

# SHOWCASE

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*Celebrate!*

## INFOhio's 2000<sup>th</sup> Building Celebration

INFOhio has helped automate more than 2,180 Ohio schools, providing online access to building and district holdings to assist more than one million students and teachers in using their expensive print and non-print collections. More than 450 Ohio school districts have at least one participating building. Federal Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funding has helped more than 1,000 schools lower local automation costs. Another INFOhio automation project serves Area Media Centers and Special Education Regional Resource Centers, making their collections of state- and federally-funded materials easier to locate and support instruction.

INFOhio provides 13 electronic resources at no cost to every Ohio K-12 student and teacher, at school and at home, at any Internet-connected computer. This *Core Collection of Electronic Resources* is educator-selected and supports all grade levels and subject areas, and includes hundreds of professional journals that meet teacher needs. By working with the State Library of Ohio and other Ohio library networks, INFOhio provides these resources for 45 cents per student this year; if purchased by individual buildings at list price, the cost would be well over \$50.00 per student. INFOhio supports these resources with teaching materials and in-service training.

INFOhio accomplishes its mission to Ohio students and educators with “Three Es”:

- Effectiveness – INFOhio is administered by experienced library media professionals receiving guidance from a broad base of educators who help inform their students and colleagues about INFOhio’s resources and services throughout Ohio in a timely manner. The INFOhio Web site links to resources and services for statewide access.
- Efficiency – INFOhio makes use of existing agencies, networks, and infrastructure to provide services that are fundamental to 21<sup>st</sup> Century education. Providing services statewide affords the lowest possible costs.
- Equity – INFOhio supports the instruction of **all** Ohio K-12 students, in public and private institutions.

The 23 Data Acquisition Sites (DASites) of the Ohio Education Computer Network provide critical, statewide network infrastructure for INFOhio and other K-12 services. DASite staff maintains central servers for INFOhio’s library automation program, allowing building library media staff more time to use with students and teachers and less time devoted to technical tasks. DASites play a role in the delivery of INFOhio’s Core Collection of Electronic Resources and assist their customers with training and technical support.

What’s happenin’ on September 17<sup>th</sup>? Keep reading to find out !

From: Theresa M. Fredericka,  
Executive Director INFOhio  
The Information Network for Ohio Schools

**RE: KnowItNow 24x7**

The State Library is very pleased to announce that, utilizing LSTA funds, the statewide 'KnowItNow 24x7' virtual reference service will be launched on *September 7th*. Ohio has long been recognized for the excellent library service offered to its 11 million residents. How exciting now to offer this enhanced service: bringing the expertise of reference librarians into people's homes, schools, and businesses 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

I believe that KnowItNow 24x7 with its 'HomeworkNow' and 'ReadThisNow' will be of special interest to Ohio students, especially 'HomeworkNow' with its online tutors from 2 to 10 p.m. seven days a week. We hope that you will help publicize this service by telling your community of students, parents and teachers about it. It is also very important to us to know what difference this is making to our residents and so we hope that you will also help us by gathering stories of how your students use this service. We will use these stories in our evaluation of the service.

Our 'KnowItNow 24x7' partners - CLEVNET, the NOLA Regional Library System, and Cuyahoga County Public Library - have been busy managing all the behind-the-scenes tasks that will result in the primary launch on Tuesday, September 7th. This event will take place in the Columbus area. Seven other media markets have been identified for launch events and it is our hope that libraries around the state will conduct launches in their communities so we can get the word out to each and every resident.

If you have questions about this service, please contact Madeline Brookshire, Marketing Director, Cuyahoga County Public Library at 216-749-9496 or via email at [marketing@knowitnow.org](mailto:marketing@knowitnow.org)

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,  
Jo Budler  
State Librarian of Ohio

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# Meet your Wave 1 SIRSI Libraries



**Eastwood Schools**



**HURON CITY SCHOOLS**  
712 CLEVELAND ROAD EAST  
HURON, OHIO 44839  
419 433-2911  
*Excellence In Education*



**New Riegel Local Schools**

**Norwalk City Schools**



**ST. WENDELIN**  
Catholic Community



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## **BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS REQUIRED BEFORE A LIBRARY STAFF PERSON CAN BEGIN SIRSI K-12 TRAINING:**

