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Dear Lynda,

I received your letter electronically with a list of questions from several members of the Government Relations Committee. I am sending you a rather lengthy document in answer to these questions.

Please note that I was not solely responsible for providing these answers. I found that some of the information you requested preceded my tenure in the State of Ohio. The history of the LCO databases (specifically the committee membership and process for selection of the core set of electronic resources) was not readily available. I turned to Tom Sanville (OHIOLINK) and Terri Fredericka (INFOhio), both of whom were members of LCO at the time in question, to provide this history.

In addition to the document with the questions and answers, I have also attached four documents which should prove helpful. You will note that three are referenced in the body of my answers to your questions. The fourth attachment is a list of State Library of Ohio Committees and Councils.

I hope that this is helpful to you, the Government Relations Committee members and the Ohio Library Council Board of Directors. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Budler".

Jo Budler
State Librarian

Core databases1. What are the current core databases?

The current “core” databases available are only a subset of the fully defined core set that the Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO) partners (OPLIN, OhioLINK, INFOhio and the State Library) now conceptually refer to as the Ohio Web Library. This was first described by the Libraries Connect partners in 1998 as “a Statewide Core Electronic Collection (SCEC) that will provide the common set of information resources across the state”. The full scope of the Ohio Web Library is outlined in Attachment 1. This document was distributed to the attendees of the Library Partnership Summit on May 21st.

You will note that the Subject Area and Needs columns define the scope. The Potential Candidates column provides examples of database resources that might be considered within each subject area. These represent only a subset of a full, robust Ohio Web Library that can meet the life-long learning needs of Ohio citizens in the 21st century. They are:

Subject1/ Literature/Literary Criticism – Chadwyck-Healey Literature Collection (paid by LSTA grant –payment will be complete after current year, permanently hosted by OhioLINK)

Subject2/ Business/ Economics – Ebsco Business Source Complete (paid annually by LCO (LIBRARIES CONNECT OHIO) partners)

Subject3/ Biography – Oxford American National Biography (paid annually by LSTA grant)

Subject4/ Science/ Math; Subject13/ Technology – McGraw-Hill Access Science (paid annually by LSTA grant)

Subject5/ Geography/Cultures – USGS Ohio Landsat7 satellite images/data (paid annually by OhioLINK, permanently hosted by OhioLINK)

Subject12/ History/ Current Events/ Issues – Newsbank newspaper collection (paid annually by LSTA grant); Ohio Sanborn Insurance Maps collection (payment complete by OPLIN, permanently hosted by OhioLINK)

Subject14/ Arts – Art Collection (paid annually by LSTA grant, hosted by OhioLINK)

Subject16/ Multi-disciplinary - -Ebsco Academic Search Premier and associated secondary databases (paid annually by LCO partners); Oxford Reference Online(paid annually by LSTA grant); E Britannica(paid annually by LSTA grant)

and LCO partner funds)

2. We understand that there is a committee that selects the core databases. Who is on the core database selection committee and what information is used in the selection process?

There is no standing selection committee. There is no ongoing selection of databases.

Committee members are appointed by the networks (INFOhio, OhioLINK, and OPLIN). Here is a short history (provided by Tom Sanville, Executive Director of OHIOLINK) of how the task forces were created from all three library communities and the process which was used to select databases:

In late 2001 the LCO partners issued an RFP to obtain statewide prices on an array of possible databases. We chose to pursue with our own funds only a common vendor for the major aggregation of journals and magazine articles. We formed a task force of 15 – 5 each from public, school, and academic --library community members to assist LCO staff in evaluation of the proposals received. From this process EBSCO was chosen in spring 2002. (As you will note, representation of 5 – 5 – 5 was the intent but not necessarily the outcome!)

