The Ohio Digital Resource Commons
The Premier Place to Save, Discover and Share Ohio’s Scholarly Knowledge

Imagine designing the ultimate tool for saving, discovering and sharing the wealth of research, historic, instructional and creative materials produced by Ohio’s scholarly communities. First, you would need to create a platform robust enough to host and support institutional repositories, peer review e-journals, electronic theses and dissertations and learning objects. It would require virtually endless amounts of storage and the ability to accommodate information in any format. The tool would also need very granular access layers to control access to each byte of content. Ideally, this tool would be available to all OhioLINK member universities, colleges and two-year colleges at no charge.

This tool is not just a dream. It’s called the Ohio Digital Resource Commons (DRC) and OhioLINK is building it.

The DRC will improve the quality of instruction and research statewide by providing a common point of access to Ohio’s scholarly knowledge.

The DRC is an outgrowth of OhioLINK’s Digital Media Center (DMC) and will include all the commercial and member-contributed content currently available in the DMC. Once fully implemented, the DRC will also provide all the capabilities and features previously listed.

The Digital Resource Commons eliminates the need for redundant and costly local investments by enabling Ohio colleges and universities to utilize OhioLINK’s hardware, software and staff to create their own repositories. The individual repositories appear to end users as if they were hosted on the institutions’ own servers, yet users can quickly discover any and all content available in the entire statewide repository. Institutions utilizing the DRC retain complete control to define how content is added, displayed and shared. Contributors can even specify colors, logos and other branding elements for their repository. The DRC also makes content submission easy; content can be added online directly by contributors.

Supporting K-12 Teaching and Learning Via the DRC

Through the Digital Media Center, OhioLINK provides the K-12 community and all Ohio public library cardholders with access to 54,000 art & architecture images and 39,700 historic Sanborn Fire Insurance maps. OhioLINK also furnishes streaming video support and server space for digital videos that are available to the entire K-12 community via INFOhio. In addition, OhioLINK delivers free, worldwide access to 18 digital media databases, which offer a wide variety of content from historic documents, to foreign language videos, to satellite images of Ohio.

The Ohio Digital Resource Commons (DRC) provides even more opportunities for continued collaboration between OhioLINK and Ohio’s K-12 community. The use of a central system, expert staff and disk space to save, discover and share learning objects, available commercial content and other curriculum materials would be beneficial to Ohio’s K-12 community. Through a single investment in the DRC, the K-12 community and other Ohio institutions can utilize and benefit from the ultimate statewide repository of educational, research, historic and government information, thus eliminating the need for duplicative and costly local expenditures.

Imagine the possibilities and benefits the DRC could bring to Ohio K-12 education:

- Learning objects, including text, images and videos created by faculty and teachers would be easily accessible to educators and students statewide.
- All schools would have access to local, state-of-the-art institutional and learning object repository capabilities, which many schools would not have the finances or expertise to provide otherwise.

Quick Search @ OhioLINK, a new search tool that helps researchers, especially students, stop searching and start finding the information they seek launched in February. Quick Search @ OhioLINK provides simple, Google-like searching with reliable, library-quality results that are appropriate for both class and research. This search tool helps students save time by letting them search multiple resources simultaneously and receive results in a unified display. Students can conduct a Quick Search to find resources in a specific subject or discipline or use the Multi-Database Search option to customize their search.

Quick Search is specifically designed to help students who are working on a class assignment and don’t really know where to begin, are looking quickly for a few articles and don’t need the most scholarly or complete results, and/or are used to searching Google.

Stop Searching and Start Finding with Quick Search
OhioLINK: The Only Affordable Approach to Expanded Information Access

Putting Funds to Work: Growth In Services Provided Versus Growth in Appropriations

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Where Do OhioLINK Expenses Go?

- Content & Content Delivery
- Central Site Technical Infrastructure
- Staff/Administration

- Combined OhioLINK Capital & Operating Appropriations

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Conducting a Quick Search is as simple as going to http://www.ohioeducationlibrary.org/quick_search where a subject and clicking go to start retrieving results. Advanced researchers who need the most comprehensive and authoritative results are better served by using the specialized databases in their field. Only a specialized database interface can provide sophisticated tools such as a thesaurus, proximity operators, specialized limits and complex export options. Contact your library for more assistance with Quick Search @ OhioLINK or any other research questions. Or try Chat with a Librarian at http://chat.ohiolink.edu to talk to an OhioLINK librarian online, in real time.

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- Students could create ePortfolios and store their learning objects in the DRC to document their educational record beginning in high school and build upon them throughout their college career and beyond.
- High school teachers could utilize open source college textbooks.
OhioLINK Update

The OhioLINK Update, published semiannually, provides information on developments of the Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK). OhioLINK is a consortium of Ohio's college and university libraries and the State Library of Ohio. OhioLINK serves more than 600,000 students, faculty, staff and other researchers at 85 institutions.

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OhioLINK Member and Participating Institutions with Installation Dates

Antioch College, 1991
Ashland University, 1999
The Athens of Ohio, 1999
Baldwin-Wallace College, 1999
Belmont Technical College, 1993
Bluffton University, 1999
Bowling Green State University, 1992
Capital University, 1996
Case Western Reserve University, 1992
Cedarville University, 1996
Central Ohio Technical College, 1994
Central State University, 1992
Cincinnati Christian University, 1999
Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, 1995
Clark State Community College, 1995
The Cleveland Clinic, 2002
Cleveland State University, 1994
College of Mount St. Joseph, 1996
The College of Wooster, 1996
Columbus College of Art & Design, 2000
Columbus State Community College, 1994
Cuyahoga Community College, 1994
Defiance College, 1999
Denison University, 1996
Edison Community College, 1995
Franciscan University of Steubenville, 1999
Franklin University, 1999
Heidelberg College, 1999
Hiram College, 1997
Hocking College, 1995
Jefferson Community College, 1995
John Carroll University, 1998
Kent State University, 1994
Kenyon College, 1996
Lakeland Community College, 1995
Lorain County Community College, 1995
Lourdes College, 2002
Malone College, 1999
Marietta College, 1959
Marion Technical College, 1994
Medical University of Ohio, Toledo, 1993
Mercy College of Northwest Ohio, 2004
Miami University, 1912
Mount Carmel College of Nursing, 1999
Mount Union College, 1999
Mount Vernon Nazarene University, 1996
Muskingum College, 1999
Myers University, 2002
North Central State College, 1994
Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, 1993
Northwest State Community College, 1996
Notre Dame College, 1999
Ohio College, 1995
Ohio Dominican University, 1997
Ohio Northern University, 1995
The Ohio State University, 1994
Ohio University, 1994
Ohio Wesleyan University, 1996
Otterbein College, 1999
Owens Community College, 1995
Rhodes State College, 1994
Shawnee State University, 1994
Sinclair Community College, 1994
Southern State Community College, 1994
Sulk State College of Technology, 1994
Stryker Library of Ohio, 1994
Terra Community College, 1995
Tiffin University, 1999
University of Akron, 1993
Univeristy of Cincinnati, 1992
University of Dayton, 1994
University of Findlay, 1999
University of Rio Grande & RGCC, 1995
University of Toledo, 1994
Urbana University, 2000
Utica College, 1997
Walsh University, 2004
Washington State Community College, 1996
Wittenberg University, 1999
William College, 1999
Wittenberg University, 1997
Wright State University, 1992
Xavier University, 1996
Youngstown State University, 1993
Zane State College, 1994