving up to 60% of Ohio's library patrons will be on-line and ready to participate. In addition, we expect that many INFOhio schools will be on-line, leading the way for other Ohio schools. That goal may be ambitious, and the project will certainly occur in phases. Here is what you can expect.

Phase 1: The Prototype

The goals of the prototype phase are to create the central site, to apply the work of the Policy Committee to the system profile, and to implement one library for each of the three most frequently used local library systems to test it. Once we have tested, adjusted and generally had a "shake down" the prototype will be made available to libraries to preview.

The prototype will be installed in February, go through testing and, we hope, be available for preview during March.

- The pioneer libraries who play to be part of the prototype are: Cuyahoga County Public Library, a DRA Classic user
- Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County, an SEO Dynix user
- Antwerp High School Library, and INFOhio MultiLIS user

During testing we will focus on the product from a software point of view, but we will also be identifying training needs, refining forms, profiles, processes, schedules and procedures.

Phase 2: The First Wave

The Goal of Phase 2 is to add as many of these types of libraries as may be possible to **MORE** by July 1, 2001. Participants will be any library that:

- Agrees to be part of the statewide delivery system and pay for one delivery per day
- Has a Dynix, DRA Classic or MultiLIS system, and has installed Z39.50 and SIP or SIP2.
- Agrees to share any item that currently circulates to their own patrons

Details about the First Wave will be announced as soon as possible after the prototype testing. At this time OPLIN will announce:

- How libraries may signal their decision to participate
- When we will begin accepting participants
- The probable order for implementation
- Training dates and plans

The first wave also provides an opportunity to begin educating school district officials about the benefits of the project.

We anticipate an announcement with more detail no later than March 15. We will tell you as much as we know then, and may follow it with a flurry of other communications. Installation will begin shortly after the announcement and continue through early summer. This activity will continue after July 1 if necessary, with Dynix, DRA Classic, and MultiLIS systems coming up routinely until we are finished.

Phase 3: Exploring the Others

The beginning of Phase 3 may overlap the end of phase 2. During this phase, OPLIN and the vendor will add one of each of 12 to 15 different integrated Library System (ILS aka Circ system) types. Before we begin this phase, we will do some research to update our information about the specific ILS types and versions currently in place in Ohio school and public libraries. The Goals of Phase 3 are:



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- To identify the systems currently in Ohio school and public libraries
- To document the state of readiness for, and, if necessary, any barriers to full participation in **MORE**.
- To develop a plan and a time line for bringing libraries that use each type of LIS system into **MORE**. We will work with libraries and regional groups in setting the priority order, but it will be to some extent technology-driven and final decisions will rest with central site staff.

Our goal is to complete Phase 3 by September 1, 2001.

Phase 4: The Successive Waves

Between September 2001 and July 2002 we will gradually add the rest of the Ohio library world to **MORE**. Implementation will occur in successive waves by local system type. (We will bring up all the TLC libraries in a single wave, for example). We hope to announce the order of these waves, and the projected dates by early September 2001.

We will continue to work with school districts planning for the 02/03 school year, and with public libraries that have longer-term technology migration plans.

Delivery

The State Library of Ohio plans to release an RFP for delivery later this year. It will have as a projected start date

July 1, 2001, the start of the state fiscal year. The intention is that any participating library or school must agree to pay delivery costs for at least one stop per district or library system. It is possible we will have the option of contracting for more than one stop at the library or school system's expense.

The delivery system will run independently of **MORE**. Libraries or schools involved in regional or other sharing systems such as the SEO shared catalog, or Access Ohio will use the statewide delivery system just as they use their current delivery system.

It is our expectation that existing sharing programs and the statewide resource sharing system. **MORE** will function in parallel for a period of time. How long that occurs will be the decision of the local or regional sharing projects themselves.

What to Watch For

- Announcements from OPLIN and/or INFOhio about technology implementation
- Announcements from the State Library of Ohio about the statewide delivery contract
- Announcements from OLC and OELMA about programs and update sessions related to **MORE** at their regular meetings and conferences.
- Announcement of a Statewide Resource Sharing summer meeting in the spring.