Original community content evaluation task force members were:

Schools:

Kathy Halsey, Library Media Specialist, Canal Winchester Local Schools
John Myles, Library Media Specialist, Liberty Center Local Schools
Jennifer Schwelik, Library Media Specialist, Beachwood High School
Sue Subel, Library Media Specialist, Kenston Local School District
Jacquelyn Zimmerman, Library Media Coordinator, Sugarcreek Local Schools

Publics: (met on March 4, 2003)

Sara Eklund Payne, Morley Library
Nina Fried, Cleveland Public Library
Jeff French, Euclid Public Library
Jean Evans, Cuyahoga County Public Library
Laura Moorman, Westerville Public Library
Arlene Radden, Holmes County District Public Library
Linda Higgins, the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library
Pat Lora, Toledo Lucas County Public Library

Higher Ed:

Claire Fohl (Columbus State)
Henry York (Cleveland State)
Frank Wojcik (Kenyon)
Doug Kaylor (Wright State)

Kathy Webb (U Dayton)
Lisa O'Connor (Kent State)
Kent Mulliner (Ohio U)

As a result of the LSTA Advisory Council's discussions of spring 2002 on future uses of LSTA money, there was agreement by the State Library Board to entertain a proposal from Libraries Connect for \$1 million a year in statewide, multi-type database funding over multiple years. If approved this was to begin in July 2003.

In response to this possibility the task force was called back into session to prepare a package of assorted databases to submit for possible LSTA funding. This package would be selected from vendor proposals received to the RFP and later proposal revisions.

It was obvious \$1 million could only fund a demonstration project of the Ohio Web Library (then called the Statewide Core Electronic Information Collection). This amount would not come close to funding a full core database array. Additionally, LSTA could not be considered permanent funding, furthering the notion of a demonstration project on which permanent state funding could be built.

As a demonstration project there were other requirements that developed:

- There needed to be an array of resources across disciplines to attract a variety of interests. Any databases that might have huge prices and singularly consume most or all of the \$1 million would not be considered. An array of lower priced databases across disciplines would be better than one database serving a limited set of interests.
- An array need not include any single highest priority but represent a quality array of core databases. Our selection would be heavily impacted by the relative attractiveness of prices provided. A vendor might have a highly desired database but if priced poorly could not be considered.
- We chose to center our array on K-12 resources but not exclusively. K-12 had the fewest existing resources and would benefit greatly and hopefully respond positively to the demonstration project. There was significant rhetoric in political circles about K-12 statewide equity. The demonstration array would illustrate how libraries can help address this issue. As public libraries also serve K-12, to a great extent this would benefit them as well. Higher Ed would benefit by the overlap with K-12 needs but would be the least important group in our consideration.

As a result of the task force deliberations the marriage of desirable and practical choices provided a multi-disciplinary array serving both school and adult needs: a literature collection, a strong general science encyclopedia, a strong all-purpose encyclopedia, a strong multi-purpose general reference book collection, an art and museum image collection, and a general collection of both in-state and

national newspapers. All these are fundamental components of a complete, robust core collection and demonstrate its diversity. Later, we added a general American biography database and a resource for educational and vocational tests.

The task force was disbanded in 2003 after the initial LSTA commitment was made. In 2006 it was reconstituted with mostly different members with the specific purpose to flesh out in more specificity the range of disciplines and possible database candidates that would encompass a complete Ohio Web Library. Exhibit 1 is the result and was shared at the May summit. No database selections were needed in this process.

Which brings us to the present:

The State Library Board has asked LCO to conduct another RFP (Request for Proposal) before it will grant any additional years of LSTA funding for databases. The State Library Board wants to be sure we have reevaluated our current set and that this is the best value for a continued demonstration set. Since LSTA funds cannot possibly support a full set of databases, ideally the State Library Board would like to see databases move to more permanent state funding as it funds new sets of resources. LCO has indicated to the State Library Board that more time with the current or similar demonstration set will be needed before the possibility of permanent state funding can be fully explored and achieved.

To comply with the State Library Board's request for an RFP a new task force will be formed in fall 2007 from the three communities to evaluate new RFP responses for purposes of recommending to the State Library Board the same or similar set of demonstration resources. As in the past, the State Library will NOT be appointing individuals to this task force but rather will depend on the three networks (INFOhio, OhioLINK, and OPLIN) to appoint members from each of the library communities to the task force.

The annual amount that the State Library Board might be expected to commit probably will not change: \$1.3 M. While the State Library Board has not ruled out the possibility of continuing to support statewide databases with LSTA funding, the Board members have stated repeatedly that they hope LSTA funds will not be the only funding source for the databases and Know It Now after June 30, 2009. The State Library Board members are very willing to work with the library community to obtain additional or alternate funding.

