STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Serving Ohio Since 1817

Vision
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.

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

State Librarian
Wendy Knapp

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Contact the State Library of Ohio at
614-644-7061
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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 books, ebooks, print and online journals, magazines, newspapers, and resources and materials in the State Library and OhioLINK catalogs.

Provides work-related library use assistance, research help and reference services, and online topic and how-to guides.

Serves as Ohio's only full regional depository for federal documents and the depository for Ohio state agency documents. Most state agency documents are born-digital versions that are cataloged and archived in Ohio Memory. On-site digitization lab with equipment used to digitize rare books and 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.

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.

The Serving Every Ohioan **Service** Center (SEO), a branch of the State Library of Ohio, administers a resource sharing consortium of 96 library systems at 241 physical locations throughout 49 counties across Ohio.

Coordinates the Ohio Digital Library e-content consortium and the Ohio Digital Network, the statewide hub of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

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

Develops continuing education opportunities and leadership programs, such as ILEAD USA — Ohio and Library Leadership Ohio, for library staff.

Administers a competitive LSTA Guiding Ohio Online grant. The grant enables libraries serving rural populations in Ohio to hire a dedicated technology trainer for their library. The technology trainer is hired as an independent contractor in a full- or part-time capacity depending on the needs of the library for a one-year period.

Ohio Residents

Provides access to ebooks, digital audiobooks, digital magazines, and video through the Ohio Digital Library.

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 print disabled residents including children and veterans of war.

Collaborates with the Center for Outreach Services located at the Ohio School for the Deaf to provide access to a collection of Deafness and interpreting-related materials to all Ohioans.

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 specialized online publications and research resources not included in OhioLINK and the Ohio Web Library.

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 On Demand Technology Training program.

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& materials you can't get anywhere else.

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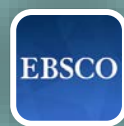You Can Also Access
Some Library Tools on
Your Smartphone or Tablet

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

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

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

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.

Ohio Digital Library
Access thousands of ebooks & audiobooks on your mobile devices using the Libby app from Overdrive.

O'Reilly Online Learning
Gain career development skills and a hands-on understanding of how to harness the power of the latest cutting-edge technologies.

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THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

Books & Other Library Materials
Like any resident in Ohio, a state employee card gives you access to our books. State employees may borrow our books and materials and over 44 million items, including books, periodicals, maps, music scores and audiovisual materials from the shared collections of 117 member libraries in the OhioLINK consortium. If your state agency permits, we will deliver library items directly to your office.

Ebooks, Audiobooks, & Digital Magazines
The Ohio Digital Library provides ebooks, digital audiobooks, magazines, and videos from 178 member libraries across the state. A state employee library card grants access to nearly *400,000 digital items that can be downloaded to your desktop and mobile devices. OhioDigitalLibrary.com
*Includes duplicate copies of some titles

No Library Card Required to Access
Digital Library Resources Through myOhio.gov
The "State Library Catalog" app is listed among your applications under the MY WORKSPACE section of myOhio.gov.

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ReferenceUSA: Source for business and residential data in the United States. It helps users of all kinds search for jobs, research U.S. businesses, create marketing and small business plans, locate specific people and more.

OhioLINK: OhioLINK provides 100 research databases. These databases include many full text popular and 33 million academic journal articles, government records, images and ebooks.

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

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SERVICES TO LIBRARIES

The State Library of Ohio is a state agency that serves state government and all types of libraries. Services provided to Ohio libraries run the gamut from statewide programs such as statewide delivery and Ohio Ready to Read to individualized assistance for activities such as writing a strategic plan and technology training for staff. But not knowing what services are provided and who to call may keep many from contacting the State Library. The following will assist in meeting many of the State Library staff and knowing the areas in which they provide support and services to Ohio's libraries.

Wendy Knapp
State Librarian of Ohio

As State Librarian I direct the operations of the State Library and work with the staff and Board to continue to build and expand library services to all types of libraries and to Ohio residents regardless of their geographic location.

Experience: I am excited to be starting at the State Library of Ohio in this unique moment in history. I am bringing years of experience in state library leadership, public librarianship, and academic library instruction with me, and look forward to working with this amazing team.

Education: Master of Library Science, Indiana University
Bachelor of Science, University of Indianapolis

Skills: Emerging trends in libraries, library management, budgeting, library technology, grant administration, leadership development, ILS management, contract negotiations, partnership development, customer service, continuing education development, continuity of operations planning, and library and online instruction.

Evan Struble
Associate State Librarian
for Library Development

I coordinate administrative functions and programming activities for library development, including LSTA, consultant services, public library statistics, and special projects.

Experience: Recently promoted to the role of Associate State Librarian, I've spent the past seven years at the State Library of Ohio serving as a Library Consultant for Library Programs and Development. I have also pulled double-duty as a part-time library associate at the Upper Arlington Public Library since May of 2009. I have 21 years of library service, including positions at OhioNET (2007-2011), Westerville Public Library (2001-2007), Otterbein College (now University) Courtright Memorial Library (1998-2002), and the library that started it all—my hometown library—Meigs County District Public Library (1997-1998).

Education:
Master of Library and Information Science, Kent State University Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Communication & Journalism, Otterbein University)

Skills: Interpersonal and organizational communication, continuing education development/instruction, project management, emerging trends in libraries, and technology (soft skills).

Additional Information: I am active on statewide library committees for the Ohio Library Council (OLC) and other library organizations. In 2015, I received the OLC Diana Vescelius Emerging Leader Award. I am proud to serve on the American Library Association's Stonewall Book Awards non-fiction committee (2018-19).

Ann M. Watson
Associate State Librarian
for Library Services

I am responsible for managing three departments within the State Library that provide a wide range of services and support many different customers. I oversee Research and Catalog Services; Circulation and Special Services, including the Ohio Talking Book Program and the Information Technology department.

Experience: I returned to Ohio in 2014 from Shepherd University's Scarborough Library in West Virginia where I was Dean of the Library for over three years. As the chief administrative leader, I was responsible for accomplishing strategic and day-to-day operational goals in all aspects of library operations. I served as Library Director at the Ohio University regional campus in Lancaster from 2008 to 2011 and Head of Access Services and Instruction at Denison University from 1997 to 2008.

Education: Master of Arts in Educational Policy and Leadership, The Ohio State University
Master of Library and Information Science, Kent State University
Bachelor of Arts in History from West Virginia University
Harvard University Graduate School of Education's Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians

Skills: Library management, budgeting, library technology, leadership development, strategic planning, customer service, and library instruction.

Library Programs & Development

The Library Programs & Development (LPD) department is charged with providing leadership and partnership in the development of library services throughout Ohio. LPD strives to provide library information and services to individual libraries and enhance library services statewide.

Cindy Boyden
LSTA Coordinator/Library Consultant

I am in charge of day-to-day operations and activities associated with Ohio's Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program, including assisting libraries in developing proposals, coordinating the review process and monitoring funded projects. As library consultant, I assist libraries through the strategic planning process.

Experience: I have worked for the State Library of Ohio since December of 2014. Prior to that, I worked for Worthington Public Libraries for 8 years and at Otterbein College's Courtright Memorial Library for 18 months. Additionally, I developed a library for the Ohio Department of Taxation, Tax Analysis Division in the summer of 2014.

Education: Master of Library and Information Science, Kent State University and Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, Otterbein College

Skills: Grant assessment, strategic planning, writing and editing, government documents, circulation and reference services, customer orientation, and communication skills.

Additional Information: I have co-published several articles and a book chapter on topics including Customer Orientation and Soft Skills. I participated in the 2015 ILEAD USA Ohio cohort and served as Instructor Corp Coordinator for the 2017 cohort.

Janet Ingraham Dwyer
Youth Services Library Consultant

I coordinate and provide statewide youth services resources to libraries, including summer library/reading program materials, early literacy resources, and tools for peer-to-peer networking, student learning, family engagement, serving the whole child, and public/school library collaboration. I also offer individualized support, on request, to any librarian who works with Ohio's children, teens, parents, and teachers.

Experience: I have been in this position since October 2009. I previously worked at Worthington Libraries in various positions from 1991-1997 and 2001-2009, most recently as Worthington's first Outreach Services / Volunteer Coordinator.

Education: Master of Library Science, University of Maryland and Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, George Washington University

Skills: Event planning, program planning, project development and management, public speaking, connecting people to one another and to resources and opportunities.

Additional information: I am devoted to collaboration across libraries, schools, literacy organizations, social service agencies, and other groups and individuals to support Ohio's youth and families. Separately we are beneficial; together we are transformative. I collaborate with the Ohio Library Council's Children's Services, Teen Services, and Outreach & Special Services divisions; Ohio's Regional Library Systems; the Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA); INFOhio; the Ohioana Library; Ohio Center for the Book; and others. I represent the Ohio youth services community to the Collaborative Summer Library Program, and serve on the Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Awards Council, Ohioana Partners, and other national, state, and regional working groups.
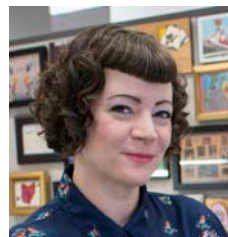
Jen Johnson
Digitization Consultant/Ohio Digital Network Project Manager

I coordinate Ohio's involvement with the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and support the digitization efforts of libraries and cultural heritage institutions across the state. In 2016, Ohio applied to be a Service Hub of DPLA, and the Ohio Digital Network (ODN) was born. The ODN is made up of cultural heritage institutions big and small, working together to make Ohio's digitized collections available to internet users around the world.

Experience: I have worked for the State Library since 2013 – as a Reference Librarian, an Electronic Resources Librarian, and now as Project Manager for the statewide DPLA Service Hub, the Ohio Digital Network. Before coming to the State Library, I've worked in public, academic, special and business libraries in Columbus.

Education: Master of Library and Information Science, Kent State University and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography, The Ohio State University

Skills: Digitization, archival and preservation services and practices, disaster response planning, project management, grant writing and reviewing, event and volunteer coordination, electronic resources, technology

Additional information: I was a member of the 2014 class of Library Leadership Ohio and was a member of the 2013 cohort for ILEAD USA Ohio.

Erin Kelsey
Library Development Consultant

I coordinate and develop continuing education and leadership programs for Ohio library staff. I am on the planning team for ILEAD USA – Ohio, Library Leadership Ohio, and Guiding Ohio Online. I also consult with libraries of all types to develop their strategic plans. I help libraries collect useful data through demographic information, community surveys, and focus groups that lay the framework for their strategic plan.

Experience: I started working at the State Library in January of 2019. I have over 10 years of library experience working in circulation, youth, and adult departments. Previously, I worked at Westerville Public Library as adult services manager where I led a staff of 19 and served on the strategic planning team. I also worked at Worthington Libraries in a variety of roles and as a supervisor. I was a member of the 2016 class of Library Leadership Ohio and was a member of the 2017 cohort for ILEAD USA—Ohio.

Education: Master of Library and Information Science, Kent State University and Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Ohio University

Skills: Presenting and public speaking, grant reviewing, program planning and project management, circulation and reference services, library technology and trends, and library management

Additional Information: I feel so strongly about the power of libraries and their ability to be one of the pillars in a community. Throughout my library career the experiences that have impacted me the most are growing my team and my colleagues through professional development and long-range planning for the library. I feel fortunate to be able support Ohio libraries in their mission to effectively serve their community and provide crucial services.

