Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

OPLIN Staff and Board
Karl Jendretzky, a fixture at OPLIN for fifteen years and a key to its stability and success, has moved on to a very good opportunity with Columbus Metropolitan Library. He leaves OPLIN in a strong and stable state. Having worked closely with Karl for two and half years, Jessica Dooley is taking over as OPLIN’s new Technology Project Manager. Jessica and I will work together to determine the requirements for the new position which we will post later this spring.

There are two openings on the OPLIN Board. Currently the greatest need for representation is from central and from northwest Ohio, from medium-sized libraries (circulating between 500,000 - 1,500,000 items per year), and from IT managers or library trustees.

NorthStar Digital Literacy
Libraries continue to “go live” with NorthStar at a pretty steady pace. Christine Morris makes it easy for them, providing a lot of promotional and administrative support, including webinars where librarians who have been using NorthStar share advice from their experience, and a “go-live” checklist she developed which other states have begun to use for their own rollouts. OPLIN’s public-facing NorthStar portal is at www.digitalskillsohio.org; as soon as half the population of Ohio lives within the service district of a library offering NorthStar (we’re nearing the 4 million mark now), we’ll add that page to the Ohio Web Library list.

Website Kit Modules
Several new modules for Webkit users were introduced, including a feature that gives libraries better control of the graphics Facebook displays when links are shared there, a tool that helps analyze content for accessibility issues, and a new module which offers more flexibility in page layouts. In addition, the OPLIN Board eliminated the $125 fee for Laura Solomon’s website audits; Laura will do those for libraries for free as her schedule allows.