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News from INFOhio

BookFlix Engages Early Learners



Amanda Sears, a Technology Integration Specialist at Amherst Exempted Village School District, uses INFOhio resources almost daily with students and teachers in grades K-12. "INFOhio digital resources are easily accessible and contain high-quality information aligned to Ohio's Learning Standards." Amanda introduces INFOhio resources as early as kindergarten and says, "It is great to teach students how to access fiction and nonfiction resources in one place. With less clutter and distraction, young students stay focused and on task, and our teachers can be assured that the resources are age appropriate."

In Amherst, the 1st grade recently used INFOhio's [BookFlix](#) to study hibernation. To generate interest, students first listen to and read the fiction eBook, [Bear Snores On](#), before diving into the paired nonfiction eBook, [Bear Cub Grows Up](#). Through this exercise, students recall facts to support their learning about hibernation. Young students always have fun with the BookFlix Puzzlers, interactive learning games, which make the perfect extension activity. Equally popular with Amherst students and teachers is the "Meet the Creators" section where they learn more about their favorite authors and illustrators.

Amanda uses INFOhio resources and sends thanks to legislators "for helping obtain valuable, age appropriate and organized content for our students and staff through INFOhio."

From July through December 2018...

PreK-3 students, teachers, and parents used 1,177,906 eBooks, interactive learning games, and lesson resources from BookFlix.

BookFlix provides an equitable foundation for Ohio's early learners by providing all PreK-3 students, parents, and teachers with quality eBooks, educational games, and instructional resources.

Take a look at other popular resources available at no cost to Ohio schools!

INFOhio Early Learning Portal

The [INFOhio Early Learning Portal](#) contains more than 50 websites and apps to help the youngest learners prepare for school and their futures.

Points of View Reference Center

The [Points of View Reference Center](#) includes multiple perspectives on current issues presented in overview essays and journal articles.

Science Online

[Science Online](#) has science, technology, engineering, and math resources including diagrams, learning modules, biographies, and more!

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News from the Field

INFOhio Impacts Learning Everywhere

From Perry County

79,926 Pages Read and Counting!

At Thornville Elementary School, 4th and 5th grade teachers use [Storia](#) from INFOhio with their students. Scholastic's Storia is a collection of 300+ eBooks, hand selected to support Ohio's Learning Standards, with built-in tools to help teachers monitor students' reading and comprehension progress. Kim Thomas, Library Media Specialist, tells us that teachers are taking advantage of progress data Storia provides for each student. Teachers are choosing to assign books to the entire class or individual students and often allow students to choose their own book.

With science titles aligned to curriculum from alligators to zebras and black holes to volcanoes, each Thornville Elementary 4th and 5th grade classroom gets a whole new library, free to the school, through Storia from INFOhio. Thornville's 4th and 5th grade students have read an amazing total of 79,926 pages from July-December 2018!

From Butler County

Senior Capstones Anchored in Research

INFOhio's [Points of View Reference Center](#) and [Explora](#) databases have been invaluable at Madison as a new semester of seniors begin their capstone Senior Exit research projects. The seniors' topics are a diverse collection of highly creative interests and INFOhio has come through for them all. What is the appeal of professional wrestling in American culture? How will the universe come to its ultimate end? Baby boomers to millennials, how have values and beliefs shifted with these generations? INFOhio's research resources help Madison High School seniors form educated opinions to answer these questions and many more.

From Franklin County

Art, Research, and Imagination: The Perfect Blend

Megan Mott, Library Media Specialist at Worthington Bluffsview ES, collaborated with 5th grade teachers to incorporate art, research, and imagination in biography projects. Students picked a famous person they wanted to learn about and used INFOhio's [World Book Student](#) and [Kids InfoBits](#) to find biographical information and photographs. Students used their findings to create a visual display using a re-purposed water bottle sculpted into their famous person. The assignment blended research, creativity, collaboration, and composition making this a memorable learning event!

From Champaign County

Young Learners Begin with the Early Learning Portal

Graham Elementary Preschool teacher, Tara Bodey, uses the INFOhio [Early Learning Portal](#) to use the instruction, integrate technology into the classroom, and capture students attention.

She states, "I use a lot of the eBooks and the accompanying resources to find a book pair that I want. They have fiction and non-fiction pairs and activities aligned with our standards that we always read and work on as a class. It's a great resource! It captures students' attention and the kids love it!"

Preschoolers recently read [Antarctic Antics](#), a [Book of Penguin Poems](#), and the non-fiction eBook, [Antarctica](#), as a class. The Kindergarten preparation teachers sent out literature to families encouraging them to use the resources in the Early Learning Portal at home with their preschoolers.

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