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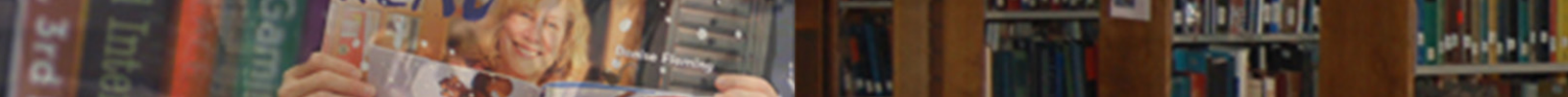
Anne Kennedy
Technology Consultant
Ohio Digital Library Manager

I'm the library consultant for technology at the State Library of Ohio which means I support and advise other librarians and library staff on eBooks and other technology resources. I serve on the project team for the Ohio Digital Library, Guiding Ohio Online program, and Who's On My Wifi.

Experience: I joined the State Library staff in 2017 as a Library Consultant. Previously I worked for Licking County Library for 12 years and served there as a Branch Clerk, Adult Services Librarian, and lastly as Head of Emerging Technologies.

Education: Master of Library and Information Science, Kent State University and Bachelor of Fine Arts, Gettysburg College

Skills: Technology planning, technology training, project management, and grant administration.

Penelope Shumaker
Metadata Librarian

I am the metadata librarian for the Ohio Digital Network (ODN), Ohio's Service Hub for the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). I ensure that institutions included in the DPLA have strong metadata. I also provide trainings on good metadata practices for the DPLA and beyond.

Experience: I started working at the State Library in January 2017. Prior to working at the State Library I worked as a metadata specialist with SpotOn reviews and held various positions at Columbus Metropolitan Library, most recently as a Homework Help Center Specialist. Before starting a career in libraries I taught middle and high school English. I was member of the 2019 cohort for ILEAD USA—Ohio and I am a participant in the 2020 class of Library Leadership Ohio.

Education: Master of Library and Information Science, Kent State University and Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Cedarville University

Skills: Metadata and cataloging, digitization, writing and editing, technology

Additional information: I serve on the board of the Central Ohio Chapter, Association of Information Science and Technology (CO-ASIS&T).

Peter Kukla
Software Development Specialist

I'm a technical advisor on the Digital Public Library of America project, and I work on general information technology projects for the State Library of Ohio.

Experience: Prior to joining the State Library of Ohio in May 2017, I worked for 8 years at OCLC in Customer Support. Before that, I was a Deputy Director of a County Board of Elections in Ohio and I've worked in support at several software companies. I also worked in the Grandview Heights Public Library, Ohio Dominican University Library, and Indiana University Law Library.

Education: Master of Library Science, Indiana University and Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with a minor in English, The Ohio State University. Undergraduate Computer and Information Science coursework at Ohio Dominican University.

Skills: Software support, customer service, knowledge management, data mining,

Additional information: I'm glad to be back working in libraries again so I can put my knowledge to work in my favorite environment.

Mandy Simon
Library Development Consultant

Identifying needs through statistical data, observation studies, community surveys and focus groups, I help libraries of all types lay a framework for future planning with physical spaces and strategic initiatives. By engaging with staff, Boards and community members, I assist libraries in the process to acquire useful information for strategic planning. I am a facilitator and connector, enthusiastically working with libraries across Ohio to set or achieve their goals.

Experience: I have over 10 years of public service experience in libraries. My expertise ranges from planning and executing storytimes and teen programs, to complete materials selection and proactive Reference skills.   I thoroughly enjoy public speaking and presenting, streamlining processes and procedures, coaching and mentoring others. I was selected as a 2012 American Library Association Emerging Leader, a Library Leadership Ohio graduate in 2014, and ILEAD USA Ohio participant in 2015.

Education:
Master of Science in Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bachelor of Arts in English, The Ohio State University

Skills: Presenting and public speaking, facilitation of group discussions, analysis of data and reporting recommendations for service initiatives and space improvements.

Additional Information: I am passionate about the power of libraries in the lives of all people, as they provide access to information and resources to all who enter without judgment. I am looking forward to beginning additional professional development educational coursework in Non-Profit and Public Leadership and Management this winter.

Kirstin Krumsee
Data and Research Consultant

I manage the State Library's state and national data initiatives including gathering statistics for Ohio's 251 public library systems. My role also includes finding effective ways to leverage data to show the value of Ohio's libraries through data visualizations, mapping and other research efforts.

Experience: I have been at the State Library since 2011, first serving as Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian and now in several different roles as a Library Consultant. Prior to coming to the State Library I worked as Reference Librarian for the Edison Welding Institute and in various roles at the Upper Arlington and Ohioana Libraries.

Education: Master of Library and Information Science, Kent State University and Bachelor of Arts in English, The Ohio State University

Skills: Data, mapping, government information, designing and giving presentations, data visualization, graphic design, project management

Additional Information: In 2019 I was named a Mover & Shaker in Library Journal for my work on Libraries by the Numbers. I recently completed a three-year term on the Depository Library Council to the US Government Publishing Office.

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Additional Services to Libraries

Shannon Kupfer-Trausch
Digital Initiatives Librarian, Research & Catalog Services

I manage digitization projects and digital preservation for the State Library of Ohio. My projects include Ohio Memory, where I provide digital content as well as writing monthly blog articles. I am currently exploring methods of building digital repositories that are creative and interactive and am also focusing on means of preserving our digital heritage.

Experience: I have been employed by the State Library of Ohio since October 2007. This is my first library job.

Education: Master of Library and Information Science, Kent State University
Bachelor of Arts in History, The Ohio State University
Post-Master's Certificate of Advanced Study in Library Science

Skills: Digitization, rare books and archives management, metadata and cataloging.

Additional information: I published a 2010 article on Ohio Memory and, in 2011, co-authored a chapter on digitization and preservation of government information. I was a member of the 2015 ILEAD cohort and, with my team, created a tool for facilitating digital preservation. I was a member of the DPLA in Ohio Steering Committee from 2015-2016.

Julia Ward
Executive Secretary to the State Librarian

I manage the office of the State Librarian and provide organizational support for special programs and projects.

Experience: I have been with the State Library for 18 years. I began as a Library Assistant 2 in the Patron and Catalog Services department and was promoted to LSTA Assistant and LSTA Fiscal Coordinator in the Library Programs and Development department before being promoted to Executive Secretary to the State Librarian's Office. My library experience dates back to my high school and college years working in the Norwalk Public Library, BGSU Firelands College Library, Ohio Wesleyan University Library, and the Delaware County District Library.

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Ohio Wesleyan University

Skills: Grant management, writing, fiscal and audit policies and procedures, communication, organization, customer service, and proofreading.

Additional Information: My love of books drew me to the library at an early age, and I haven't been able to escape since. Even though my first job was in a library, it was never my intent to pursue a career in libraries. However, I don't see myself being nearly as happy anywhere else.

Marsha McDevitt-Stredney
Director, Marketing & Communications

I mange marketing, promotions, and communications for the State Library including its programs & services to state government, libraries, and residents. I am responsible for graphic design and brand standards for the State Library. As a member of the Information Systems & Technology department development team I collaborate on projects and manage content on our website. I help facilitate communications between libraries, library related organizations and state government. I also curate, design and install State Library exhibits and displays.

Experience: I have been the Director of Marketing & Communications at the State Library since 2006. Before that I worked as a grants manager and communications coordinator for 10 years for a non profit organization working to establish computer technology centers in economically depressed areas in Ohio. Earlier in my career I developed curriculum and taught CGI (computer generated imagery) courses at The Ohio State University and worked as producer and animator for a CGI commercial animation company.

Education: Doctor of Philosophy, Technology in the Arts & Arts Education, The Ohio State University (OSU)
Master of Library and Information Science, Kent State University
Master of Arts in Art Education & Computer Graphics, OSU
Bachelor of Art Education, OSU

Skills: Visual design, marketing & communications, project management, website and social media content management and analytics, event planning, display & exhibits, grants administration, and qualitative research and assessment.

Tracy Grimm
Manager, Circulation & Special Services

I oversee circulation and Interlibrary loan services as well as the Talking Book Services. As Head of Talking Book Services, I am liaison with the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled at Cleveland Public Library, work closely with the Machine Sub-Lending Agencies, and assist individuals who use the program's services.

Experience: I have worked for 23 years with the State Library of Ohio

Education: Bachelor of Arts, The Ohio State University

Skills: Circulation, ILL, and the Ohio Talking Book Program

Serving Every Ohioan Library (SEO) Center supports a consortium of 93 library systems at 237 physical locations throughout 47 counties across Ohio using the OPLIN network.

Statewide Delivery: A single delivery network system is managed by the State Library and currently provided by Priority Dispatch, Inc. Contact Jamie Pardee for more information at 614-644-6879.

Talking Book Program coordinates the Ohio program for the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) and serves as the machine lending agency for the state. To help in this effort, we have signed formal agreements with 61 machine sub-lending agencies, local public libraries or social service organizations to lend the machines to eligible citizens in their areas.

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2019 Annual Report

State Library Board: L to R: Tracy Nájera, member; Laurie Gemmill Arp, President; Alan Hall, member; and Michael Merz, Vice-President;

L to R: Beverly Cain, State Librarian; Ann Watson, Associate State Librarian for Library Services; Evan Struble, Associate State Librarian for Library Development; and Jamie Pardee, Fiscal Services Manager

STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION: A Smarter Ohio

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.

GOAL 1: Support digitization efforts to widen access to the State Library of Ohio's collection and increase resource sharing throughout the state
- Create a digital disaster plan for digitized collections within the State Library of Ohio.
- Continue digitization opportunities for libraries throughout the state.
- Evaluate the possibility of establishing a regional digitization hub in Southeast Ohio.
- Expand access to digital materials through participation in the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).
- Investigate opportunities to provide digital preservation trainings to Ohio librarians.

GOAL 2: Position the State Library of Ohio to state government as the preferred channel for information
- Continue to expand outreach efforts to train state employees on available resources.
- Develop a profile of state agencies and employees to determine the resources and level of assistance required to support the work of the agency.
- Utilize existing avenues including State of Ohio Total Rewards, LEAD Ohio, Learn IT Ohio, and MyOhio.gov to engage state employees.

GOAL 3: Brand the State Library of Ohio to reflect its promise to stakeholders for "A Smarter Ohio"
- Develop a plan to tailor marketing programs for State Library audiences.
- Promote expertise and access to State Library of Ohio staff through targeted communications, one-on-one support, presentations at conferences and training events, published articles, and onsite visits.

