Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: **OPLIN Report** SUBMITTED BY: **Don Yarman**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

New Sanborn Maps
Libraries are invited to check out the new Sanborn Maps interface, featuring higher resolution, color maps, more metadata exposure, and improved search/browse options. We expect to put this new interface into production first of the year.
https://new.sanborn.ohioweblibrary.org/

E-Rate Funding Commitments
Due in large part to a contractor change at USAC and to the increase in Category 2 requests for the new five-year budget cycle, PIA review ("Program Integrity Assurance," not "Pain in the…") is still running behind. USAC has assured us that PIA continues to actively review applications, so if your Form 471 has not yet been decided, check your email for PIA inquiries. If you need assistance with understanding the PIA review process or where to find the PIA reviewer's questions, Lori Germann has prepared a helpful PIA Review Guide. If you need help responding to a PIA inquiry, please email me or Christine.

"Save Our E-Rate"
Resistance to the multi-pronged attack on E-Rate and the Universal Service Fund is strong, and there are some signs that we're making headway:

1. The FCC was flooded with comments overwhelmingly in support of the success and continued necessity of E-Rate and other universal service programs, with solid legal arguments that the FCC does not have the authority to make its proposed changes/eliminations. Reply comments were due November 12.
2. SHLB, ALA, and other partners were allowed to see the proposal from the bipartisan Congressional working group to reform revenues for the Universal Service Fund. Specific information is embargoed, but those who have seen it seem pleased.
3. We should get information soon about what actions will follow after the 5th circuit's recent ruling against the legality of USAC and the fourth quarter 2025 contribution factor. As the Benton summary I linked shows, there are multiple paths forward for the FCC, and no one really knows the practical effects of the decision. ("Just keep swimming" seems to be the consensus.)

CyberOhio Collective Defense Grant
Although CyberOhio informed us that OPLIN's grant request to purchase YubiKeys on behalf of 64 libraries was approved, progress has stalled due to federal funding snarls. Through the Mentor library, we reached out to Congressman Joyce's office, as Joyce is on the Emergency Management and Technology Subcommittee that maintains oversight of FEMA. Currently, we're waiting for Ohio EMA to provide us with specific grant application numbers to assist DHS staff in finding out more about the funding delays.