Please note: A secondary benefit of the RFP process will be the receipt of up-to-date prices from a wide variety of vendors. This will provide an opportunity to estimate the funding of larger arrays of databases approaching a full implementation of the Ohio Web Library definition.

3. What is the total annual cost of these databases, and what percentage or dollar amount is the responsibility of the State Library/LSTA, OPLIN, OhioLINK, and INFOhio?

Please see the chart (Attachment 2) for ongoing costs (and payment sources) for the LCO databases from July 2007 through June 2008.

Please note: EB is Encyclopedia Britannica; Newsbank is a source of national newspapers; AMICO is an art collection; Oxford refers to Oxford Reference Online; Access Sc refers to Access Science; Proquest provides Literature Online (this has been purchased; no on-going cost for this); Learn- A-Tex is Learning Express Library practice tests.

4. The State Library currently uses LSTA funds to support a portion of the costs for the core databases. I understand there is an LSTA advisory committee that makes recommendations to the State Library of Ohio Board.

a. Is this correct?

Yes. LSTA Advisory Council membership can be found at <http://www.winslo.state.oh.us/publib/lstaadcm.html>

b. What is the time frame of the current LSTA funding?

The State Library Board has made a commitment of \$1.3 M of LSTA funding to LCO databases through June 30, 2008. A commitment of an additional \$1.3 M of LSTA funding through June 30, 2009 is contingent upon the issue of an RFP for these resources.

c. Is this decision final?

Yes. The State Library Board will not renege on this commitment. In addition, the State Library Board will consider continuing to use LSTA funding for statewide access to a set of electronic resources (databases) but does not believe that LSTA funds can or should continue to be the only funding source for this set of resources after June 30, 2009.

5. When is the State Library of Ohio sending out the RFP for core databases? What is the term of the contract under this RFP?

It is expected that an RFP will be issued by the LCO partners (including the State Library) in the late Fall 2007. The contract will be for a 5 year period.

KnowItNow

1. What is the current funding arrangement for Know-It-Now?

KnowItNow is funded completely with LSTA funding awarded by the State Library. The State Library Board has made a commitment to continue to fund this statewide service through June 30, 2009.

2. What is the operation/administration structure of Know-It-Now?

KnowItNow is operated and administered by Cleveland Public Library (CPL). The After-Dark operation is subcontracted through CPL to the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System (NEO-RLS).

Statewide Resource Sharing (MORE)

1. What is the current operation/administration structure for MORE?

Ohio Libraries Share MORE (OLS MORE) is operated and administered by the State Library of Ohio. The software that is currently being used in this operation is OCLC-PICA, Inc. (formerly Fretwell Downing).

2. What public libraries are currently participating in MORE?

Please see Attachment 3 entitled OLS MORE Public Library participants.

3. What is the current budget for MORE and how is it currently funded?

Funding for OLS MORE is \$528,605 of which \$9,479 is GRF (a portion of the rent) and \$519,126 is LSTA (personnel, software maintenance, technical consulting, and travel).

4. What is the State Library of Ohio plan for making MORE successful, and what is the timeline?

The State Library is currently working with OCLC-PICA, SirsiDynix and a BETA test group of Ohio libraries (primarily CLEVNET and INFOhio) to test the NCIP software. This is still in its development stage. While there is frustration on all sides with the bugs in this product, it is important to note that this is really a “pioneering effort.” Ohio is the first state to attempt to implement NCIP (NISO Circulation Interchange Protocol) – something that we can be proud of (albeit we are also frustrated along the way!).

The State Library’s current plan for making OLS MORE successful is to focus our efforts on implementing a fully functional NCIP protocol. The State Library, CLEVNET, and INFOhio will continue to work closely with the vendors, SirsiDynix and OCLC PICA, to work out the remaining issues surrounding the current development of NCIP with the Unicorn ILS (Integrated Library System). We believe that the completion of this work is not that far off, but it has been ongoing for several months.

Given the complexity of the issues around NCIP, the State Library is also in the process of putting together informal focus groups that could provide information about an alternative direction for the Statewide Resource Sharing project, should that be necessary. We will be gathering input from the library community to help

provide direction. This process could take several months to complete but we will welcome the assistance of OLC in this process.