GOAL 4: Expand access to resources in cost efficient ways through electronic channels
- Continue expansion of content, services, and access to the Ohio Digital Library.
- Provide libraries across the state with improved discovery to enhanced resources in the Ohio Web Library.
- Identify ways to add compatibility across resource sharing networks for increased participation and expanded collaboration.
- Promote participation in the State Library's automated consortium operated out of the Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Library Center as a cost-effective solution for libraries and a resource rich service for end users.
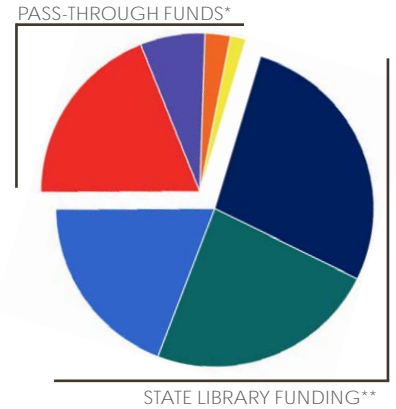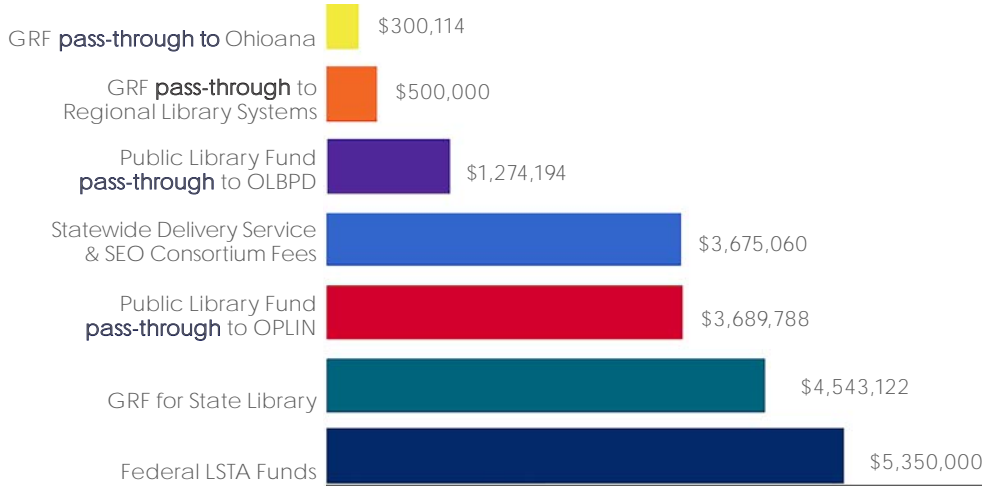
GOAL 5: Lead innovation and development efforts for libraries to ensure ongoing relevance to communities across Ohio
- Encourage ongoing innovation at the local level with LSTA funding opportunities.
- Continue support of initiatives that foster leadership and/or technology skills in the next generation of library leaders.
- Expand and enhance planning support services for Ohio libraries, including strategic planning, assessment and use of data, and library design/space planning.
- Monitor state and national library trends, evaluating the need to develop new programs and services, as the needs and uses for libraries continue to change.
- Serve as the intermediary between state government and libraries for effective coordination of resources at the local level, with a focus on workforce development efforts in partnership with relevant state and local agencies.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET
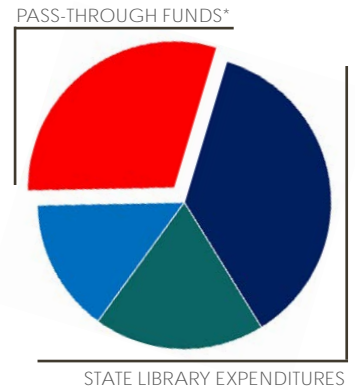## July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

FY19 INCOME SOURCES & PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

GRF **pass-through to** Ohioana — $300,114

GRF **pass-through** to Regional Library Systems — $500,000

Public Library Fund **pass-through** to OLBPD — $1,274,194

Statewide Delivery Service & SEO Consortium Fees — $3,675,060

Public Library Fund **pass-through** to OPLIN — $3,689,788

GRF for State Library — $4,543,122

Federal LSTA Funds — $5,350,000

PASS-THROUGH FUNDS*

STATE LIBRARY FUNDING**

*PASS-THROUGH FUNDS	$5,764,096
**STATE LIBRARY	$13,568,182
TOTAL INCOME SOURCES	$19,332,278

Note: Pass-through funds do not represent appropriations, total revenue, or total expenditures for OLBPD, OPLIN, and Ohioana

FY19 EXPENDITURES & PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

GRF - State of Ohio General Revenue Fund

LSTA - Library Services and Technology Act from U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Grants to States Program

RLS - Regional Library Systems

OLBPD - Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled

OPLIN - Ohio Public Library Information Network

Operating	$7,031,606
SEO Consortium & Statewide Delivery	$3,617,595
Federal Grants Awarded	$2,826,952
STATE LIBRARY	$13,476,153
PASS-THROUGH FUNDS	*$5,764,096
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$19,240,249

PASS-THROUGH FUNDS*

STATE LIBRARY EXPENDITURES

INCOME SOURCES & PASS-THROUGH FUNDS OVER FIVE YEARS
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2019

	Federal LSTA Funds	GRF for State Library	Delivery & SEO Consortium Fees	PLF for OPLIN	PLF for OLBPD	GRF for RLS	GRF for Ohioana
FY15	$5,120,439	$5,057,364	$3,297,429	$3,689,788	$1,274,194	$582,469	$120,114
FY16	$5,350,000	$5,135,733	$4,189,418	$3,689,788	$1,274,194	$582,469	$120,114
FY17	$5,350,000	$5,206,745	$2,988,100	$3,689,788	$1,274,194	$582,469	$120,114
FY18	$5,350,000	$4,500,000	$5,078,893	$3,689,788	$1,274,194	$500,000	$295,114
FY19	$5,350,000	$4,543,122	$3,675,060	$3,689,788	$1,274,194	$500,000	$300,114
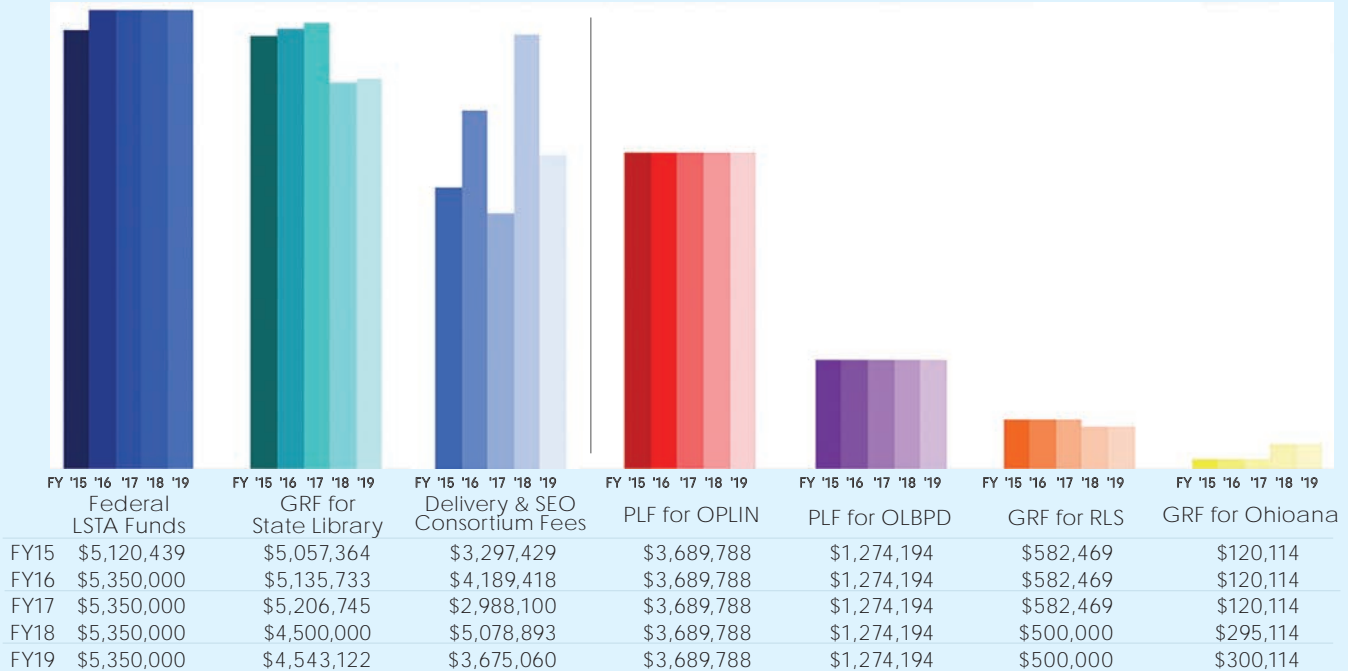
The State Library of Ohio administers the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program, funded through the independent federal agency Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). All types of libraries may apply for LSTA grants. In 2019, three types of LSTA grants were awarded: Special, Open, and Competitive.

Literacy–1%
STEM–2%
Open-Unique–4%
Summer Library Programs –1%
CE–ILEAD USA - Ohio–1%
Small Projects & Grants–1%
CE–Library Leadership Ohio–1%
Celebrating Ohio Book Awards & Authors–2%
Conservation–3%
Library Automation–5%
Special Grants awarded but not dispersed–7%
Services to the Blind & Physically Disabled–8%
Guiding Ohio Online–12%
Libraries Connect Ohio–Supports Statewide Access to Core Set of Library Databases–52%

Competitive Grants Awarded–3%
Open Grants Awarded–4%
Special Grants Awarded–93%

Special Grants

Libraries Connect Ohio Statewide Core Electronic Databases

The Ohio State University	$1,500,000

Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled

Cleveland Public Library	$234,000

Library Leadership Ohio Grant

OhioNET	$35,000

ILEAD USA – Ohio

OhioNET	$30,000

Library Automation Grant

Logan Hocking County Library	$26,375
Muskingum County Library System	$33,000
Wilmington Public Library	$20,552

Conservation Grants

Ashland University	$4,995
Athenaeum of Ohio	$4,995
Belmont County District Library	$4,999
CCAD (Columbus College of Art & Design)	$4,859
Elyria Public Library	$4,999
Franklin University	$4,987
Hudson Library & Historical Society	$4,999
Kenyon College	$4,999
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	$4,999
Ohio University	$4,999
Ohio Wesleyan University	$4,933
Preble County District Library	$4,999
Shawnee State University	$4,999
University of Akron	$4,999
Wright State University	$4,999

*Calendar year 2019

Special Grants

Celebrating Ohio Book Awards & Authors Grant

Adams County Ohio Valley School District West Union Elementary	$1,473
Alexandria Public Library	$1,424
Antioch University	$747
Archbold Community Library	$1,485
Aurora City Schools	$934
Baldwin Wallace University	$1,233
Bethel Local Schools	$1,494
Bloom Carroll High School	$1,498
Bucyrus Public Library	$1,384
Canton City School District (McKinley H.S.)	$1,184
Cardington-Lincoln Local Schools	$979
Chardon Local Schools	$1,499
Continental Local Schools	$1,462
Defiance City Schools	**$1,428**
Eastern Local Schools	$1,458
Fairview Park City Schools	$1,382
Field Local Schools	$1,371
Homer Public Library	$1,500
Lakewood City Schools (Garfield MS)	$1,369
Lakewood Public Library	$1,369
Logan County Libraries	$1,498
Louisville City Schools	$1,479
Madison Local School District	$767
Muskingum County Library System	$1,489
New Lexington Schools	$1,261
Otterbein University	$692
Perry Local Schools - Lima	$1,500
Tolgate Elementary - Pickerington	$1,220
Portsmouth City Schools	$1,155
Sandusky City Schools	$1,493
Southwest Licking Local Schools (Watkins MS)	$1,291
St. Charles Parish & School	$1,402
Streetsboro City Schools	$1,452
Tiffin University	**$1,220**
Tipp City Public Library	$1,500
Troy City Schools (Troy H.S.)	$1,468
Worthington City School Dist. (Bluffsview Elem.)	$1,428
Worthington City School Dist. (Slate Hill Elem.)	$1,451

