

The Right Resource for The Right Student at The Right Time

Right Resource....

INFOhio provides every primary and secondary school with access to a core collection of curriculum-related and age-specific electronic resources.

Right Student....

Every student is the right student. That's why INFOhio provides every Ohio primary and secondary school, regardless of size, location or fiscal resources, with access to the same electronic resources. INFOhio ensures equity for every K-12 student by providing information to complete homework, research assignments and continue life-long learning.

Right Time...

Readily accessible information that is accurate and timely is a vital part of education. INFOhio is committed to making available up-to-date, relevant and professionally selected information anytime it is needed by the student or teacher. The "right time" is 24 hours a day, seven days a week. INFOhio resources are always available for that "teachable moment".

Computers, the Internet, electronic databases, visual images, and interactive media -- these are the tools of the information age. All students need equal access to these tools and the wealth of information they offer in order to succeed.

To achieve this success, the future of education requires blending traditional school resources with the power of technology and these new electronic tools. Nowhere is this marriage of old and new more critical than in our K-12 school libraries. They must provide the right resource for the right student at the right time.

INFOhio is our state's "virtual" library and information network. It offers a wide range of databases, instructional resources, standardized software and technical support for K-12 students, teachers and libraries throughout the state.

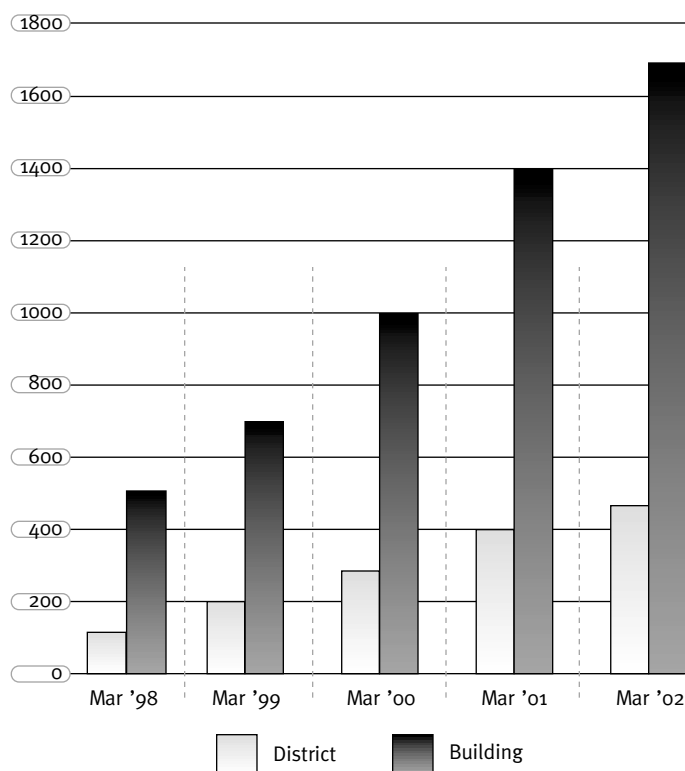
The following progress report documents INFOhio's achievements in providing the right resource for the right student at the right time...

Library Automation and Statewide Union Catalog

Library automation makes it possible for thousands of library card catalogs to be available on the Internet. It also allows schools to give their students and teachers access to other school, college and public library collections from the classroom, library or home. More than 1,767 Ohio schools in 411 districts serving over 817,000 students have online access to millions of print resources via INFOhio's standardized library automation software (Sirsi/MultiLIS). In fact, use of INFOhio's library automation services has increased by more than 325% since March 1998.

Through INFOhio's Union Catalog, librarians can share cataloging information such as specific reading levels and curriculum objectives. Available to all schools, this web-based database holds over 1.3 million resources from K-12 schools and educational support agencies throughout the state. As a result, librarians have more time to spend working with students and teachers fostering an environment in which information literacy can flourish.