- \*USE A MOUSE(LEFT/RGT. BUTTONS)
- \*ACCESS THE INTERNET
- \*BASIC EDITING—CUT, COPY, PASTE, UNDO, REDO
- \*MOVE BETWEEN WINDOWS & AROUND SCREEN USING THE TASK BAR AND KEYBOARD (ALT+TAB)
- \*FILL IN FORMS
- \*HIGHLIGHT TEXT SELECTION
- \*USE START BUTTON TO LOCATE PROGRAMS
- \*OPEN MULTIPLE WINDOWS/IDENTIFY AN ACTIVE WINDOW
- \*MAXIMIZE, MINIMIZE, CLOSE WINDOWS
- \*USE TOOLBARS; ICONS; PULL-DOWN MENUS; LISTS



Lisa and Chris will begin their SIRSI Training in October, 2004, spending one week per month at INFOhio until February, 2005.

Wave 1 Libraries can expect to be transitioned into SIRSI during this timeframe.

During this training phase, it will be necessary for both Chris and Lisa to attend these important trainings, thus leaving the Office unattended. However, operations will be remotely monitored while email & calls will be answered before and after training sessions and during breaks. We ask for your patience during this time as we may be unable to respond as quickly as usual. As always, communications will be top-notch & notification will be made to all libraries prior to training departure.

INFOhio **Easy Search** HELP GO TO CAT JR. LOG OFF MY ACCT

**CAT** EASY ADVANCED MORE LIBRARIES READING PROGRAMS VISUAL SEARCH

Search For:

Clear Text Previous Next

Select a search type.

- All fields** Example: dinosaurs [For more help...](#)
- Author** Example: Twain, Mark. (Last name, first.) or Mark Twain (Firstname, first.) [For more help...](#)
- Title** Example: gone wind (will find "Gone with the wind.") [For more help...](#)
- Subject** Example: dragons. [For more help...](#)
- Series** Example: Nancy Drew. [For more help...](#)

**LOOK**  
at the NEW FEATURES available to your school when you transition to SIRSI !!

## Libraries And Schools To Receive CDs From Lawsuit Settlement

June 22, 2004

COLUMBUS - Attorney General Jim Petro today announced the distribution of more than 222,000 compact discs to Ohio public schools, state universities and libraries as the result of a lawsuit settlement with recording companies.

"I am pleased that our schools and libraries will benefit from this settlement," Petro said. "Moreover, music lovers will now be able to purchase CDs at competitive prices." The CDs will be sent out in early July. More than 165,000 CDs will be distributed to Ohio's public libraries. Public school districts will get more than 53,000 CDs and state universities will receive 3,690. The number of CDs school districts and universities will receive will depend on enrollment, and the number libraries receive will be determined by circulation. Approximately 5.6 million CDs will be distributed throughout the nation.

A lawsuit was filed by Ohio and 42 other states alleging that recording companies attempted to fix CD prices in order to stop competition from discount stores. The settlement generated \$67.3 million in cash and \$75.7 million worth of CDs for our nation's schools and libraries. Consumers who purchased CDs between 1995 and 2000 were given the opportunity to apply for cash reimbursements online. At least 3.5 million people applied, and in April 2004, each consumer who filed a valid claim was sent check for \$13.86. The claim administrator, Rust Consulting in Faribault, Minn. will determine the final amount and content of each shipment to schools, universities and libraries.

[Distribution of Compact Discs for Public Libraries](#)

[Distribution of Compact Discs for School Districts and State Colleges](#)

**For Additional Information on this Press Release:**

**CONTACT:** Michelle Gatchell, Attorney General's Office, at (614) 466-3840

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**It's happenin' on** **SEPTEMBER 17TH**

**INFOHIO / NOECA Library Services User Group Meeting**

Mark your calendars and [register online](#) today.

Forget how to use the online registration system?

**CLICK HERE!**

to view the training video

<http://www.noeca.net/INFOhio/Videos/regist-1.htm>