Summer Library Program Grants

Adams County Public Library	$900
Auglaize County Public Library	$1,500
Barnesville Hutton Memorial Library	$750
Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library	$1,500
Dayton Metro Library	$1,500
Delphos Public Library	$1,170
Dover Public Library	$1,003
Elida Local Schools	$1,107
Forest-Jackson Public Library	$1,224
Homer Public Library	$1,498
Jackson City Library	$1,492
Licking County Library	$1,200
Logan County Libraries	$1,209
Marvin Memorial Library	$1,155
Meigs County District Public Library	$1,500
Muskingum County Library System	$810
Peninsula Library & Historical Society	$633
St. Marys Community Public Library	$759
Tipp City Public Library	$1,500
Warren-Trumbull County Public Library	$821
Wilmington Public Library	$1,032

Guiding Ohio Online Grants

Ada Public Library	$23,520
Adams County Public Library	$15,375
Bellevue Public Library	$8,973
Brown County Public Library	$24,090
Cardington-Lincoln Public Library	$19,465
Carnegie Public Library (Washington CH)	$8,865
Cuyahoga Falls Library	$9,930
East Palestine Memorial Public Library	$17,640
Henderson Memorial Public Library	$11,250
Kingsville Public Library	$23,400
Kinsman Free Public Library	$16,170
Licking County Library	$23,110
Logan Hocking County Public Library	$13,302
Meigs County District Public Library	$13,230
Newton Falls Public Library	$19,305
Perry Cook Memorial Public Library	$8,820
Pickerington Public Library	$29,780
Putnam County District Library	$23,342
Salem Public Library	$13,575
St. Clairsville Public Library	$17,640
Wagnalls Memorial Library	$7,977

Open Grants

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Ashtabula County District Library	$4,999
Cincinnati Museum Center	$4,999
Cleveland State University	$4,933
Columbus Metropolitan Library / Hilliard Schools	$4,999
Defiance City Schools	**$3,816**
Delphos St. John's School	$4,970
East Cleveland Public Library	$2,998
Eastern Local Schools	$4,660
Hardin Northern Schools	$2,527
Hudson Library & Historical Society	$3,140
Kent State University with Cuyahoga County Public Library	$4,999
Lakewood Schools (Hebron)	$4,615
Licking Valley Schools	$2,485
Logan County Libraries	$3,070
Louisville City Schools	$4,999
Mercantile Library	$4,950
Morgan Local School District	$4,520
NEO-RLS	$4,999
NEO-RLS	$4,455
NEO-RLS	$4,729
Ohioana	$4,999
Ohio Preservation Council	$4,999
Pickerington Public Library	$3,787
St. Paris Public Library	$4,393
SWON Libraries	$3,302
Twinsburg Public Library	$4,466
Union-Scioto Local Schools	$1,800
Westerville Public Library	$4,848
Wood County District Public Library	$4,000
Zanesville City Schools	$4,839

Competitive Grants

Literacy

Ashland University Library	$30,427

STEM

Bloom Carroll High School	$50,000
Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County	$9,577

STATE LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS
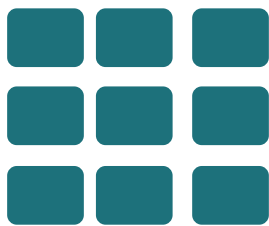
30,998 Ohio Residents | **17,946** State Employees

6,000
NEW PATRONS

20%
INCREASE FROM 2018

PROVIDED TALKING BOOK PROGRAM SERVICES TO

15,160
Blind, visually impaired, print disabled and reading disabled Ohioans–including **1,335** new patrons

ANSWERED

2,510
Reference Questions

998
MEETING ROOM RESERVATIONS

CIRCULATED
9,810
DIGITAL TALKING BOOK Players and equipment items.

139%
INCREASE FROM 2018

RESEARCH & CATALOG SERVICES

Elissa Lawrence (Librarian 2) assumed the duties as the regional federal government documents library for Ohio.

Electronic Resources Librarian Phil Willke received the 2019 Up & Comers Award at the Charleston Conference, held in Charleston, SC. The award is for innovative and collaborative librarians and related professionals who are new to their field or are in the early years of the profession.

Staff researched culturally relevant and historical themes, selected items in our collections to feature, and wrote 13 posts for the Ohio Memory Blog.

CIRCULATION & SPECIAL SERVICES

The Third annual Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB) Student Art Show was on display at the State Library from April 25 through the end of May. The exhibit featured seventeen mixed-media, symbolic self-portraits by the students in OSSB art teacher Rachelle Smith's class.

Students drew inspiration from well-known artists like Frida Kahlo and Jean-Michel Basquiat. Before beginning their artworks, students participated in a brainstorming process to identify key components of their identities.

An opening reception was held at the State Library on April 25. The student artists were recognized for their creative work and awarded certificates for

exhibiting their symbolic self-portraits in the show. Joining the students at the event were OSSB Principal Danny Ransey and OSSB chaperones. Tracy Grimm, State Library Manager of Circulation and Special Services, welcomed guests and remarks were given by OSSB Interim Superintendent Dr. Lou Maynus, Rachelle Smith, and Will Reed, Director of the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (OLPD).

Ann M. Watson, Associate State Librarian for Library Services, led her division in 2019 with a staff of 12 in the Circulation & Special Services and Research & Catalog Services departments, and 5 in the Information Systems & Technology Department.

HOLDINGS

OVER ONE MILLION ITEMS
in State Library collections

ADDED

5,703
PRINT AND DIGITAL
publications to Federal
Documents Collection.

636
PRINT AND DIGITAL
publications to Ohio
Documents Collection.

DIGITIZED AND ADDED
801 items to State Library
Collection in Ohio Memory.

CIRCULATED
22,876
PRINT ITEMS

194,707
EBOOKS & EJOURNALS

TOTAL CIRCULATION

217,583
ITEMS BORROWED

CIRCULATED
5,444 ITEMS IN
OhioLINK & SearchOHIO
CONSORTIA

4,800
ARTICLES ACCESSED
in OhioLINK EJC

NEW STATE LIBRARY
CATALOG APP

1750*
State Of Ohio Employees
used the new App.

39,647
GUESTS VISITED
the State Library for meetings,
research, and more.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

2,093
REQUESTS FULFILLED

CIRCULATION & SPECIAL SERVICES

Ohio Deaf History Month (March 13 - April 15) celebrates Deaf history and the contributions of the hearing impaired and Deaf community to society. The State Library of Ohio Board passed a resolution at its January meeting recognizing Ohio Deaf History Month in 2019 and encouraging libraries to display materials and **offer programs to highlight the signifi**-cance of the many outstanding contributions made by Deaf and hearing pioneers, particularly in Deaf Education.

Materials from the Deafness and Outreach collection were on display at the library.

Library Services hosted two students: Kent State University iSchool graduate student Lindsay Cardwell for her culminating experience; and College of Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Rachel Camargo, an undergraduate student.

MULTI-AGENCY COLLABORATION

Information Systems & Technology and Library Services worked with the InnovateOhio Platform to streamline access to digital library resources for state of Ohio employees with single-sign-on through myOhio.gov. The State Library Catalog App was launched on September 27, 2019.

*October - December estimated use

MADE 145
VISITS TO OHIO LIBRARIES

ASSISTED
23
LIBRARIES IN
STRATEGIC AND
SPACE PLANNING

90%
OF OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS
PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL
SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM
SURVEY.

477,349 PARTICIPANTS IN
Summer Library Programs across
Ohio, including
310,808 children,
65,526 teens, and 101,015 adults

PRESENTATIONS BY LPD STAFF
35
at library-related conferences,
workshops, webinars, and meetings

TAKE 5

83
YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARY
PROFESSIONALS ATTENDED

25 PUBLIC LIBRARIES
SERVING RURAL POPULATIONS
PARTICIPATED IN
GUIDING OHIO ONLINE &
employed a dedicated
technology trainer.

YOUTH SERVICES RELATED LIBRARY PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

The State Library was selected to receive a 2019 NASA@ My Library grant with resources, training and support, and $5,000 in funding. NASA@ My Library is a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education initiative to increase and enhance STEM learning opportunities for library patrons. The State Library was also selected to participate and host a hands-on NASA STEM two day workshop in May 29 for 22 Ohio library professionals. The workshop facilitators included NASA@ My Library team members from the Space Science Institute and the Lunar and Planetary Institute. As part of the grant, two STEM programing kits were available for Ohio's public libraries to borrow. The NASA@ My Library training and kits aligned with the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Apollo 11 moon landing and the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme "A Universe of Stories".

Ohio's public libraries' Summer Library Programs (SLP) positively impact hundreds of thousands of individuals statewide. The 228 library systems responding to the 2019 Ohio SLP Evaluation survey reported a total of 477,349 people participating in 2019, including 310,808 children, 65,526 teens, and 101,015 adults.

Survey respondents also reported total attendance at SLP-related library events of 1,100,010, including 783,957 attendees at children's programs, 61,631 at teen programs, 115,392 at adult programs, and 149,030 at all-ages programs.

The USDA's Summer Food Service Program provides free healthy meals to children and teens in communities with high rates of poverty. 46 public library locations in 60 systems served as open sites in the USDA's Summer Food Service Program.

In late 2019, the State Library launched the Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar. Day By Day Ohio is a tool that families, caregivers, educators, and librarians can use at home, at the library, on the go, and in the classroom. With a perpetual calendar featuring songs, activities, book suggestions, and videos, Day By Day Ohio offers resources to further develop early literacy skills that help young children prepare for, and to do better in, school.

The project was a multi-department, team-driven endeavor that included Library Development, Information Systems & Technology (IS&T), and Marketing & Communications.

Day By Day Ohio is a customization of a project of the South Carolina State Library, developed in partnership with many agencies and organizations, and primarily funded by a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Evan T. Struble, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, led the division in 2019 and managed a staff of six Library Consultants and one Metadata Librarian.

NASA@ My Library
2 KITS WERE
CIRCULATED
45 TIMES

16
EMERGING LEADERS WERE
SELECTED & PARTICIPATED
Featured 13 Speakers
Guided by 11 Steering Committee
Members

AWARDED
$2,826,952
IN FEDERAL LSTA GRANTS

**LIBRARIAN'S GUIDE TO
HOMELESSNESS**
10,660
views of the online core training

ESTABLISHED OHIO LIBRARY
2020 CENSUS COMMITTEE

29 LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS
ARE MEMBERS

51 REGISTERED ATTENDEES
at COMING TO OUR CENSUS
information webinars

HARVESTED
106,271
UNIQUE ITEMS FROM **19**
contributing institutions in Ohio.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

2019 marked a 10 year milestone for the Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) program. CTRO spotlights Ohio authors and promotes reading across Ohio. The State Library of Ohio, Ohioana Library Association and Ohio Center for the Book encourage Ohioans of all ages to read and enjoy books together. The State Library created the CTRO 2019 & 2020 poster and coordinated the development of free, downloadable, resource-packed readers' toolkits for all 2019 & 2020 CTRO books. Access to toolkits and book lists from past program cycles is ongoing at library.ohio.gov/ctro.

The Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) Advisory Council selected *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López as the fourth annual **Floyd's Pick Book Award** winner for 2019. The award was created in memory of children's literature expert, advocate, and librarian Floyd Dickman. *First Star: A Bear and Mole Story* by Will Hillenbrand and *Bark Park* by Trudy Krisher, illustrated by Brooke Boynton-Hughes were recognized as 2019 Floyd's Pick Honor Books.

Library Programs and Development staff helped libraries prepare for the 2020 U.S. Census by developing a Census Resources for Libraries section on the State Library website, creating an Ohio Library 2020 Census Committee, and hosting and presenting **What Libraries Can Do To Get Out the Count** webinars. For the first time in United States history, the U.S. Census will provide an online option for residents to respond. In Ohio, there are many libraries that serve areas with limited internet connectivity and have historically been challenging for the Census Bureau to count. Recognizing and supporting the efforts of libraries as community hubs with internet access, the State Library helped prepare them for the critical role in ensuring all Ohioans are counted.

Three institutions joined the Ohio Digital **Network** in 2019 to expand access to their digital collections. There are now 207,227 total items accessible in Ohio's collection via the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

State Library staff responsible for the Ohio Digital Network hosted the first ODNfest in October. Forty-five library professionals attended the event at the State Library to hear presentations on digital collections and aggregation by the Ohio Digital Network and discuss topics related to digital collections. The keynote speaker, Kara McClurken of the University of Virginia Library, spoke on building digital collections in times of crisis in her talk: Rapidly Acquiring, Describing, and Preserving Community-Created Digital Collections. The day ended with a Q&A session with John Bracken and Michael Della Bitta of DPLA.

ONE OF THE LARGEST
OverDrive®
CONSORTIA IN U.S.A.

70% OF OHIO
PUBLIC LIBRARY
SYSTEMS ARE MEMBERS

THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

62,437
NEW PATRONS

5,628,889
TOTAL CHECK OUTS

17%
INCREASE FROM 2018
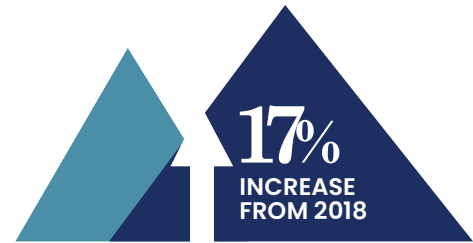
4TH LARGEST NUMBER OF
CHECK OUTS IN U.S.A.

SEO Service Center
SERVING EVERY OHIOAN

15,643,013
TOTAL AUTOMATION
CONSORTIUM
CIRCULATION

95 LIBRARY SYSTEMS
241 locations across 49 counties.

858,480
BORROWERS

93
RESIDENTS ATTENDED
ON-DEMAND TRAINING
71 classes at
45 locations.

UPGRADED ENTERPRISE TO
VERSION 5.0.1
Enabled mobile friendly catalog.

LAUNCHED
SEO LIBRARIES APP
and CREATED 22 CUSTOM
SEO LIBRARIES APP Templates

Available in both the Apple
and Goggle Play stores.

NICHE ACADEMY

21 NICHE ACADEMY
TUTORIALS for
member libraries' staff
9,295 Views

220,014
APP LAUNCHES
ON
11,216
UNIQUE DEVICES

LIBRARIES CONNECT OHIO (LCO)

In May, the State Library Board approved a $1,500,000 federal IMLS LSTA grant for one year to Libraries Connect Ohio—a partnership of library networks in coordination with the State Library that work together to provide all Ohioans access to a core collection of digital subscription-based library information resources. This core collection of library resources is available to all Ohioans. Known as the Ohio Web Library, the collection includes full-text magazines and journals; general reference resources such as encyclopedias, almanacs, business data and directories, and statistical information; resources for skills building and personal development; and humanities, arts and science resources.

OhioLINK (Ohio Library and Information Network), OPLIN (Ohio Public Library Information Network), and INFOhio (Information Network for Ohio Schools)

formed Libraries Connect Ohio in 2003 as an initiative to define and deliver a statewide digital information collection.

The partnership exemplifies the value of collaboration. Libraries Connect Ohio improves the buying power and breadth and scope of subscription-based digital information resources available to all Ohio residents regardless of where they live or go to school. The Ohio Web Library saves Ohio taxpayers millions of dollars annually by taking advantage of economies of scale. The savings affords libraries and library networks the ability to build on the core collection in Ohio Web Library by purchasing additional resources to meet the needs of their patrons.

In addition to the $1.5 million in federal funds awarded by the State Library, the three LCO library networks—INFOhio,

OhioLINK, and OPLIN—provide a combined $2.5 million in state funds each year from their current budgets.
In addition to funding support, LCO partners help raise awareness through promotion and training, and provide access to their associated libraries. OPLIN hosts the Ohio Web Library. The State Library provides access to Ohio residents and state employees on its website. OhioLINK provides access to academic library members, and INFOhio enhances access to K-12 schools. LCO partners also assist libraries in placing direct links to the databases on their websites.

The Ohio State University is the fiscal agent for Libraries Connect Ohio. Contracts for the Libraries Connect Ohio databases are negotiated every five years, and LSTA funding is requested to support the project annually.

EBSCO

Academic Search Premier—Over 4,500 scholarly journals

Alt Health Watch—Articles on complementary, holistic and integrated approaches to health care and wellness

Biography Reference Bank—Information on more than 335,000 people from throughout history and around the world

Business Source Premier—Over 2,000 journals covering a variety of business disciplines

Computer Source—Nearly 300 journals and magazines covering latest information and current trends in technology

Consumer Health Complete—Medical, health-related and drug reference books, articles on health and fitness, and sources for alternative health information

ERIC (Education Resource Information Center)—Journal articles, research reports, curriculum and teaching guides, conference papers, dissertations and theses, and books dating back to 1966

Explora (Public Library, Primary School, Secondary School, and Teachers editions)—Supports both student research and classroom instruction with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality.

Health Source: Consumer Edition—Nearly 80 health magazines

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition—550 scholarly journals on many medical disciplines. Includes AHFS Consumer Medication Information, which covers 1,300 generic drug patient education sheets with more than 4,700 brand names

Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center—"How-to" instructions and creative ideas for hobby enthusiasts

Home Improvement Reference Center—"How-to" information covering a variety of home improvement and repair projects

Literary Reference Center—Thousands of synopses, critical essays, book reviews, literary journals and author biographies, plus full-text classic novels, short stories and poems

MAS Ultra: School Edition—500 popular, high school magazines, 360 reference books, 85,670 biographies, over 107,000 primary source documents, and a vast image collection

MasterFILE Premier—Nearly 1,700 general interest magazines dating as far back as 1975, reference books, images, and primary source documents

MEDLINE—Authoritative medical information on medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, pre-clinical sciences, and more

Middle Search Plus—140 popular, middle school magazines, thousands of biographies and historical essays, and images

Newspaper Source—United States, regional, and international newspapers, and television & radio news transcripts

Points of View Reference Center— Provides students with a series of controversial essays that present multiple sides of a current issue. Essays provide questions and materials for further thought and study and are accompanied by thousands of supporting articles from the world's top political and societal publications.

Primary Search— eBook titles covering a broad range of general reference subjects for primary school students. Topics include social studies, history, language arts, geography, culture, math, and science.

Professional Development Collection—A highly specialized collection of nearly 520 high quality education journals

Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection— Nearly 400 journals concerning topics in emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational & experimental methods

Regional Business News—Coverage of more than 80 regional business publications covering all metropolitan and rural areas within the United States

EBSCO *continued...*

Religion & Philosophy Collection—More than 300 journals on such topics as world religions, major denominations, biblical studies, religious history, epistemology, political philosophy, philosophy of language, moral philosophy and the history of philosophy.

Science Reference Center—Nearly 640 science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, etc. Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science & society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife.

Small Business Reference—Magazines and reports, sample business plans, U.S. tax forms, videos and reference books

Sociological Collection—More than 500 journals on topics such as social behavior, human tendencies, interaction, relationships, community development, culture and social structure

TOPICsearch— A vast collection of magazines, biographies, public opinion polls, book reviews, pamphlets, and government information

Vocational & Career Collection—Nearly 340 trade and industry-related publications.

GALE

Chiltons Library—Continuously updated resource provides step-by-step repair procedures, troubleshooting guides, diagnostic trouble codes, photos, illustrations, diagrams, and multimedia (videos and animations) to simplify even the most complicated tasks

Gale In Context: Elementary (formerly Kids Infobits)—Curriculum-related charts and graphics, videos, books, magazines and news on such topics as Animals, Arts, Geography, Health, Literature, People, Social Studies, and Technology

OXFORD

Oxford Research Encyclopedias—Encyclopedia articles from subject-based encyclopedias covering climate science, communications, criminology, economics and finance, education, environmental science, global public health, history, international studies, linguistics, literature, planetary science, politics, psychology, social work, and more.

Very Short Introductions—Concise introductions to particular subjects, intended for a general audience but written by experts.

RECORDED BOOKS

Transparent Language Online—Courses, supplemental vocabulary, extensive grammar resources, and mobile apps with over 100 languages, including English, for speakers of over 26 languages

WORLD BOOK

Early World of Learning—Three interactive learning environments for preschoolers and children in early grades

World Book Kids—Thousands of articles, images and illustrations, interactive games, hands on activities, definitions, and an atlas for general reference

World Book Student—Includes the World Book Encyclopedia, the World Book Dictionary, and the World Book Atlas with more than 40,000 encyclopedia and reference articles, links to websites, images and illustrations, interactive games, and hands-on activities

World Book Timeline—400 interactive timelines to discover and map events

L'Encyclopedie Decouverte—French-language encyclopedia for French speakers and French language learners that is integrated with World Book Kids for parallel English-language content.

Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos—Spanish-language encyclopedia for Spanish speakers and Spanish language learner that is integrated with World Book Kids for parallel English-language content

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Library Collaboration &
Resource Sharing

Library Services During
COVID-19 Pandemic

Wendy Knapp
State Librarian of Ohio

Coming together and supporting neighbors has been the thread uniting communities through a uniquely perilous year. The core library principles of resource sharing and collaboration provided solid foundations and models for each community forced to adopt new practices to serve re-imagined day-to-day lives. The staff of the State Library of Ohio prepared for a year of unfathomable changes in embarking on the creation of a new Strategic Plan in mid-2019. Beverly Cain's retirement in 2020 would mean an executive director search would be required of the Board, and after several years of budget reductions, the financial outlook for the State Library of Ohio was not optimistic. However, the staff of the strategic planning team provided a scaffolding for enriching the lives of all Ohioans through library services. The result included in this issue has been a guidepost for me in my first six months as State Librarian and is very much in line with my personal goals for the State Library of Ohio.

In partnership with Ohio Library Community organizations such as Libraries Connect Ohio, the Ohio Digital Network and Ohio Memory, resource sharing of digital and physical collections has leveraged the decreasing funding for resources and provided economies of scale that would not be possible for the individual contributors.

Cultural and early literacy resources are highlighted in the stories about Choose to Read Ohio and the Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar, both providing resources for Ohioans of every age to combat cabin fever! The spotlights on the four ILEAD USA – Ohio projects exemplified libraries' resourcefulness and ability to collaboratively find solutions. Finally, a look at the tumultuous work of the U.S. Census Bureau and its partnership with libraries provided an example of the civil networks that served Ohio in 2020.

