The NEWS

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2009 Year in Review

State Librarian's Report

The year 2009 was filled with many exciting opportunities, accomplishments, and challenges at the State Library. It's natural for most of us to focus on budget reductions, day-to-day management strategies, and future plans for our libraries and library organizations. While good stewardship requires us to focus on these issues, I find that it is also important and rewarding to reflect on the why, how, and what we have accomplished. This issue of *The News* includes articles highlighting budget information, new and continuing programs and services, partnerships, and initiatives at the State Library of Ohio. *More...*

Budget

In February of this year, Governor Strickland unveiled the Executive budget proposal for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. In his proposal, the State Library's main operating budget in GRF and the budget for the Regional Library Systems were recommended to be funded at 90% levels. *More...*

WebJunction Ohio reached its one year anniversary this summer and we now have over 1800 affiliated members. In partnership with WebJunction, the Ohio site continues to grow with up-to-date content in areas such as Ohio's LSTA, E-Rate, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware Grants. *More...*

Talking Books

In August 2009, following years of planning and development, the National Library Service (NLS) started the transition from talking book analog tape machines to digital talking book player machines. The new machine has a USB port and uses flash drives in specialized cartridges that are easy to handle and have enough surface space for print and Braille labels. *More...*

Other news & updates from the State Library

* December issue of *News You Can Use* for State Employees.
* New Books
* Recent Press Releases
* BlogJunction Ohio

Serving Every Ohioan (SEO)

As part of an evaluation process, the Open Source ILS software, Evergreen, has been installed at the SEO Library Center. Hardware was purchased and installed with ¼ of the SEO Consortium bibliographic data being migrated for the test database. The migration and support services have been provided by Equinox Software, Inc. *More...*

Find Help in Tough Times

Find Help in Tough Times launched in June, 2009 as a one-stop for information and resources to assist Ohio residents in finding help during these difficult economic times. *More...*

KnowItNow24x7

At their May 2009 meeting, the State Library of Ohio Board unanimously approved an Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS) Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant that makes KnowItNow24x7 (KIN24x7) possible. In September, the service celebrated its fifth anniversary of providing statewide virtual reference service. *More...*

Ohio Memory Project

On March 2, 2009, the State Library of Ohio and the Ohio Historical Society launched the next generation of Ohio Memory after nearly a year of planning and effort by staff from both organizations. Ohio Memory contains 75,000 images contributed by 330 libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies, and documents Ohio's past from prehistory to present. *More...*

Spotlight on WJOH Courses: Video

More and more libraries are making and sharing video to share with patrons and staff. From tutorials and tours to welcome messages and archived programs, using video cameras and creating linkable video content is now something most anyone can do. *More...*