5. What is the long-term funding commitment to MORE?

The State Library of Ohio is committed to statewide resource sharing and will continue to fund OLS MORE until a replacement is found. Please note: The commitment is not to a particular solution or to particular software but rather to the concept of statewide resource sharing itself.

Libraries Connect Ohio – Ohio Web Library Content Definition Task Force
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Subject Area	Needs	Potential Candidates – Black – Current LCO or LSTA statewide product ; Blue – new. These may be complementary, either/or, or both.	Comments
S1 Lit/Literary Criticism	-Literary multi-resource reference, criticism, full text -Literature collections -full text -audio books	-Chadwyck-Healey Literature Collections -Literary Reference Center (Gale) -Literature Resource Center (EBSCO) -LitFinder (previously Roth) (Gale) -Magill on Literature (EBSCO) -Children's Literature Database -Contemporary Literature criticism -Learning Literature (ProQuest) -Overdrive or similar	Priority for K-12
S2 Business/ Economic s	-Multi-publisher periodicals index/full text -Company Information -Company Directories -Economic Data -Industry/Mkt/Prod Data -Acctg/Taxation	-Business Source Premier (upgrade to Complete) and/or ABI Inform -Reference USA -Hoover -Regional Business Reference News -StatUSA; -DataStream -Global Insight - S&P Industry Surveys -Plunkett Research -RIA; -CCH -Proquest Accounting and Tax database	Priority for publics serving adult population plus H Ed for business schools
S3 Biography	-American & World & Current –live and dead; multicultural	-American Nat'l Biography -Biography Resource Center (Gale) -Who's Who/Who Was Who -Wilson Biographies Plus	Priority for K-12
S4 Science/ Math	-General Science Encyclopedias -More scholarly articles -visual demo teaching tools	-Access Science -Grolier's Book of Pop Science	
S5 Geograph y/Cultures	-World Music -Facts by country, culture/etc. -Maps	-USGS Ohio Satellite images -CultureGrams -Country Watch -Rand McNally -free resources-"CIA Fact Book, map sites	Priority for K-12

		-Lands and Peoples Online	
S6 Legal/Law	-Supreme court decisions -Legal forms -"everyday" law resource	-Nolo -Thomson-Gale Legal Forms -Lexis	
S7 Govern- ment	-Ohio Govt -US Govt -Int'l politics/affairs	-Ohio Capitol Connection and/or Gongwer -SIRS Government -CQ Researcher ABC-Clio Government	H Ed is using Gongwer. OPLIN-OCC
S8 Health /Medical	-Med Encyclopedia(s) -Multi-source consumer health resource -Sports Medicine -Substance Abuse -Drug Information -Social Behaviors -Mental Health	-Consumer Health Complete Ebsco) and/or -Health & Wellness Resource Center (Gale) -Medline/PubMed (free) -PsycINFO -Netwellness -Adam Health Illustrated Encyclopedia	
S9 Careers/ Prof Dev	-Online tests -Career information system	-Ohio Career Information System (OCIS) -Ferguson's Career Guidance Center -Study Island -Learning Express Library, Study Island or similar -Testing & Education Resource Center (Gale) -Peterson's	
S10 Genealog y	-Census, family and local history, immigration, African- Am -Obituaries -Military records	-HeritageQuest -America's Genealogy Bank (NewsBank) -America's Obituaries and Death Notices (NewsBank) -Ancestry Library Edition	Very important, primary resources for PLs.
S11 Research Tools	-Bibliography mgt systems -Plagiarism detection -Web site federation with pre-evaluation -Online Reference Help (general, medical, legal, etc.)	- NoodleBib - Noodle Tools -Turn it in.com - Web feet. Meta Lib or similar - nettrekker -RefWorks	Priority for K- 12
S12 History/	-Newspapers current-local,	-Newsbank -Ohio Sanborn Insurance Maps collection	Current events a Priority for K-

