

**Users Council Minutes  
Virtual Meeting – Zoom  
Thursday, March 13, 2025**

**Welcome & Reminders**

Janah

[Updates document](#) of things not covered in the meeting.

**Updates**

Sarah, Emily F.

- New Recorded Webinars

No live option, all are recorded.

New: **Propelling Professional Learning Statewide**: INFOhio ICoach Book Study--talks about how virtual book study was done and how you can do it too.

New: **Ignite Curiosity: Using STEM eBooks from INFOhio**--talks about how to use the Gale eBooks in classrooms with best practices for bringing STEM principles into your school & library.

New: **Hot Takes, Cool Strategies: Refresh and Revitalize Your Instruction**--5 new strategies with practical insights, using INFOhio resources and these strategies in classrooms.

Upcoming webinars will focus on accessibility features of INFOhio resources and spring and summer reading choice boards.

- Resource Focus: CLEO

Offers support for all teachers (core areas, arts, industrial tech, etc.)

Be sure to explore and find the banks of resources.

**Feedback and Discussions**

Mary

How do you encourage independent reading in your library?

- Book of the day, book clubs, student-curated shelves, book talks, district-wide tic-tac-toe board

Do you see any features of your library catalog being able to help encourage independent reading in your school library?

- Book River in ISearch, Genre Searches

Media Literacy Guideline: What kind of projects do you do to help Ss meet “create, share, and collaborate” guidelines?

- Bookmark contests, multimodal projects, book trailers, interactive posters, podcasts, etc.

Is anyone focusing on ISTE 1.6: Creative Communicator?

- **Book Nook**

Student-created book trailers from INFOhio are automatically linked to books in your catalog with matching ISBNs.

Have you ever used Book Nook or the trailers in it? If so, when was the last time you pointed kids to the trailers, or made trailers?

- Feedback: last year, pre-covid; limited by time, no scheduled class time in HS
- Feedback: 1 Young Adult Lit class used them and made them for class final.

Are student-created, linked trailers useful to YOU as the librarian?

- could post bit.ly links to books on display, could post links in Google Classroom as a “book of the day” promo

Submissions of new trailers have greatly decreased. New guidelines are in place for CIPA, and COPPA compliance.

Bouncing around the idea to keep it or let it go? Is there something *e/else* INFOhio should be looking at or considering?

- offer student choice board of trailers by genre
- create student contest to make new ones

## **End of Meeting Reminders**

Sarah, Janah

- **[Share Your Story](#)**: This is a budget year, so please share your stories to help with making a case for the impact of INFOhio. [INFOhio Impact fliers](#) are mailed directly to state legislators.
- **[Stay Connected](#)**: Is the best way for INFOhio to get input for back to school through the UC Open Space group? Or set up a meeting in early June? Consensus shows a virtual meeting; Sarah suggested maybe doing both.
- **Users Council Reps**: If you know of anyone who wants to be a UC rep, fill out this form: [UC Interest Form](#)
  - Each ITC can have 11 reps.
  - Can [share this blog](#) if anyone expresses interest.
- Tell us what you think! [Professional Learning Feedback Survey](#)
- Next Meeting Date - Back to School Meeting, August 5, 2025; Location and Time: TBD