Wendy Knapp
State Librarian of Ohio

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2020 State Library Board
Top L to R: Laurie Gemmill Arp, President; Michael Merz, Vice-President
Bottom L to R: Janet Carleton, Member; Alan Hall, Member; Tracy Najera, Member

Photo of Janet Carleton by Tyler Stabile, Ohio University Libraries

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Collaboration & Transformation

Updating the State Library of Ohio Strategic Plan

By Mandy R. Simon. Library Consultant, State Library of Ohio

In May 2019, former State Librarian Beverly Cain invited a group of State Library of Ohio employees to collaboratively update the agency's Strategic Plan. As a library consultant within the Library Programs and Development department of the State Library who works with libraries all over Ohio on strategic planning services, I was excited to lead this team and bolster the agency's future plan to continue supporting a Smarter Ohio.

Our strategic planning team was a group of employees who work in different departments throughout the State Library. From Patron & Catalog Services, Circulation, Technical Services, and Information Technology to the Serving Every Ohioan Service Center, the team represented multiple points of view, varying levels of library experience, and brought a wealth of institutional knowledge to the group.

As a strategic planning consultant, our team provides strategic planning services to libraries. Our process is somewhat standardized. It involves a time line of information gathering from organizational stakeholders and later extrapolating that data along with trends and research in the field to suggest specific strategic priorities a library may decide to focus on in the coming years. For the information gathering portion of the process, our department regularly helps libraries create and disseminate surveys for their communities. We also act as a neutral third party to facilitate focus groups.

In our first meeting as a strategic planning team, we discussed the State Library of Ohio's many different stakeholder groups. Because we had a defined timeline and quick deadline to adhere to (eight weeks), we decided to briefly survey three of major stakeholder groups we identified.

The team created very brief (5-6 questions) surveys for:

- Internal employees at the State Library of Ohio (35 responses)
- State of Ohio agencies and state employees (1462 responses)
- Public library professionals/staff (430 responses)

We distributed the surveys for about three weeks via direct email, listserv announcements, and the State of Ohio employee Intranet. When we analyzed the data, some remarkable findings included:

- State Library of Ohio employees recognized a need for dedicated outreach and information sharing about the State Library's programs and services to State of Ohio employees and the Ohio Legislature.
- 23% of the 1400+ respondents to the State of Ohio employee survey indicated they only heard about the State Library through the survey they completed. 29% of respondents heard of the State Library through their state agency.
- 28% of State of Ohio employees indicated that the "most valuable aspects of the State Library" were "online courses."
- 64% of the public ands school library professionals who completed the survey said affordable professional development opportunities are the most needed resources for their profession.
- 76% of library professionals agreed that libraries need funding and 51% said they needed additional marketing support to be successful.

- By and large, when Ohio professionals hear the words "State Library of Ohio," they think of LSTA grants, training and specific names within the organization.

The strategic planning team met, discussed the findings, and collaboratively decided how that data would fit with existing programs and services. The group brainstormed the new data could direct efforts and improve what the State Library of Ohio is already doing to serve our stakeholders. And importantly, the team wanted to simplify these priorities so everyone could easily remember the goals and refer back to them when working on specific projects or creating new services.

The final draft of the Strategic Plan does not have a lot of new initiatives, largely because of our funding situation. But our team was able to come up with some new ways to redraft existing initiatives and put them into a framework that is easy to remember and will continue to drive the organization in a forward-moving direction.

That framework is narrowed down to three areas: Raise Awareness, Widen Access, and Lead Innovation. It is our hope that everyone in the organization will be confident aligning their work into one of these strategic priorities moving into the future.

The full Strategic Plan of the State Library of Ohio, with more detail and specific initiatives pertaining to each priority, can be viewed here: library.ohio.gov/about/strategic-plan

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

STRATEGIC PLAN   2020 - 2021

Vision: A Smarter Ohio

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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GOALS

RAISE AWARENESS

Position the State Library of Ohio to state government as the preferred channel for information.

- Increase communication to State of Ohio agencies and employees to improve understanding of library resources, services, and programming.

- Expand outreach efforts to inform state government of the State Library's available services and facilities.

- Highlight how Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds impact communities by communicating the reporting data to district representatives.

- Ensure the State Library is meeting the needs of state government through regular assessment of its services and conversations with its stakeholders.

Promote the availability of State Library resources to residents throughout Ohio.

- Promote digital resources, including the Ohio Digital Library, Ohio Memory, and online databases.

- Publicize access to books, videos, music and other materials through State Library partnerships.

- Inform residents and public libraries about the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program.

- Utilize established channels, such as the State Library of Ohio website, list-servs, and social media accounts to raise awareness of our many valuable resources with our communities.

- Ensure the State Library is meeting the needs of residents through regular assessment of its services and conversations with its stakeholders.

Boost information sharing of the State Library's consulting services and professional resources to Ohio Libraries.

- Focus on consulting services in updated marketing materials and information distributed at conferences, library visits, and other networking events.

- Illustrate the benefits of the digitization hub at the SEO Service Center, and digitization support from the State Library of Ohio.

- Promote the use of the State Library of Ohio Meeting Rooms and F. Ward Murrey Annex to library professionals for in-person meetings and events.

- Disseminate information to public libraries about the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program.

- Ensure the State Library is meeting the needs of libraries through regular assessment of its services and conversations with its stakeholders.

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WIDEN ACCESS

Remove barriers to provide easier access to the vast collections, special services, and relevant points of interest offered to state government agencies, employees, Ohio residents, and libraries.

- Utilize the Innovate Ohio platform to provide immediate, seamless, and fully-integrated access to the State Library's various resources.

- Create trainings that inform users how to access available resources in the physical library and connect them to our digital collections and databases.

Support digitization and digital preservation initiatives across Ohio through webinars and in-person training.

- Continue and expand partnerships with libraries to preserve and improve access to their histories through DPLA and other digitization efforts.

- Further publicize the LSTA grant partnership with Ohio Preservation Council providing a dedicated funding initiative for conservation.

Facilitate expanded access to the Ohio Digital Library.

- Encourage partnerships between public libraries and schools to provide access for students and classrooms to the Ohio Digital Library's resources.

- Provide support and information to stakeholders for additional ways to access the Ohio Digital Library as needed.

LEAD INNOVATION

Utilize our highly-skilled staff's expertise and creativity to better connect our constituents to collections, Ohio's history, and what they need.

- Preserve and improve access to the past and present histories of state agencies via digitization and Ohio Memory.

- Encourage innovative use of LSTA funds via Ohio library grant applications.

Promote innovative pathways and dynamic learning opportunities for discovery of the State Library's collections and resources.

- Provide relevant and affordable professional development resources for libraries and library staff, including educational support for library administrators to be effective community leaders.

- Investigate new technologies to further expand SEO Service Center's offerings for On-Demand Training.

Streamline processes and update services to optimize the State Library's assets and ensure relevance and fiscal responsibility.

- Consider workflow analysis and sustainability of current and potential programs for each department.

- Work towards becoming a more flexible and nimble organization that can adjust services and programs to best suit the needs of its users.

OHIO LIBRARY COMMUNITY

State Library of Ohio
State agency library

OPLIN
Independent state agency within the State Library of Ohio

INFOhio
Division of the Management Council Ohio Education Computer Network (MCOECN) in the Ohio Department of Education

OhioLINK
Division of Ohio Department of Higher Education under the umbrella of OH-TECH (Ohio Technology Consortium)

Academic Libraries
Libraries within a public institution of higher education

Special Libraries
Libraries that are government funded or subsidized with special collections.

Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled
Under the umbrella of the Cleveland Public Library

Ohio Center for the Book
Affiliate of The Center for the Book at the Library of Congress—Under the umbrella of the Cleveland Public Library

Academic Libraries
Libraries within a private institution of higher education

ALAO
Academic Library Association of Ohio

ARLIS/NA Ohio Valley
Art Libraries Society of North America–Ohio Valley Chapter

OELMA
Ohio Educational Library Media Association

OhioNET

Ohio Preservation Council

OHSLA
Ohio Health Sciences Library Association

OLC
Ohio Library Council

ORALL
Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

SOA
Society of Ohio Archivists

OTLA
Ohio Theological Library Association

Regional Library Systems
Four state chartered member driven systems.

Special Libraries
Associated with a State of Ohio agency, museum or institution.

Correctional Institution Libraries
Under the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections

CO-ASIS&T
Central Ohio Chapter, American Society of Information Science and Technology

NOTSL
Northern Ohio Technical Services Librarians

SLA
Special Libraries Association Regional Communities/Chapters

County Law Libraries
County Department or Agency

Special Libraries
Associated with multi-county agency, or other state funded museum system or institution.

Pre K–12 School Libraries/Media Centers
Within a county or local public school district

Public Libraries
Under the umbrella of county or local government

Types of Public Libraries
Association
County
County District
County Extension
Municipal
School District
Township

Special Libraries
Libraries associated with a single or multi-county museum system or institution.

Pre K–12 School Libraries/Media Centers
Libraries within a private or charter school
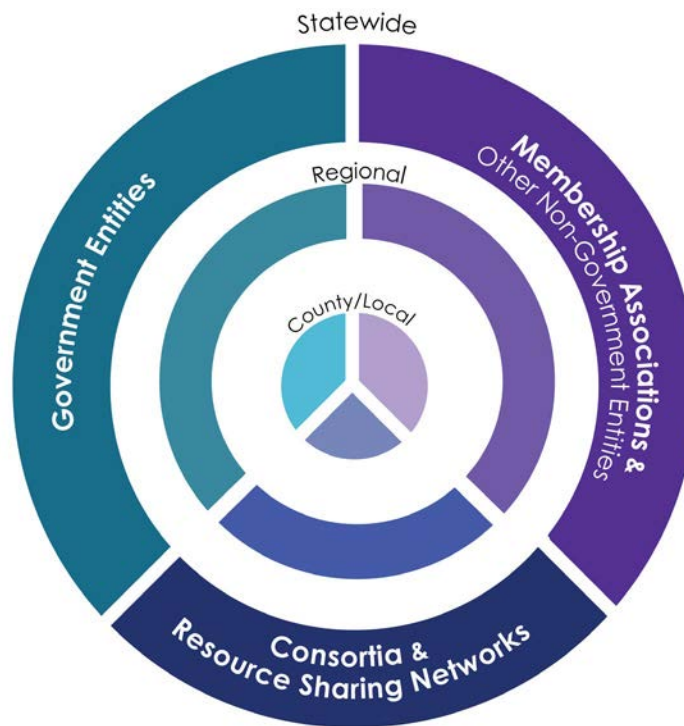
CLC
Central Library Consortium

CLEVNET

CONSORT

Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries

COOL
Consortium of Ohio Libraries

INFOhio

LCO
Libraries Connect Ohio

Ohio Digital Library

Ohio Digital Network

OhioLINK
Ohio Library and Information Network

OPAL
Ohio Private Academic Libraries

OPLIN
Ohio Public Library Information Network

SearchOhio

SEO
Serving Every Ohioan Library Consortium—Branch of the State Library

OTHERS

iSchool
Kent State University School of Information

OCLC
A global library cooperative located in central Ohio.

