

# Libraries to be connected by computer

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Hilliard elementary students will have the knowledge of the world at their fingertips.

The Hilliard City School District hired certified librarian Marsha Pfahl to act as supervisor of the elementary libraries.

Pfahl will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of an automated software circulation system called the Winnebago System.

The system will allow for all nine of the elementary libraries to be on the same

line. Pfahl hopes to have the system on-line by November.

"It's exciting, Pfahl said. "This is the information era and everything will be made more accessible by this."

Pfahl said she hopes to add CD ROMs and a modem to each school allowing for access to other schools' libraries.

"We will have access to records — which can be used for additional research — from libraries at remote locations such as Columbus public library and Upper Arlington library," she said.

Pfahl said the district is also looking into the use of information services to aid

in the students' research.

Pfahl said she hopes to have every school in the district "union-catalogued" within the next five to 10 years.

Union cataloguing would allow for students at the high school to find out what is available at the middle school and vice versa.

Pfahl is the only certified librarian at the elementary level and works with nine library aides.

"Right now my job is to get the nine elementary schools on-line and be a trouble-shooter for them," she said. "I will begin working with the children towards the end of the school

year. In the future, I will be able to set up a schedule which would allow people to know what school I will be working at during a particular time."

Pfahl said the district sees the importance of literature and the students' interest is growing.

"Library will be its own class, like art for instance," she said. "Coming to the library will allow the kids to search for answers on their own rather than having to be lectured and forced to memorize"

Pfahl is in her ninth year of teaching. She is certified as both a librarian and an elementary teacher.