Current Events/ Issues	national, world -Newspaper archives -Primary source materials (multiple formats) -History timeline resource	-SIRS Decade - US History Resource Center (Gale) - Facts on File (World News Digest) -Nexis -AP Photo Archive (Accunet) -America's News Magazines -ABC-Clio History -Nexis	12
S13 Technology	-IT current manuals, self-help books -Auto repair -Online common software or hardware tutorials -DIY manuals/tutorials	-Safari IT Books and/or Books 24x7 -Auto Repair Reference Center (EBSCO) -ALLDATA -Access Science	
S14 Arts	-Art Images -Art Reference -Music Reference -Music –World & Popular	-Art Collection and/or -ArtSTOR -Smithsonian Folkways Collection -Institution supplied digitized materials (free) -Groves Art and Music dictionaries	
S15 Foreign Language	-ESL resources -FL instruction resources – dictionaries, tutorials	-Institutionally supplied FL instructional videos -Rosetta Stone	
S16 Multi-disciplinary	-Multi-publisher periodicals index/full text -General Encyclopedia -For Lang Encyclopedia -Collections of topical encl, dict, videos, etc. -Statistical data	-EbscoHOST, Gale or Proquest -Oxford Reference Online -E Britannica and/or World book, Grolier - Student Resource Center Gold (Gale) - SIRS Researcher - United Streaming -OED -WorldCat	Various resources important priorities for all three groups
S17 Consumer Advice	-Product evaluations -Personal Finances -Collectibles pricing	-Morningstar -NetAdvantage -Pricelt! (for collectors) -Weiss Ratings	Public priority
S18 Social Sciences	- Controversies/Issues (multi vendors)	-ERIC Online -Opposing Viewpoints	Priority for K-12

Payments for LCO Databases

PAYMENTS DUE TO VENDOR BY END OF:						
		july	sept	jan	April	
Ebsco	OhioLINK	\$996,820				\$996,820
F08	INFOhio	\$77,150	\$77,150	\$77,150	\$77,150	\$308,598
	OPLIN	\$597,291		\$597,291		\$1,194,582
Shares		\$1,671,260	\$77,150	\$674,441	\$77,150	\$2,500,000
Payments to Ebsco		\$1,669,822	\$78,588	\$673,003	\$78,588	\$2,500,000
EB	OhioLINK					
F08	INFOhio	\$48,581	\$48,581	\$48,581	\$48,581	\$194,324
	OPLIN		\$95,586	\$35,714		\$131,300
	LSTA		\$125,216			\$125,216
		\$48,581	\$269,383	\$84,295	\$48,581	\$450,840
		10.78%	59.75%	18.70%	10.78%	100.00%
Newsbank	OhioLINK					
F08	INFOhio					
	OPLIN					
	LSTA		\$309,000			\$309,000
		\$0	\$309,000	\$0	\$0	\$309,000
AMICO	OhioLINK					
F08	INFOhio					
	OPLIN					
	LSTA		\$70,000			\$70,000
		\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$70,000
Oxford	OhioLINK					
F07	INFOhio		\$11,025			\$11,025
	OPLIN					
	LSTA		\$137,008			\$137,008
		\$0	\$148,033	\$0	\$0	\$148,033
Access Sc	OhioLINK					
F07	INFOhio					
	OPLIN					
	LSTA		\$265,506			\$265,506
		\$0	\$265,506	\$0	\$0	\$265,506
Proquest -C	OhioLINK					
F08	INFOhio					
	OPLIN					
	LSTA		\$125,000			\$125,000
		\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
Learn-A-Tex	OhioLINK					
F07	INFOhio					\$0
	OPLIN					
	LSTA		\$350,000			\$350,000
		\$0	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$350,000
Total LSTA	OhioLINK	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
F07	INFOhio	\$48,581	\$59,606	\$48,581	\$48,581	\$205,349
	OPLIN	\$0	\$95,586	\$35,714	\$0	\$131,300
	LSTA	\$0	\$1,381,730	\$0	\$0	\$1,381,730
		\$48,581	\$1,536,922	\$84,295	\$48,581	\$1,718,379
LSTA plus	OhioLINK	\$996,820	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$996,820
EBSCO	INFOhio	\$125,731	\$136,756	\$125,731	\$125,731	\$513,947
	OPLIN	\$597,291	\$95,586	\$633,005	\$0	\$1,325,882
	LSTA	\$0	\$1,381,730	\$0	\$0	\$1,381,730
		\$1,719,841	\$1,614,072	\$758,735	\$125,731	\$4,218,379

