



The Impact of Federal Funding on Ohio Libraries

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the only federal agency that brings together museums, libraries and community partners to support the cultural heritage, educational growth, and workforce development of Ohioans. Federal funds directly benefit Ohioans in a variety of ways. These funds are administered by IMLS and the State Library of Ohio.

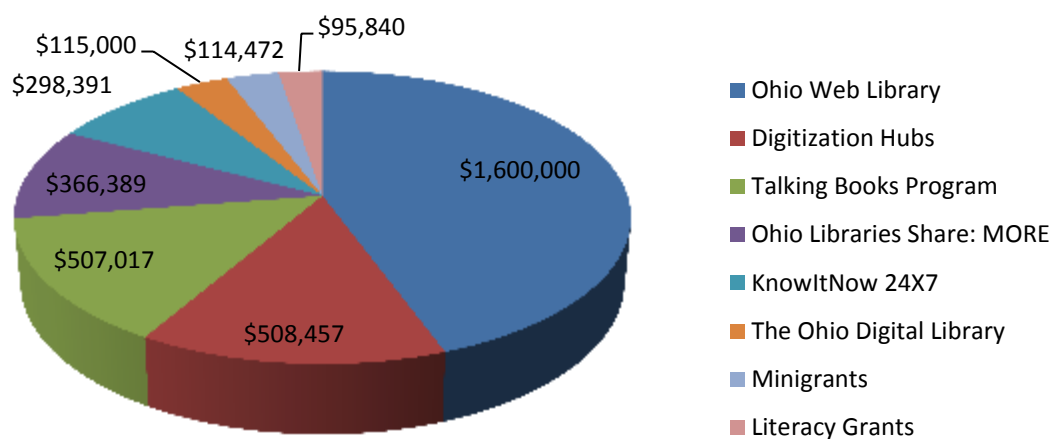
Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds provide the majority of federal library funding received in Ohio. LSTA funds support the following programs:

- The **Talking Book program** serving Ohio's Blind & Physically Disabled veterans and residents.
- The **Ohio Digital Library**, giving the patrons of 179 Ohio Libraries access to a collection of digital media including eBooks, audiobooks, music and video.
- The **Ohio Web Library**, a common set of online resources accessible to all Ohioans within the library, at home, at work or in the classroom.
- **Summer Reading programs** at libraries throughout the state benefitting over 800,000 individuals in 2014.
- The **Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Library Center**, supporting a consortium of 90 largely rural library systems in 221 locations across 46 counties in Ohio.
- A **competitive grant program** which has allowed many public libraries to convert from stand-alone online catalog and circulation systems to join consortia resulting in more collaboration, resource sharing and cost-savings automation.
- **Digitization Hubs** being established in four metropolitan libraries to serve as regional digitization centers serving other libraries, museums, archives and local communities.
- **Statewide Resource Sharing** through the Ohio Libraries Share:MORE program allowing nearly 100 participating libraries to cost effectively share materials.
- **KnowItNow24X7**, Ohio's online virtual reference service.

In addition to funds allotted to the state through LSTA, Ohio has been awarded other grants administered through IMLS including:

- **Connecting to Collections**, a program being implemented in partnership with the Ohio History Connection and Ohio Museums Association. A total of **\$173,516** has been awarded to address the lack of care and preservation of Ohio's cultural heritage which has reached a crisis point.
- **ILEAD USA**, a program to prepare future library leaders the State Library of Ohio participates in as part of a **\$470,000** Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant with ten other states.

Recently funded IMLS projects and programs



A Smarter Ohio

Guiding Ohio Online

Guiding Ohio Online places AmeriCorps members in areas of highest poverty in rural Ohio to perform training sessions, outreach, hands-on help, and other services between October 1, 2014 - August 29, 2015.

1 in every 6 adults in America is not online yet.

October 1, 2014 - January 31, 2015

Source: Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project 2013

3223 Ohioans have been assisted

Great Stories

Written by Guiding Ohio Online AmeriCorps members about their service.

I taught a "Getting to Know Excel" class and one of the patrons asked about making a budget for her farm. I gave her some general ideas and set up an appointment time for later that week. She, having never used Excel before, came in with a working budget - even the formulas referenced the cells properly. All she required of me was to help with some formatting and to provide her further resources for learning.
-AmeriCorps Member

... "I'd like to find my daughter on Facebook and I need help since I don't know much about these computers," Mr. D answered. He went on to explain that he had lost track of his daughter over a decade ago and now, in middle age, wished to reconnect and reconcile if possible. He only had her name. I invited him to sit down at an open workstation, discovering that Mr. D would need to begin by creating an e-mail address and instructed him in the use of the mouse to open the icons necessary to enter his personal account information. When directed to place the cursor in the [Name] field he paused for a long time, then turned to me and revealed that he could not read or write. I at once felt his embarrassment. His friend, Mr. H, standing behind him, quickly offered, "I am here to help him with that."