INFOhio Library Automation on the Rise



Electronic Resources

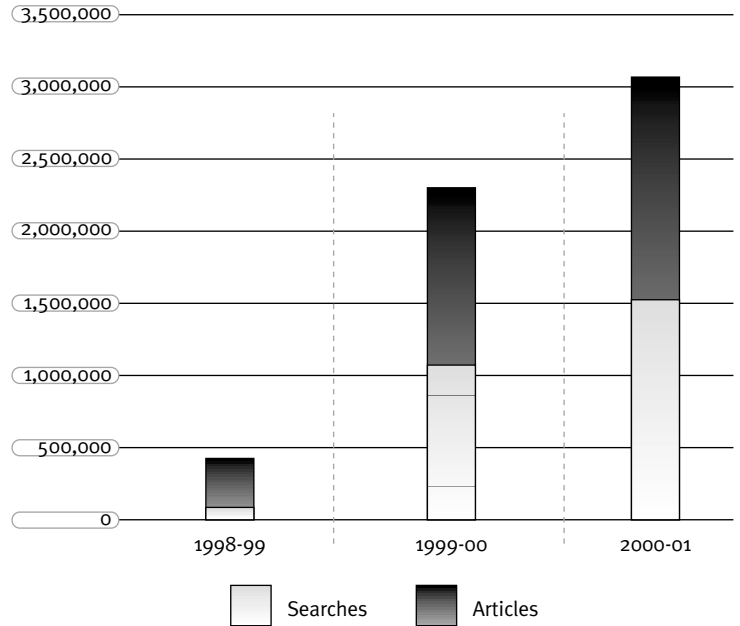
INFOhio understands the need to select, organize, and provide all of Ohio's K-12 students and teachers with online resources that are relevant and easy to use. Therefore, INFOhio, with the assistance of educational professionals, has acquired a core collection of electronic, age-specific, curriculum-related resources for K-12 use. Included are a full-text general periodical database of more than 400 titles, an electronic encyclopedia, SIRS Discoverer Deluxe, and the American National Biography databases. The chart on the right shows the dramatic increase in use of these resources since 1998.

Testimonies like this one from a Cincinnati librarian and her student show the value of immediate access to up-to-date, reliable educational content delivered in a commercial-free package.

"I had a student who had spent 15 minutes searching on Yahoo, and he couldn't find what he needed. I took him to the INFOhio Electronic Resources, and he found exactly what he needed in 5 minutes. The next week he came back and I asked him if he needed any help; he replied, 'Nope, I'm going to INFOhio'. In about 5 minutes I heard him say, 'Yessssssss, INFOhio never lets me down.'"

Searches and Articles Downloaded from

INFOhio Electronic Resources



Saving More Than \$20 per Student

INFOhio has an efficient and cost-effective statewide purchasing program that saves taxpayers money. INFOhio delivers *substantial* savings by licensing databases for statewide access at significant discounts over the rates available to individual schools. It negotiates a single fee for age-specific and curriculum-related databases, and then makes them available across the state without charge to individual schools. This statewide licensing benefits high schools and elementary schools of every size by providing discounted prices and minimizing duplication.

The \$21.83 represents the amount a local school district would have to spend to acquire the electronic resources available through INFOhio.

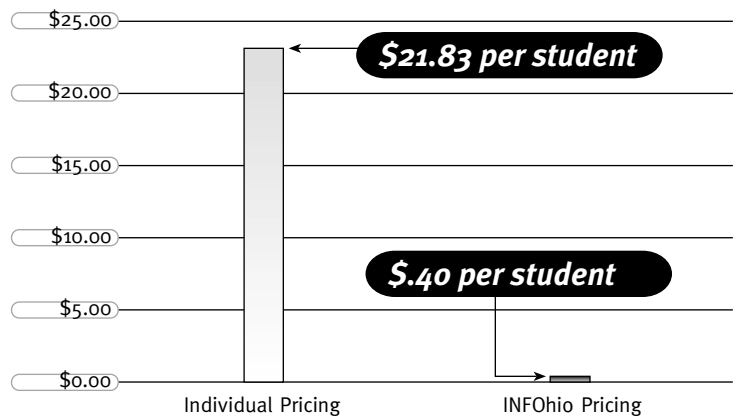
The \$.40 per student is the negotiated, discounted price per student INFOhio pays on behalf of the schools.

Local schools do not even have to pay the \$.40 per student to get these resources.

This amount is funded by the state.