Ohio Libraries Share: MORE
Public Library participants

1. Alexandria Public Library
2. Archbold Community Library
3. Ashland Public Library
4. Ashtabula County District Library
5. Auglaize County Public District Library
6. Barberton Public Library
7. Bluffton Public Library
8. Bossard Memorial Library of Gallia County
9. Bradford Public Library
10. Brumback Library
11. Carnegie Public Library - East Liverpool
12. Champaign County Public Library
13. Clark County Public Library (Springfield)
14. Clermont County Public Library
15. Cleveland Public Library
16. Cleveland Heights University Heights Library
17. Columbiana Public Library
18. Conneaut Public Library
19. Dayton Metro Library
20. Delta Public Library
21. Delphos Public Library
22. East Cleveland Public Library
23. East Palestine Public Library
24. Elyria Public Library
25. Fairfield County District Library
26. Geauga County Public Library
27. Geneva Public Library
28. Germantown Public Library
29. Girard Free Library
30. Grand Valley Public Library
31. Grandview Heights Public library
32. Granville Public Library
33. Greenville Public Library
34. Harbor-Topky Memorial Library
35. Henderson Memorial Library
36. Herrick Memorial Library
37. Hubbard Public Library
38. Huron Public Library
39. Hurt/Battelle Public Library
40. Kaubisch Memorial Public Library
41. Kingsville Public Library
42. Kinsman Free Public Library
43. Lane Public Library

Ohio Libraries Share: MORE
Public Library participants

44. Leetonia Public Library
45. Logan County District Library
46. Logan Hocking Public Library
47. Mansfield/Richland County Public Library
48. Marysville Public Library
49. McComb Public Library
50. McKinley Memorial Library
51. Meigs County District Library
52. Mentor Public Library
53. Morley Library
54. Muskingum County Public Library
55. Nelsonville Public Library
56. New London Public Library
57. New Madison Public Library
58. Newark Public Library System
59. Newton Falls Public Library
60. Norwalk Public Library
61. Paulding Public Library
62. Pickaway County District Library
63. Pickerington Public Library
64. Plain City Public Library
65. Preble County District Library
66. Putnam County District Library
67. Rock Creek Public Library
68. Rocky River Public Library
69. Salem Public Library
70. Salem Township Public Library
71. State Library of Ohio
72. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library
73. Swanton Public Library
74. Tiffin-Seneca Public Library
75. Troy-Miami County Public Library
76. Upper Arlington Public Library
77. Wickliffe Public Library
78. Wilmington Public Library
79. Worch Memorial Library
80. Wornstaff Memorial Public Library
81. Wright Memorial Public Library

State Library of Ohio Committees and Councils

Currently the State Library of Ohio has in place six groups which advise State Library staff on program and policy matters related to specific programs and/or projects. Each advisory committee or council has a specific charge and is representative of the community served or impacted by the program.

These bodies are:

- Consumer Advisory Committee
- E-Book Advisory Council
- LSTA Advisory Council
- Statewide Resource Sharing Commission
- Statistical Advisory Committee
- Virtual Reference Advisory Committee

The charge for each committee or council follows, along with a list of current members.

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)

Charge:

- To help promote the Talking Book Program
- To provide suggestions for the various consumer committees operating at the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)
- To advise the State Library of Ohio on legislation and local issues affecting the statewide program.

Current Members:

- Barbara Mates, Director, Cleveland Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (ex-officio)
- Cheryl Blevins, Nelsonville Public Library, The Plains Branch
- Donna Foust, Director, Cincinnati Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (ex-officio)
- George Barnes, Consumer Representative
- Irwin Hott, Consumer Representative
- James Donnan, Consumer Representative
- Jim Buchman, Head of Patron & Catalog Services, State Library of Ohio
- Joel Husentis, Agency Representative for OPLIN
- Katherine Kadish, Consumer Representative
- Ken Campbell, ADA-Ohio
- Mark Foersterling, Consumer Representative
- Michael Southern, University of Cincinnati
- Mona Pocatko, Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County
- None, Agency Representative for Department of Aging
- None, Agency Representative for Rehab Services Commission
- Robin Finley, Ohio State School for the Blind
- Sandy Turner, Agency Representative for ETECH
- Shelbi Johnson, National Federation of the Blind of Ohio
- Vacant, Blinded Veterans Association, Ohio Regional Group

E-Book Advisory Council

Charge:

- To advise and counsel the State Library of Ohio on the implementation, development and evaluation of the Ohio eBook Project.