We proceeded with establishing his Facebook presence and the two friends spent the next hour working at the PC, occasionally asking for assistance. As we became more comfortable with each other, I talked about the local literacy council offerings, and encouraged Mr. D to take that first step toward opening a new world for himself. They left, promising to return sometime.

-AmeriCorps Member

Read more Great Stories at guidingohionline.org



Vision: For every Ohioan to be able to fully participate in online government, search and apply for jobs online, understand the risks and benefits of internet finance, connect with family online, and protect personal information in the digital age.



Library Resources To Go

You Can Also Access Some Library Tools on Your Smartphone or Tablet



Mango Languages
Free mobile access to more than 63 foreign language courses and 17 English as a Second Language courses. Create an account to use Mango.



HeinOnline
Access the world's largest image-based legal research database, HeinOnline, on your iPhone® or iPad®. Note: this app uses IP authentication to verify your account monthly.



EBSCOhost
Discover, read, or save full-text articles from many EBSCO databases right from your smartphone. Create a MyEBSCO account to use EBSCOhost.



KnowItNow
This app provides access to KnowItNow librarians throughout the state of Ohio.



PubMed
Multiple ways to search PubMed/MEDLINE, PICO, askMEDLINE and Consensus for medical information.



Overdrive Media Console
Access thousands of The Ohio Digital Library eBooks & eAudiobooks on your mobile devices.



Congressional Record
For current information from the U.S. Congress, read the daily edition of the Congressional Record.



State Employee Library Card

Your key to books, journals, online courses, and other information & materials you can't get anywhere else.

In addition to looking smart in your wallet, a State Library of Ohio library card has many advantages for state employees.

Books: Like any resident in Ohio, a state employee card gives you access to our books. For state employees, we will send our books and materials from the 49 million volume collections from the OhioLINK consortium libraries directly to your desk.



It's easy



THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

eBooks: The State Library of Ohio manages the part of The Ohio Digital Library which provides eBooks and eAudiobooks to patrons from many libraries across the state. A state employee library card grants access to thousands of items that can be downloaded to computers, MP3 players, Kindles®, Nooks®, iPads® and many other e-reader devices.



OhioLINK: Your State Library card grants access to 140 research databases through OhioLINK. These databases include many full text popular and academic journal articles, government records, images and eBooks. Some state agencies have direct network access to OhioLINK databases in their offices, but many do not. If your agency doesn't have direct network access, you can use your State Library card to ensure that these resources are always available. Includes Safari Books Online and Wiley Online Books.

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Online Resources for state employees only

ReferenceUSA: Provides up-to-date, searchable contact information on more than 24 million U.S. businesses, 855,000 U.S. healthcare providers and 89 million U.S. residents.



Gale: Access directories, company histories, legal forms, and over 500,000 pages of previously classified government documents.



HeinOnline: Includes full text of American & international law journals, criminal justice journals, Federal laws & regulations, Subject Compilations of State Laws, treaties, U.S. Attorney General and Supreme Court opinions, and Presidential documents.



Ohio Newspapers: This resource allows users to search and access the full text of five large Ohio newspapers dating as far back as 1984.



Mango Languages: Mango Languages features lessons for learning new languages. Over sixty languages are available, and Mango Languages also has a special section on learning English in 17 different languages.



For additional information on these resources, including video tutorials and printable quick start guides, visit:

library.ohio.gov/Marketing/StateEmps/Training

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The **Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN)** is defined in the Ohio Revised Code section 3375.64 as “an independent agency within the State Library of Ohio, for the purpose of ensuring equity of access to electronic information for all residents of this state.” Planning for OPLIN started at the beginning of 1994 under the leadership of the Ohio Library Council (OLC), and it was established in the State Library budget in fiscal year 1996.

