

Users Council Agenda OETC

Short North Ballroom B, Columbus Convention Center
Wednesday, February 15, 2023
3:00 – 5:00 PM

Welcome and Sharing Our Wins

- Updates document (QR code on agenda)



Share Your Library Success Story

Chris Adkins

- Busload of Books Tour with Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr.
- Visit 1 school in every state giving away 25K books to students and teachers in underserved communities.
- Also conducting a research project focusing on Ss and Ts attitude on reading and the visit of authors and illustrators and how it affects them before and after the visit.
- Also making a picture book about America.
- <https://busloadofbooks.com/join-us> or FB or Instagram.
- Share your library success stories with INFOhio - email Janah or Sarah or post in the UC Open Space group - <https://openspace.infohio.org/groups/infohio-users-council/23/>.

Full Group Discussions & Updates

Open Space and Educator Tools

Feedback sought

Issues:

- There is overlap between the tools.
- Who are the primary users of ISearch?
- Educators need to find what they need quickly and easily.
- Open Space, Educator Tools, and ISearch are meant to have unique purposes that are clearly understood.

Like: **Educator Tools**: search by grade level, dimensional trends, streamlined and easy to find things, good place to send MATH teachers to look for resources when they ask what the library can do for them

- How do you direct Ts to Educator tools: direct demo to small group

Like: **Open Space**: easy to share, can find actual textbooks here

- Feedback: Access to Educator Tools is easy because it's already in INFOhio

- Feedback: having things in one place would be helpful because teachers rarely go out to find something new. Also having that one source available through the INFOhio page would be helpful if the resource sends the searcher back to INFOhio resources

Create, Lead, Empower Ohio (CLEO) Preview

- New curated set of resources fostering career exploration, employability skills.
- Has Instructional Materials, Digital Content, Websites, Lesson Plans, Units.
- Curated sources are vetted by librarians and educators.
- Content centered around Science, Technology, Fine Arts, and Math.
- Teacher Corner has connection to Open Space and Professional Development.
- Currently listed at <http://cleo.infohio.org>. Not yet posted at main page.

Book Nook's New Look and Process

<https://booknook.infohio.org>

- New site to be launched soon. It will no longer be available from the grade level pages, It will be available from the **Educator page**.
- Trailers have been divided into grade bands aligning with resource grade bands.
- Searches can be expanded to other **lower** grade bands.
- For student privacy their names have been removed from the trailers.
- For new submissions only first names will be solicited, **NO TRAILERS WILL BE POSTED THAT CONTAIN A STUDENT NAME IN THE TRAILER** (even a first name).
- Only teacher or librarian email will be attached, no student email addresses will be collected.
- Email will be sent to teacher or librarian for verification and they must click approve in the email in order for it to get posted.
- Teachers or librarians will be notified of trailers that ARE selected to be published.

Rubric for selection (posted on site)

- Contains no student names anywhere.
- Book trailers that score below 20 points will not be published.
- Book trailers that contain copyrighted material (images, songs) will not be published (except cover of the book).

Book trailers are automatically attached to library records and can be seen in ISearch results.

Goals:

- Increase # of trailers published
- Increase # of districts submitting trailers
- Increase # of views
- Increase # of Book Nook trailer reviewers

Course Catalog and Registration System

Distance Learning Courses (presented by John Mitchell)

- INFOhio received funding around accelerated learning during the Pandemic.
- Enables educators to get students enrolled in classes regardless of their Ohio address.
- User Group meets monthly.
- The courses offered are synchronous.

Benefits: cohort of other students and a teacher invested in them.

Problems: timing of courses in relation to your school's bell schedule.

Will not include an LMS because different schools are offering courses and they may already use an LMS of their own.

- Trying to handle fees, possibly through EMIS.
- Parents and students cannot go to register their students; platform would be for counselors, teachers and admins trying to meet particular student needs.

Current status:

- User Focus Group established
- Temporary solution in place
- 3 year project plan in place and on schedule
- Identified district based systems for integration (grades, enrollment, LMS, etc)
- Created system requirements
- Evaluating if need dictating buying a platform/solution or building one (RFIs are out)
- Seeking 2 people for user group that would be on the consumer side
- Developing PD to support this project

Q & A

- Intention is for schools who offer classes that other schools cannot, and who have open seats to offer those classes online to students
- Expectation is classes would be blended with in-person students and online students
- Schools providing the instruction would be expected to provide the resources to their teacher to make that possible

INFOhio Library Services Update

- Open Workflows Reports in Google instead of Word/Excel using "Launch Docs" app.
- Docs will upload to your Google Drive before they open.
- Can also launch to LibreOffice.

Admin will have things they need to do:

- Create Google Project for the district
- Enable APIs for Drive, Docs, and Sheets
- Generate an API token
- Documentation, etc. being sent to ITCs who will distribute to tech offices

SymphonyWeb Updates

Extended pilot going on 44 of 50 spots claimed.

No fees for “qualifying schools” (contact ITC for info).

[Symphony Web documentation](#) now in WF Handbook.

- In Symphony Web you can download a report when using a Chromebook, change the name extension to .doc and drag and drop the file to the Google Drive and the file will open from your Google Drive.
- Can import into Sheets also, if you save the report as a .txt, you can drag and drop the file to the Google Drive and open Google Sheets and import the .txt file.

Proposed Change to CIR: Overdues and Notices

Current language prevents report use before items are overdue.

Few libraries charge overdue fines anymore.

Currently causes undue alarm when parents receive message and they have no fines.

Suggested change: Change title of notification title to “Library Notice”

- This will impact all scheduled and new reports, paper, and email.
- Name of report will not change in WF.

Audiobooks, Digital Videos, and eBooks, Oh My!

Will be making a purchase of ebooks, audiobooks and digital streaming video.

What grade levels, topics, areas of interest are there? Please send to clay@infohio.org by Mar 15, 2023 .

Include in your email:

- Subject heading
- Grade levels, topics
- Fiction and nonfiction

Small Group Discussions

INFOhio Staff

- Research 4 Success
- Content Packages

Upcoming Events and Next Meeting: **August 1, 2023 10:00am - 2:00pm**

Webinars throughout March

Renewing/Retiring from your UC Term

Will be checking with ITCs at end of March for those who would like to renew and retire from the current roster.



Share your good news and use of tools with INFOhio

- UC Open Space group: <https://openspace.infohio.org/groups/infohio-users-council/23/>
- INFOhio Community OS group: <https://openspace.infohio.org/groups/infohio-community/130/>
- Twitter : <https://twitter.com/infohio>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/INFOhio/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LearnINFOhio>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/infohio/>