

# The OPLIN Circuit

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### Cybersecurity Planning Resources

**Ohio Revised Code 9.64 requires public libraries to adopt a cybersecurity plan by July 2026.** If your library is starting from scratch or reviewing a plan to ensure compliance, these resources can help:

- Watch OPLIN's webinar [Security Planning from Scratch](#) for a library-focused introduction to the new requirements, cybersecurity concepts, and tools to assist.
- Document your library's critical business data, and make secure backups of your data, credentials, and contacts. ([Slides 21-27](#) suggest what to document.)
- Request the Ohio Cyber Reserve's [Ready-Made Security Program](#) for a short starter template.
- Use a Cybersecurity Framework to organize your plan. The [NIST CSF 2.0 Quick Start Guide](#) gives actionable examples for each concept.
- List your library's existing security controls, and compare with a cybersecurity framework like [CIS 18 Controls](#) to identify areas that need additional attention.
- Write a plan that includes your library's current process, and have it approved by your Board before July 2026. Modify your plan as you add new capabilities.
- Review, revise, and repeat over time to build your library's security readiness.

OPLIN offers a [short starter guide](#). Find more [in-depth resources here](#).

Share questions or recommendations in a private library mailing list at [oplinsecurity@lists.oplin.org](mailto:oplinsecurity@lists.oplin.org).

## Wireless Statistics

OPLIN shares some free solutions for gathering wireless statistics:

- Many models of network equipment gather wireless statistics automatically. Your library's equipment may already include this feature.
- Gather accurate wireless session counts by collecting DHCP lease logs for the wireless network and counting unique MAC addresses per day. Omit MAC addresses of library-owned devices for the most accurate count.
- Libraries that wish to purchase WhoFi WiFi Analytics can access a discounted rate through OhioNET.

Please reach out to OPLIN Support with questions, or ask peers at [oplinlist@lists.oplin.org](mailto:oplinlist@lists.oplin.org) mailing list.

## Northstar Knowledge

- **Did you know that Northstar Digital Literacy is available statewide once again?**

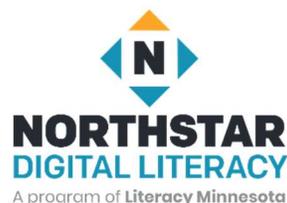
Thanks to funding coordinated by BroadbandOhio, any library patron can [use the assessments and online learning resources](#) from Northstar, and any library staff can use the digital literacy curriculum.

- **Does your library have a site contact for Northstar?**

A recent report shows that nearly 100 libraries need a new contact; we will be checking in to make sure we have the right contact for your library in the next few weeks! Want to check now? Contact Christine Morris at [christine@oplin.ohio.gov](mailto:christine@oplin.ohio.gov)

- **Do you want to learn more about Northstar, but don't have much time?**

In less than 10 minutes, you can get an overview of what Northstar can do for your library and your patrons. Check out our [YouTube video](#) now!



*Did you miss it?*

## **Opening Doors Online: The Basics of Web Accessibility**

Is your library beginning to think seriously about website accessibility—but you're not sure where to begin? As awareness and legal requirements continue to grow, understanding your responsibilities is the essential first step.

In this session:

- Learn about **common pitfalls** to avoid;
- How to start building a **strong foundation** for an inclusive online experience;
- Why **commercial accessibility overlays** fall short;
- How to **approach PDFs responsibly** and effectively.

**[Watch Opening Doors Online](#)**



**If you send SMS messages to your patrons, remember to include the library name in the text message so they know who you are.**

Something like “Your hold from the Metro City Library is available”, or “Your Metropolis Public Library card is about to expire”, will make sure the patron knows which library they frequent is trying to reach them. To update the library contact who receives weekly SMS reports, please email [support@oplin.ohio.gov](mailto:support@oplin.ohio.gov).

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