OPLIN provides broadband Internet connections and related information services to all Ohio public libraries. Our primary mission is to ensure that all Ohio residents have fast, free public Internet access throughout the 251 independent local public library systems in Ohio as well as the use of high-quality statewide research databases. Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO), composed of INFOhio, OhioLINK, OPLIN, and the State Library (with LSTA funds), purchases a basic collection of resources for the Ohio Web Library. The Ohio Web Library is available to Ohio residents either through public library websites or directly from the website maintained by OPLIN, located at <http://www.ohioweblibrary.org>.

The total annual cost of Internet telecommunications is approximately \$3 million, but over \$1 million is reimbursed through E-Rate refunds. OPLIN provides \$1.5 million toward the total annual cost of the Ohio Web Library collection.

OPLIN Services & Resources

OPLIN offers the following primary services and resources to Ohio public libraries:

- *Internet Connectivity – 256 total library circuits, all Ethernet connections*
- *Research Databases – Simple searching of over 80 database resources for Ohio residents*
- *Network & Database Support – Available M-F 8AM-5PM by phone, email, or chat (<http://support.oplin.org>)*
- *Email Accounts – Free web-based email service for library staff; available for use with library domains*
- *SMS Text Messaging – Allows libraries to send text message notifications from ILS directly to patrons*
- *Internet Filtering – Free statewide content filtering system available through OpenDNS*
- *Dynamic Website Kits – Affordable, professional Drupal websites with advanced features and options*

OPLIN Staff

OPLIN is governed by Director Stephen Hedges and the 11-member Board of Trustees, who serve for a term of three years. The other four OPLIN staff members are:

- Karl Jendretzky, Technology Project Manager
- Laura Solomon, Library Services Manager
- Amie McReynolds, Customer Relations & Support
- Vincent Riley, Network Support

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Other OPLIN Services

OPLIN provides these additional services for Ohio public libraries:

- *E-Rate Training* – E-Rate information workshops presented by Lorrie Germann, State E-Rate Coordinator
- *Database Statistics* – Monthly database statistics for tracking individual public library usage
- *OPLIN Listservs* – Hosted mailing lists (<http://lists.oplin.org>), including OPLINList and OPLINTech
- *Blogs & Newsletters* – OPLIN publishes a variety of blogs and online newsletters
 - The OPLIN Circuit
 - OPLIN 4cast
 - What Does This Mean to Me, Laura?
- *Ohio Government News* – Access to two daily Ohio government information publications
 - Gongwer Ohio Report
 - The Hannah Report

OPLIN also provides informational websites for the public:

- *Ohio Web Library* – Simple search interface for the entire statewide resource collection
- *Explore Ohio* – Collection of websites relating to the state of Ohio
- *About:Books* – Online tool to search for books by author, title, or subject
- *Find-A-Library* – Search interface to find any Ohio public library location or website
- *What Tree Is It?* – Identification guide to search for trees by leaf, fruit, or name
- *What's That Snake?* – Identification guide to search for snakes
- *What's the Point?* – Identification guide to search for arrowheads and flint artifacts

Ohio Web Library

<http://www.ohioweblibrary.org>

Explore Ohio

<http://www.exploreohio.org>

About:Books

<http://www.aboutbooks.info>

Find-A-Library

<http://www.oplin.org/fal>

What Tree Is It?

<http://www.oplin.org/tree>

What's That Snake?

<http://www.oplin.org/snake>

What's the Point?

<http://www.oplin.org/point>

OPLIN Circuit

<http://www.oplin.org/circuit>

OPLIN 4cast

<http://www.oplin.org/4cast>

What Does This Mean to Me, Laura?

<http://www.meanlaura.com>

Library Services for the Blind and Physically Disabled

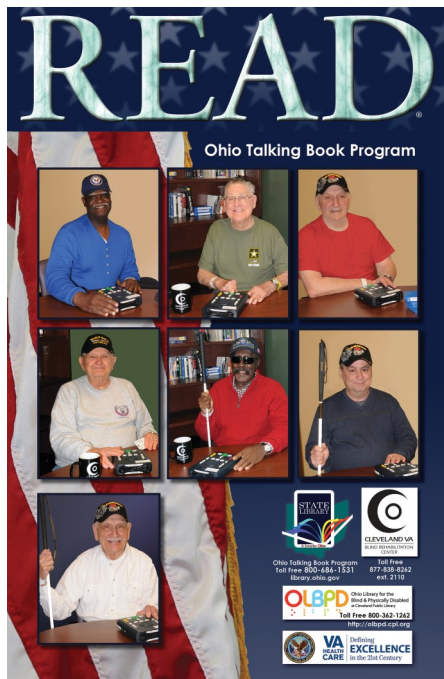
Talking Book Services

Library service for the blind and physically disabled in the United States is delivered through a network of libraries and agencies coordinated by the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS).