Current Members:

- Bruce Landis, Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library
- Chip Kruthoffer, Lane Public Library
- Deb Malecha, Delaware County District Library
- Donna Waldorf, Geauga County Public Library
- Greg Burlingame, Stark County District Library
- Margaret Peters, Wright Memorial Public Library
- Morgan Paul, Ashtabula County District Library
- Rebecca Felkner, State Library of Ohio (ex-officio)
- Sally Kramer, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
- Susan Vancavage, North Canton Public Library
- Tracy Varner, Milford Exempted Village Schools
- Vi Yarman, Public Library of Mt. Vernon and Knox County

LSTA Advisory Council

Charge:

- To advise and counsel the State Library on matters related to the development, implementation, and evaluation of the LSTA program for Ohio.
- To review the Long-Range Plan for the Ohio LSTA Program; advise the State Library concerning policy matters relating to the LSTA Program; assist the State Library in determining state-wide programmatic needs, and priorities and review grant proposals.

Current Members:

- Joseph Branin, Director of Libraries, The Ohio State University Libraries
- James Crawford, Director, Ida Rupp Public Library
- Stephen Foster, University Librarian, Wright State University
- Kathy Fredrick, Library Media Specialist, Shaker Heights City Schools
- Glen Horton, Technology Coordinator, SouthWest Ohio and Neighboring Libraries
- Roger Minier, Director, Northwest Ohio Educational Technology Foundation
- Kent Oliver, Executive Director, Stark County District Library
- Cherie Pandora, Coordinator of Media Education, K-12, Rocky River High School
- Arlene Radden, Director, Holmes County District Public Library
- Mary Stansbury, Ph.D, School of Library and Information Science, Kent State University
- Lois Szudy, Director Courtright Memorial Library, Otterbein College
- Michael Wantz, Director, Perry County District Library
- Stephen Wood, Director, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library
- Theresa M. Fredericka, INFOhio (ex-officio)
- Tom Sanville, OhioLINK, (ex-officio)
- Stephen Hedges, OPLIN (ex-officio)
- Jo Budler, State Librarian, State Library of Ohio
- Roger Verny, Deputy State Librarian, State Library of Ohio
- Missy Lodge, Head, Library Programs & Development, State Library of Ohio
- Lisa Hickle, LSTA Fiscal Coordinator, State Library of Ohio

Statewide Resource Sharing Commission (SWRS)

Charge:

- To investigate how best to construct a robust multi-type resource sharing system that encourages the sharing of both virtual and physical resources.

Current Members:

- Angela Thomas, State Resource Sharing Project Manger, State Library of Ohio (ex-officio)
- Anita Cook, Director of Library Systems, OhioLINK
- Bob Carterette, Head of Automation Services, CLEVNET
- Bruce Hawkins, Director, Management Council of the Ohio Education Computer Network (MCOECN)
- David Namiotka, Chief Information Officer, State Library of Ohio (ex-officio)
- Glenda Thornton, Library Director, Cleveland State University
- Greg Byerly, Kent State University, School of Library and Information Science
- Holly Carroll, Deputy Director, Cleveland Public Library
- Jean Banks, INFOhio Liaison, Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC)
- Jim Layden, Director, Library Services, Ohio Dominican University
- Jim Wilkins, Director, Bucyrus Public Library
- Jo Budler, State Librarian, State Library of Ohio
- Joanna Hart McNally, Assistant Director, Lakeshore Northeast Ohio Computer Association (LNOCA)
- Kathy O’Gorman, Library Director, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
- Meribah Mansfield, Director, Worthington Libraries
- Roger Verny, Deputy State Librarian, State Library of Ohio (ex-officio)
- Stephen Hedges, Executive Director, OPLIN
- Terri Fredericka, Executive Director, INFOhio
- Tom Sanville, Executive Director, OhioLINK
- Travis Bautz, Manager of Adult Services, Dayton Metro Library
- Vacant, Director, SEO Regional Library Center