Statewide
Regional
County/Local
Government Entities
Membership Associations & Other Non-Government Entities
Consortia & Resource Sharing Networks

OPLIN and Libraries Connect Ohio

By Don Yarman, Director
OPLIN (Ohio Public Library Information Network)

In the early to mid-1990s, a group of public library directors were imagining ways that they could better share their resources. The first step, they reasoned, was to get their computerized "card catalogs" up on this Internet thing that everyone was talking about. And the vision that became OPLIN—the Ohio Public Library Information Network—began to take shape.

A prominent feature of the new OPLIN services was the first set of statewide electronic database subscriptions for public libraries. For many library staff, that is what OPLIN meant: the databases. Separate from the scary and wild, wild web and its explosion of inaccurate and bad information, there were the sturdy, reliable, OPLIN databases.

While OPLIN was buying database subscriptions on behalf of Ohio's public libraries, other organizations were maintaining statewide subscriptions of their own: INFOhio provided many of the exact same resources to K-12 schools, while OhioLINK provided academic/research versions of these resources to Ohio's colleges and universities. The collections had important differences that reflected the divergent missions between public, school, and academic libraries, but there was a great deal of overlap. Recognizing this, the directors of the three networks came together with the State Librarian to form Libraries Connect Ohio, a partnership seeking to license database subscriptions not just for their own communities, but for all 11.7 million citizens of Ohio.

Libraries Connect Ohio, or LCO, begins with the philosophy that working together, we can save costs and do more. When individual schools, colleges, and public libraries purchase these resources separately, the costs run into multi-millions of dollars, and still do not provide access for all. As subscription costs rise and local budgets tighten, few libraries can afford these resources on their own. Together, Libraries Connect Ohio can purchase authoritative reference and research resources at the statewide level, providing all Ohioans with access to the resources necessary for life in the information-intensive 21st century.

How does it work? It begins with seed money from the State Library's LSTA funds. The generous LSTA grant (currently $1,500,000 each year) along with contributed funds from each partner organization, allows INFOhio, OhioLINK, and OPLIN to issue a single "Intent to Negotiate" (a type of RFP) for statewide licenses to premium digital content lasting five years. Vendor proposals are reviewed by a committee of nineteen: five librarians from each of the networks plus staff representatives from the LCO partners. There's a lot of discussion and compromise as each community stakes out its priorities: public librarians want business, consumer, and lifestyle information; schools prioritize curriculum support, standards alignment, and good elementary content; colleges and universities want good scholarly publications that support research and higher learning. All of us want the highest quality (and quantity) of content that our combined funds can acquire. OhioLINK takes the lead in negotiations with vendors, and the result is a five-year package of resources that every Ohioan can access easily through their school, college, university, or public library websites.

Generally, there's very little change in this collection over the course of five years, but in response to COVID-19, database vendors have added content to subscriptions, and relaxed some restrictions to access. EBSCOhost, which provides the large, common collection of magazines, newspapers, and journals, has upgraded the LCO subscription packages to the highest tier. World Book has added science and social studies resources alongside the general encyclopedias licensed by LCO. Information about these and other expansions can be found at oplin.ohio.gov/expanded-access.

Libraries Connect Ohio ensures that when Ohioans need reliable, authoritative resources for school assignments, business research, or lifelong education, they can turn to their library—their school, college, or public library, as well as the generic Ohio Web Library portal at www.ohioweblibrary.org—for trusted information.

A sample of what's available in the Ohio Web Library.

ODN UPDATE

By Penelope Shumaker, Metadata Librarian, State Library of Ohio

In March, the Ohio Digital Network (ODN), Ohio's Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) service hub, celebrated its second anniversary of the first ingestion of Ohio metadata records. This is the anniversary of when resources from Ohio libraries and museums became discoverable in DPLA's online portal at dp.la. With the first harvest, over 94,000 records from 11 Ohio libraries and museums were integrated into the DPLA discovery portal. Now, there are over 234,000 records from 24 Ohio libraries and museums that are discoverable through the DPLA portal.

While large institutions have contributed large collections, such as Toledo Lucas County Public Library's Auditor's Office Images collection of over 95,000 block cards, the story of the Ohio Digital Network is also about helping small libraries bring their collections to the national portal. The Pontifical College Josephinum's library has contributed 38 records to DPLA that tell the unique story of the college's history. The Pontifical College's records are discoverable alongside records from institutions such as the Getty and the Library of Congress.

Let's take a moment to peek behind the curtain at how the metadata records are gathered from individual library's websites and published on DPLA's website. DPLA is a discovery portal for digitized objects from across the country and links the users back to

original library or museums website with each record. Each record provides the metadata information and a thumbnail preview of the item represented, as well as a link back to the original library or museum's website to view the full-sized object. This format gives increased traffic and visibility to the library's digital collection, while providing the user access to a broad scope of resources.

In order to harvest the metadata, ODN uses the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) standards and feeds. ODN uses the REPOX, a harvesting software to pull the OAI feeds of the digital collections' metadata. These OAI feeds are already present in many popular Digital Asset Management Systems such as CONENTdm, Islandora, and Bepress. After the feed is harvested, ODN staff uses XSLT to transform the metadata to the correct format for DPLA to harvest.

Although this process sounds complicated, all that libraries need to do is make sure their metadata meets the minimum requirements for inclusion in DPLA and that their system has an OAI feed. You can read more about the requirements for ODN and read our Metadata Application Profile on our website: OhioDigitalNetwork.org.

If you are interested in adding collections to DPLA, contact Jen Johnson (jjohnson@library.ohio.gov), or Penelope Shumaker (pshumaker@library.ohio.gov).

Our Contributing Institutions

Akron-Summit County Public Library
Bowling Green State University Libraries
Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library
Cleveland Museum of Art Archives
Cleveland Public Library
The College of Wooster Special Collections
Columbus Metropolitan Library
Dayton Metro Library
Denison University
Kent State University
Kenyon College
Mansfield/Richland County Public Library
MidPointe Library System
Ohio History Connection
Ohio University Libraries
Ohio Wesleyan University
Pontifical College Josephinum
Rodman Public Library
State Library of Ohio
Toledo Lucas County Public Library
Upper Arlington Public Library
Wilmington College
Worthington Libraries
Xavier University

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ODN and the State Library launched a Metadata Mini-Grant program, to empower libraries and museums to prepare their collections for the Digital Public Library of America. Libraries may apply for up to $4,999 in federal LSTA funds to prepare collections for DPLA.

Applications were due on November 2, 2020 and are currently being reviewed.
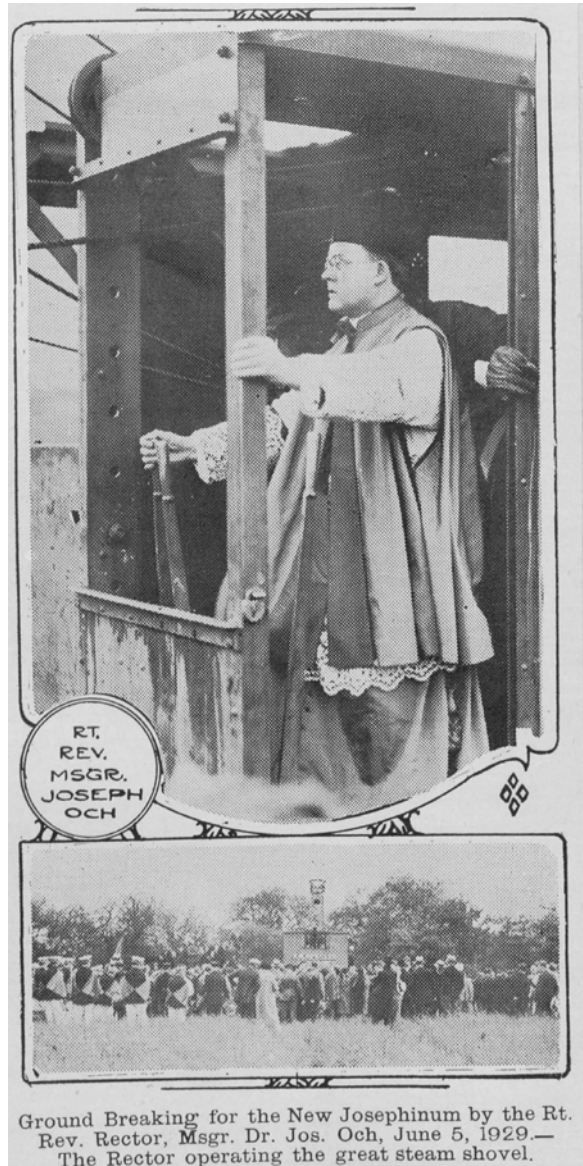
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Creator: Pontifical College Josephinum
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Contributing Institution: Pontifical College Josephinum
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ODN's second annual ODNFest moved to an online platform this year and featured the following presentations:

Wholeness Is No Trifling Matter: Documenting Black Women and the Ethical Consideration of Digital Collections
Keynote by Holly Smith, Spelman College.

Where They're At: Enriching the Wikiverse with DPLA
Dominic Byrd-McDevitt, Digital Public Library of America
John Dewees, Toledo Lucan County Public Library

DPLA's Black Women's Suffrage Collection
Audrey Altman, Digital Public Library of America
Shaneé Yvette Murrain, Digital Public Library of America

ODN + DPLA Annual Report and Q&A Session
Jen Johnson, State Library of Ohio
Penelope Shumaker, State Library of Ohio
John Bracken, Digital Public Library of America
Michael Della Bitta, Digital Public Library of America

Recordings of the event's sessions can be accessed at ohiodigitalnetwork.org/contributors/odnfest-2020/.

ODNFest was supported in part by LSTA/IMLS funding, and through partnership with the Toledo Lucas County Public Library.

ODN hosted a summer webinar series, "What the Wiki," which focused on Wikipedia and digital library collections. Recordings for these three webinars can be found on the Ohio Digital Network'sYouTube channel.
youtube.com/channel/UCj3iBuzZPC9welGwaY-WhdoA

Access to ODN contributors' collections in DPLA is now available via the Ohio Web Library.
dp.la/search?partner=Ohio+Digital+Network

2021 & 2022 Choose to Read Ohio Program Debuts

By Janet Ingraham Dwyer
Library Consultant, State Library of Ohio

The public health emergency has disrupted just about every aspect of ordinary life. While a stay-at-home order followed by ongoing social distancing should at least have the positive side benefit of creating more time and opportunity to read, some book lovers have reported that the stress and uncertainty of the larger situation has made it impossible to sit still and focus on a book. For others, reading is a special solace during this time. Whether you are devouring books like never before, or feeling too unsettled to turn a page, know that your Ohio-wide reading community supports you.

The biennial Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) booklist is usually announced at the Ohioana Book Festival in even-numbered years. This year, with the festival moved online and rescheduled to late summer, the State Library of Ohio and the Ohioana Library, with the Ohio Center for the Book, rolled out the 2021 & 2022 CTRO booklist through social media and publications like Ohio Libraries Quarterly. An early announcement gives libraries and schools plenty of time to purchase copies of books on the list if they so choose, while we continue to support and promote the current (2019 & 2020) CTRO booklist through year's end.

CTRO encourages reading across Ohio through its biennial booklist of 20 representative titles for all ages. CTRO booklists spotlight and celebrate the rich and diverse tapestry of published literature by Ohioans. CTRO helps libraries, schools, families, book clubs, and others build communities of readers and an appreciation of Ohio authors, illustrators, and literature.