The Talking Book Program provides free recorded books, magazines and playback equipment to over 14,000 eligible blind, visually impaired, physically handicapped, and reading disabled Ohio residents. There are over 3000 veterans participating in the Talking Book program.

The State Library of Ohio Talking Book Program coordinates the Ohio program and serves as the machine lending agency for the state. To help in this effort, the State Library collaborates with 60 sub lending agencies, local public libraries or social service organizations throughout Ohio to loan the machines to eligible citizens in their areas.

The Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled located at the Cleveland Public Library supplies the books and magazines.



Deafness & Outreach Collection

The State Library of Ohio partners with the Ohio School for the Deaf, Center for Outreach Services to provide access to a unique collection of materials related to deafness. Through this partnership, OSD purchases and provides materials to the State Library. In return, the State Library maintains and provides easy access to this collection through the State Library's online catalog. This collection is targeted toward interpreters, American Sign Language students, parents and professionals working within the deaf community.



You can see a list of the materials related to deafness available for check out with your State Library patron card in our catalog at: <http://1.usa.gov/YM5zOE>



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A Smarter Ohio

The vision of the State Library of Ohio is a Smarter Ohio where every Ohioan can access the necessary resources to be engaged citizens, excel at their jobs, participate in the workforce, and pursue their passions and interests.

Applications are available for talking book service to:

- Individuals – Any eligible Ohio resident.
- Institutions – Nursing homes, senior centers, hospitals, adult day care, etc.
- Schools – The school registers for school service. A student should use the individual application if home service is desired.



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Serving Ohio Since 1817

Vision

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Mission

The State Library of Ohio ensures a smarter Ohio by managing the delivery of services through three channels:

- Directly, by building and managing quality collections and providing hands-on service to state government
- Cooperatively, through collaborative efforts and information sharing networks within the library community
- Virtually, through online and on-the-go access to expert assistance, digitized resources, and a vast selection of electronic materials

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Patrons often use the State Library of Ohio to research information about congressional hearings and reports, U.S. and State of Ohio legislative history, statistics, facts about the state of Ohio, geological information, military rosters, state institutional and agency reports, census data, and more.

Government & State Employees

Provides access to print and online journals, magazines, newspapers and eBooks, job & library skills training, and resources and materials in the OHIO LINK catalog

Provides work-related library use assistance, research help and reference services

Serves as Ohio's only full regional depository for federal documents and the depository for Ohio state agency documents

Provides services to borrow materials from other libraries, delivery and pick-up of library materials to offices, meeting space with video conferencing capability, and free parking

Partners with state agencies to help residents access their government services through public libraries

Ohio Libraries

Leads collaboration and partnership with Libraries Connect Ohio—to ensure all Ohioans continue to have access to high quality, relevant, and reliable online resources and publications, at no cost to libraries, schools, universities, and residents

Oversees the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant program for Ohio

Administers the Serving Every Ohioan Library Center (SEO). SEO supports a resource sharing consortium of 89 Library systems at nearly 201 physical locations throughout 46 counties across Ohio

Coordinates The Ohio Digital Library

Collects and makes available statistics about Ohio public libraries for analysis, long range planning and comparison

Assists in staff training and development of programs and services for library staff & customers

Ohio Residents

Manages a unique collection of library materials which may be borrowed by the public on a walk-in basis. Collections include government and business documents, and management, education, health and criminal justice books and materials.

Coordinates the Ohio Talking Book program for Ohio's blind and physically disabled residents including children and veterans of war

Answers reference, research, and general "How do I find" questions

Contributes funding to the Ohio Web Library—online resources and publications available to all Ohioans through public, university, special and school libraries

Provides access to basic to grade level, business, and computer skills training; college placement and vocation specific eBooks and test prep; and assist job seekers with resources to explore careers, search for jobs, create resumes and cover letters, improve interviewing techniques and more

Provides access to specialized online publications and research resources not included in OhioLINK and the Ohio Web Library

Provides funding for KnowItNow24X7, a statewide *Ask a Librarian* service staffed by librarians at the State Library, and public and university libraries throughout Ohio

Provides access to current and historical state and federal government documents (print & digital), and access to borrowing eBooks, DVDs, audio books, and other materials from OhioLINK and Search Ohio member libraries

Provides technology training via the SEO Mobile Technology Training Center



Demonstrated value to our customers

"We do a comprehensive new hire orientation at the Office of Budget and Management detailing all the sections of our agency. These four half day sessions also encompass a presentation from the State Library. Part of orientation is providing resources to your new employee and the State Library is a key resource that many employees do not know about. The presentation is fun, but more importantly, informative. Many of the library's functions help our employees in research, and either developing or sharpening skills. The State Library is an underutilized resource."