Statewide Resource Sharing Task Forces

Management Task Force

Charge: Governance, policy making and funding

Delivery Task Force

Charge: All aspects of delivery of physical material

Environmental Scan Task Force

Charge: Identify the current state and salient issues of resource sharing

Electronic Resources Task Force

Charge: Examine how we currently share electronic resources (including databases, digitized materials and e-books) and suggest more efficient and cost-effective models

Brokering Task Force

Charge: Address how we achieve communication across integrated library systems

Statistical Advisory Committee

Charge:

- Review the data elements collected in the Annual Report and make recommendations concerning additions and deletions of data elements.
- Recommend reports, charts, and tables of interest to the public library community to be published annually reporting the collected data.
- Make recommendations concerning training for the library community in reporting and/or using the statistics.
- Investigate the feasibility and desirability of using a Geographical Information System (GIS) to display the library data.

Current Members:

- Chauncey Montgomery, Director/Clerk Treasurer, Community Library in Sunbury, Ohio
- Chris Taylor, Strategic Projects Director, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Clyde Scoles, Director, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library
- Cynthia Klink, Director, Washington-Centerville Public Library
- Dr. Rick Rubin, Director, Kent State School of Library and Information Science
- Kelly Kroll, Clerk-Treasurer, Akron-Summit County Public Library
- Ken Cromer, Director, Lorain Public Library System
- Lisa Hickle, Data Coordinator, State Library of Ohio
- Roger Verny, Deputy State Librarian, State Library of Ohio
- Vacant, OPLIN representative

Virtual Reference Advisory Committee (VRAC)

NOTE: Due to the change in the administering of the KnowItNow project, the need and function of this Committee is currently under review.

Charge:

- Make recommendations that will improve or expand the virtual reference services offered to Ohio residents.
- Make recommendations concerning the long-term funding of the service.

Current Members:

- Cynthia DuChane, Project Coordinator, INFOhio
- Elaine Paulette, Director, Wood County Public Library
- Holly Carroll, Cleveland Public Library
- Jeffrey Regensburger, Reference Supervisor, Worthington Libraries
- Jennifer Schwelik, Library Media Specialist, Beachwood High School
- Kelly Broughton, Interim Associate Dean for IT, Bowling Green State University
- Maria Armitage, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Missy Lodge, State Library of Ohio
- Robert Garland, Library Director, Mount Union College
- Roger Verny, State Library of Ohio
- Sari Feldman, Executive Director, Cuyahoga County Public Library
- Sue Subel, Library Media Specialist, Kenston High School
- Travis Bautz, Manager of Adult Services, Dayton Metro Library
- Vacant, Executive Director, NEO Regional Library System
- Vacant, OPLIN representative

The State Library of Ohio also has in place two other groups.

Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO)

Purpose: Partnership of Ohio library organizations that are working together to build and provide a core collection of information resources and library services for all Ohioans. House Bill 119 includes budget language for the State Library Board that states "The Ohio Public Library Information Network, INFOhio, and OhioLINK shall, to the extent feasible, coordinate and cooperate in their purchase or other acquisition of the use of electronic databases for their respective users and shall contribute funds in an equitable manner to such effort."

Current members:

- Jo Budler, State Library of Ohio
- Stephen Hedges, Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN)
- Terri Fredericka, INFOhio
- Tom Sanville, OhioLINK

Libraries Connect Ohio Plus (LCO+)

Purpose: Allow communication between the ever-changing membership organizations.

Current members:

- Doug Evans, Ohio Library Council (OLC)
- Doug Morrison, Ohio Council of Library Information Service Organizations (OCLIS)
- Greg Byerly, Kent State University School of Library and Information Science (KSU-SLIS)
- Jo Budler, State Library of Ohio
- Marcia Krautter Suter, Ohio Council of Library Information Service Organizations (OCLIS)
- Michael Butler, OHIONET
- Regional Library Systems representative
- Roger Verny, State Library of Ohio
- Stephen Hedges, Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN)
- Sue Rahn, Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA)
- Susan Scott, Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO)
- Terri Fredericka, INFOhio
- Tom Sanville, OhioLINK
- Vicky Schmarr, Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA)