

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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SUBJECT: **OPLIN Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

NorthStar Digital Literacy

More than half of Ohio citizens live in the service districts of libraries that are live on Northstar; see https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/services/northstar/libraries#live_libraries for the current list. With that milestone reached, we're adding Northstar to the Ohio Web Library list, sending users through the generic www.digitalskillsohio.org site. We recommend that libraries link directly to their Northstar login page from their websites, rather than through our generic partner link.

Last week, Northstar launched a brand-new assessment for Accessing Telehealth Appointments; curriculum resources to support the new Telehealth assessment is under development. This is the first of five projected modules addressing healthcare issues. Northstar also released a new online learning module for Microsoft Excel, to accompany the assessment for Excel.

Statewide Content Collection

The current agreement for the databases shared with INFOhio and OhioLINK (i.e., the statewide databases that are not genealogy resources or LinkedIn Learning) ends in just over a year. Work has already begun to plan for the next five year cycle, as the partners have met to discuss the "Intent to Negotiate" (more flexible than an RFP) and set the timeline. Public library interests will be represented by a subcommittee of OPLIN's Content Advisory Committee: Anne Wachs (Washington-Centerville), Francie Labriola (Akron), Sara Churchill (Youngstown), Tamar Kreke (Greene County), and Renee Hopper (Defiance).

Sanborn Maps Enhancement

We added a small but useful feature to OPLIN's interface to the Sanborn Map collection: a link to full-color, high resolution scans created by Kent State University. We used to think that we'd have to manually replace, image by image, the low resolution scans that OPLIN licensed more than 20 years ago with new, color scans, but KSU was so systematic with their linking scheme that we could predict, with over 95% accuracy, the location of their improved image collections.

SOCC Co-Location Space

OPLIN's space in the state's Tier III data center where libraries can house servers and network equipment is nearly full, so the OPLIN Board approved an expansion. The cost is much lower than comparable commercial data center housing, and any equipment that serves more than one library (such as consortium servers) can be located, for free, in the same secure, reliable space that houses OPLIN's equipment.