*Derek Talib
Senior HCM Analyst
Office of Budget and Management*

"The State Library's presentation has been a part of our new employee orientation since the program's inception. Judith Cosgray is an excellent presenter and her presentation adds comedic substance to our on-boarding process. Our employees are amazed at the variety of learning options and support services available through The State Library of Ohio.

It's hard to believe that these resources are free!

Our employees are encouraged to utilize these resources to enhance their job performance."

*Allyson Scott
HCM Manager
Ohio Department of Medicaid*

"I called the reference phone number at the Library and my questions were answered quickly and directly by Judith Cosgray. I sent my list of requested journal articles and within the hour they were placed in a dropbox for my retrieval. Wow! What an incredibly helpful service! Thank you so much!"

*Susan M Missler, PhD
Management Analyst
Children Services*

"Until I learned about the resources provided by the State Library, I would conduct hours of unnecessary research. The librarians are familiar with multiple search engines, tools, and resources. They began helping us target our research efforts, conducting some of the research for us, and helped us become more efficient. They are happy to assist in any capacity. Thanks to them all!"

*Sherry Smith
Training Program Manager
Ohio Department of Medicaid*

"Our relatively new library branch was closed after 6 years due to structural difficulties. We were first given the system bookmobile to operate out of our parking lot. After several months, we were allowed to move into our community room. We had four computers on tables for our members.

When we learned about the Mobile Lab being offered by the State Library, we jumped at the chance. It was parked in our parking lot for two weeks and we offered several types of computer programs. We were also able to allow our members to use the computers in the lab when the classes weren't being held. It was welcomed by all.

The lab is very attractive and the computers were a godsend for us. Our members were so grateful to be able to have classes again and we all received much praise for the offering.

The staff that brought us the mobile lab was so helpful and took our (many) calls with graciousness and helpfulness after they returned home. We are so appreciative of the chance to have the lab and hope to have it again."

*Betsy Gilder
Branch Manager
Lodi Branch of Medina County District Library*



"I was looking for some very obscure information about the FBI counter-intelligence program activities during the Civil Rights and Black Power movement. Senate Select Committee hearings on these activities were almost impossible to find. But Audrey Hall and Cheryl Lubow at the State Library of Ohio in Columbus found the information I was looking for. Their professional expertise helped me find necessary primary sources for my thesis."

*Deuel Palmore
Masters of History student
Nutis Press*

"I spent quite a bit of time trying to locate an electronic copy of 'NFPA 1582'. Unfortunately, the free electronic edition was not on a secure website. The programs needed to download the file were not compatible with our internal network restrictions. Our agency wasn't in a position to support spending approximately \$100 for something that would be used a handful of times. On a whim I thought about reaching out to the State Library of Ohio. I expected them to have similar problems with locating an electronic edition. I sent in an email request via their website at 7:45 am and by 8:30 am the same day, I had not only an electronic version in my email box, but a version that was very user-friendly. The version on the NFPA website was a one-time use, no edit functions document. The version I received from the State Library was a traditional PDF document with total functionality. The only negative part of this process was the realization that I should have reached out to them much sooner."

*Pamela Schaal
HCM Manager
Ohio Adjutant General's Office*

"Today I was searching for a training video that I have been seeking for years. Ms. Jen Johnson was immediate in her response and located the item within 2-3 minutes. I am not a registered member of the State Library system. She reserved the item for me and assisted me with the application process. Mr. Josh Jones was immediate in his response to the electronic application. This level of competence and expedient service is unsurpassed in my opinion. There are many organizations that could take notes from this level of customer service."

*Pat Hurley
Facility Resource Administrator
Department of Youth Services*

"We want to thank all involved in providing services for the blind. Mom enjoyed her books and relied on you all more than you realize. Thank you so very much for bringing a smile to Mom."

"Thanks for all the hours of wonder my Father so much enjoyed. What a wonderful program this is, thank you again."

"Sadly my Mother cannot use this service anymore. It helped us have great conversations and laughs. This is a great generous tool and service. Thank you."

*Family Members of
Talking Book Patrons*