Electronic Resources

Cost Savings per Student



Media Booking

To provide **the right resource for the right student at the right time**, INFOhio makes it possible for teachers from anywhere in the state to simply point and click to locate, reserve and book the multi-media educational resources they need -- 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Currently, the collections of 44 agencies - including Area Media Centers, Special Education Regional Resource Centers, education television corporations and school district central media centers - are online via Medianet, the statewide online reservation and tracking system for educational materials.

In 2000-2001, educators from across the state requested and received nearly 130,000 educational videos, interactive cd-roms, and other support materials.

Professional Development

INFOhio offers a full range of training, workshops, seminars, in-services, and support programs to help educators throughout the state better understand the expanding definition of literacy and how to use tools and technologies of the Information Age.

To make it easy for library staff to learn about and take full advantage of library automation tools, INFOhio trainers collaborate with the DASite Providers to offer on-site training on such critical subjects as library automation, media booking, electronic resources, cataloging and skills workshops. The number of educators attending INFOhio training sessions has exceeded 4,000 in each of the past three years. In FY2001 alone, more than 4,300 K-12 educators attended 408 different training sessions held throughout the state.

ALL OF THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED ACCOMPLISHMENTS REQUIRE TEAMWORK AND PARTNERSHIPS. SOME OF THESE IMPORTANT PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDE:

Leadership for School Libraries (L4SL)

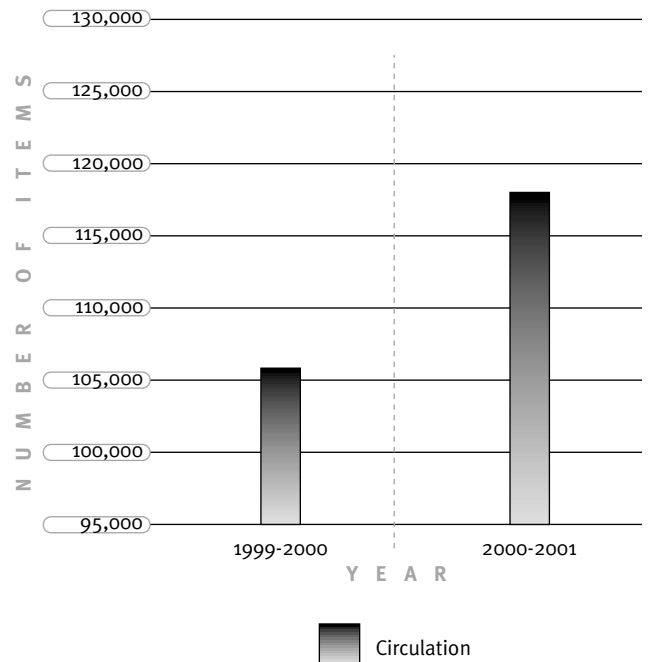
L4SL is a collaborative effort of the Ohio Department of Education, INFOhio, the Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA), and the State Library of Ohio. Its mission is to provide leadership to Ohio's school library community through the integrated efforts of state-level entities. Some current projects include, in cooperation with SchoolNet, the "21st Century School Library" and, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Education, serving on the Effective School Library Committee.

Moving Ohio Resources Everywhere (MORE)

MORE is a key component in Ohio's Statewide Resource Sharing effort. MORE's goal is to make it possible for anyone, anywhere to borrow anything from any Ohio library. This project is a *strategic* goal of INFOhio, OPLIN, and the State Library of Ohio (SLO). Implementation began in January 2002 for those school and public libraries wishing to participate, in August 2002. During the past year, the staff of INFOhio Central and INFOhio's Technical Support Team have been working diligently with OPLIN and SLO to fully test and prepare INFOhio Library Automation software for rollout to school libraries.

Number of Items
Provided to
Educators via

INFOhio's Medianet Reservation System



INFOHIO HAS COME A LONG WAY, BUT WE STILL HAVE MUCH MORE TO DO. IT IS ONLY WHEN ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR CLASSROOMS, SCHOOLS LIBRARIES, HOMES AND COMMUNITIES, THAT WE WILL HAVE ACHIEVED OUR GOAL -- OHIO'S CHILDREN WILL HAVE WHAT THEY NEED TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

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