Of note especially during the public health emergency: CTRO can help create these communities even in a time of social distancing. Many titles on the new booklist are available as ebooks through the Ohio Digital Library and other ebook providers. Many previous CTRO selections are also available digitally.

Also, each CTRO book features a free downloadable readers' toolkit full of ideas and resources for extending the reading experience, including an author biography, discussion questions, activities, and links for further exploration of the book's themes, topics, or setting. Toolkits for the 2021 & 2022 titles are in production and are being added to the website as they become ready.

Learn more about CTRO, the 2021 & 2022 booklist, and the Ohio teachers, librarians, and other book lovers who graciously support CTRO by participating in the biennial selection process: library.ohio.gov/news/20-books-selected-2021-2022-choose-read-ohio-ctro-booklist/.

Download the new 2021 & 2022 booklist formatted for printing and sharing: library.ohio.gov/documents/choose-read-ohio-2021-2022-titles/.

Choose to Read Ohio 2021 & 2022 Booklist

Books for Adults
Hanif Abdurraqib, *Go Ahead in the Rain: Notes to A Tribe Called Quest*
Robert P. Madison* with Carlo Wolff*, *Designing Victory: A Memoir: The Architect Who Dared, Dreamed, and Achieved International Acclaim*
Toni Morrison, *The Bluest Eye*
Michael J. Rosen, *A Mile and a Half of Lines: The Art of James Thurber*
George Takei, Justin Eisinger*, Steven Scott*, and Harmony Becker*, *They Called Us Enemy*

Books for Teens
David Arnold, *Mosquitoland*
Christopher Barzak, *The Gone Away Place*
Ronni Davis, *When the Stars Lead to You*
Erin McCahan, *The Lake Effect*
Justin A. Reynolds, *Opposite of Always*

Books for Tweens/Middle Grades
Mary Kay Carson, *The Tornado Scientist: Seeing Inside Severe Storms*
Sharon M. Draper, *Blended*
Michelle Houts, *Count the Wings: The Life and Art of Charley Harper*
Terri Libenson, *Invisible Emmie*
Jasmine Warga, *Other Words for Home*

Books for Young Children
Skila Brown, *Clackety Track: Poems About Trains;* illustrated by Jamey Christoph*
Matt de la Peña, *Love;* illustrated by Loren Long*
Rukhsanna Guidroz, *Leila in Saffron;* illustrated by Dinara Mirtalipova*
Rita Lorraine Hubbard, *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read;* illustrated by Oge Mora*
Sandra Markle*, *Hush Up and Hibernate!;* illustrated by Howard McWilliam

*Asterisk denotes Ohio creator of co-created book.

The Ohioana Book Festival Goes Virtual!

In the spring, Ohioana announced the postponement and reformat the 2020 Ohioana Book Festival. The Book Festival was held virtually from Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30, 2020. Information about participating authors, a schedule with links to recordings from the festival, and a list of sponsors are available on the Ohioana website at: www.ohioana.org/programs/ohioana-book-festival/

DayByDay Ohio
FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR

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In December 2019, the State Library of Ohio, in collaboration with Ohio Ready to Read, launched the Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar website. Day By Day Ohio is a tool that families, caregivers, educators, and librarians can use anywhere. With a perpetual calendar featuring songs, activities, book suggestions, and videos, Day By Day Ohio helps young children to develop early literacy skills that contribute to school readiness. Share Day By Day Ohio with families and community organizations: DayByDayOH.org.

Day By Day Ohio is a customization of a project of the South Carolina State Library, developed in partnership with many agencies and organizations, and primarily funded by a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Several months in the making, Day By Day Ohio was not developed with a public health emergency in mind, but it turns out to be a very helpful tool for families who are practicing social distancing and are in need of activities for their young children. The State Library of Ohio has been publicizing Day By Day Ohio's fun, positive learning experiences for young children while at home during the public health emergency. Day By Day Ohio is listed on the state's Coronavirus website under Resources for Parents and Families - Family Activities to Try During Closures: coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/covid-19-checklists/family-activities-to-try-during-closures-covid-19 and on Groundwork Ohio's COVID-19 resource page for parents: groundworkohio.org/covid-19parents.

To reach more families with young children, we hope you will share the Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar from your website, and with your partners and other community groups, and promote it through newsletters, blogs, and social media. The Day By Day Ohio Media Kit on the State Library of Ohio website provides communications resources to help libraries promote Day By Day Ohio.

We ask that you acknowledge the State Library of Ohio and Ohio Ready to Read when promoting Day By Day Ohio.

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A couple years ago, South Carolina State Library (SCSL) generously made the code for its Day By Day Family Literacy Calendar available to other states.

Day By Day is an online perpetual calendar for families and caregivers of young children. Every day, families can enjoy a song, a video, activity suggestions, and book recommendations, just by clicking on a simple link – in South Carolina, DayByDaySC.org. Other states that implemented the Day By Day calendar include New York, Idaho, and Virginia. As described above, Ohio created our own version last year: DayByDayOH.org.

We realized that our revision of the Day By Day calendar code would be helpful for other states interested in adopting the calendar, so we are making our revised code available to any other interested state. As an additional service, our IT team created an implementation of the code that is "genericized" – with state-specific resources/links removed and replaced by placeholders or with content that is appropriate to any state. The site retains acknowledgement of and credit to SCSL, plus a statement about the contributions of the State Library of Ohio.

Community Library Collective

Build deeper community engagement and deeper human relationships with **Asset Based Community Development**

By ILEAD USA - Ohio Community Library Collective Team members—
Holly Kabat, Kalyn Kappelman, Forrest Kilb, Maggie Killman, and Alison Lyon

Community Library Collective (CLC) was a team of librarians from Northeast Ohio, united by the shared experience of disconnect from their service areas; all of the members commute from different communities to the libraries in which they work. Building on personal experience, they found libraries needed to provide community engagement education. The team started with the goal to create an onboarding resource for librarians to discover best practices for connecting with service communities, but through the course of ILEAD their goals developed and they created www.communitylibrarycollective.org to show librarians the value of developing relationships in order to promote strength within their communities.

To create the website, CLC hired a web developer to build an online presence with a clear brand and engaging graphics, and also contracted consulting services from experts in the field of Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD is a process through which resources in a community are linked in order to develop that community's capacity to work together, increasing the quality of life for everyone. These resources come in many forms, whether they are institutional, such as a city government, school, library, or nonprofit, or whether they derive from the residents themselves: residents' knowledge, skills, and passions are some of the greatest assets your community may have. Librarians who take the time to foster relationships with residents are finding more of this wealth in their communities, but it takes some confidence and optimism for them to find these gems. While all communities face very real issues that need addressing, there are also so many wonderful assets to be found. Providing institutional support for talent and inspiration already existing in a neighborhood can create powerful outcomes for all and mark an institution as one that is by the people as well as for the people.

The CLC website offers examples of ABCD in practice, such as Kay Coaching's case study of their contract with Neighborhood Connections for developing a partnership with the Rice Branch Library in Cleveland to start "Neighbor Up Network." This gathering allowed community members to approach local issues and leverage the knowledge and skills found among the group to create new opportunities. The site also shares testimonials from staff at the Akron-Summit County Public Library and Athens County Public Library about their community engagement and staff training expectations to support ABCD. Also provided are tools for further research as well as tips on asset mapping and planning. CLC worked with libraries across the state to collect documentation of

working practices relating to community engagement: strategic planning, program planning, evaluation, and reporting. Members of the group had personal contacts with individuals from the above mentioned libraries, and institutional knowledge from their own workplaces; examples of ABCD in collection development at Medina County District Library are presented, as well as best practices for strategic and program planning, evaluation, and reporting from Shaker Heights Public and Reed Memorial Library.

The ILEAD experience meant a lot to each group member both personally and professionally. The team valued hearing from experts in the field on topics such as leadership, inclusiveness, and mindfulness while in a supportive group environment that led to a lot of positive and helpful discussions and personal growth. They now see themselves moving forward and outside of their comfort zones with growing confidence and an understanding that they are part of a larger community working toward common goals.

The CLC website was assembled by five Ohio librarians.

Holly Kabat is the Adult Acquisitions Librarian for Medina County District Library, and has previously worked for Lakeland Community College Library, CH-UH Libraries, and Mentor Public Library.

Kalyn Kappelman was the Training and Special Projects Coordinator at Reed Memorial Library in Ravenna in Portage County until August of 2019; she is currently the Branch Services Librarian Generalist at the Warrensville Heights branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

Forrest Kilb is a Subject Department Librarian in downtown Cleveland at the Social Sciences Department of Cleveland Public Library, and his position provides opportunities in collection development and programming responsibilities.

As a Youth Community Engagement Librarian, Maggie Killman builds relationships with community partners and residents, and the connections she has made have resulted in a number of fruitful programs and services for the community members of Shaker Heights.

Alison Lyon is a Media Specialist for the Hudson City School District where she serves over three hundred students in her third grade elementary building.

Visit us at communitylibrarycollective.org

Focusing on enhancing the connections between librarians and our immigrant patron population

by Penelope Shumaker
Metadata Librarian, State Library of Ohio

In Fall 2018, four librarians, Danielle Bernert (Columbus College of Art and Design), Hilary Harlan (Plain City Public Library), Leanne Schnieder-Webb (Bexley Public Library), and myself, Penelope Shumaker (State Library of Ohio), met to discuss challenges faced by librarians. We found that we all had felt unprepared at times when working with refugee and immigrant populations. Perhaps we had been unaware of cultural customs when communicating or slipped into using terminology that may have been new for English Language Learners. As we researched more about English Language Learners in our community, we found that 10.1 percent of the population of Franklin County, where we all live and work, is foreign born. We knew other librarians in Franklin County and across Ohio may also feel unprepared, as cultural sensitivity was not often addressed in our professional development experiences. We determined these library professionals may need resources to help them become more knowledgeable about cultural sensitivity and competency. So our group—Cultural Connections—was born. We applied and were excited to be chosen to be a part of the 2019 ILEAD USA – Ohio Cohort.

As we explored the issues of cultural sensitivity and how to use our ILEAD grant funds to address this issue, we acknowledged that one of the biggest barriers front-line library staff face is time. While they may be eager to learn about topics such as cultural sensitivity, library staff have limited time to discover good resources. So with this in mind, we decided to remove the barriers of finding and organizing resources by developing a training tool for librarians. We decided to create a website, Cultural-ConnectionsOhio.com, that gathered high-quality, free resources for library staff. The resources are arranged topically into modules that are meant to be digested in about an hour. Each module concludes with a quiz and a certificate honoring the library staff's time.

In addition to the grant funds, ILEAD provides a unique immersive leadership program for all attendees. Here are some highlights of our experiences.

Cultural Connections Team

Danielle Bernert: ILEAD gave me the opportunity to really connect with librarians from all over the state in a way that is unique from all other programs. I discovered that for every current issue or need in the library world, there are at least five other librarians who have already brainstormed new ideas and solutions. Getting to be on a team of insightful and hard-working individuals was a fantastic opportunity.

Hilary Harlan: For a new librarian like me, ILEAD USA – Ohio offered an immersive jump not only into problem-solving and teamwork but also into emerging trends facing libraries today. With the program's workshops on diversity, community engagement, and mindfulness, I am prepared, now more than ever, to succeed in all aspects of librarianship throughout my career.

Leanne Schnieder-Webb: ILEAD USA – Ohio was an invaluable experience, especially because of the opportunity it provided to create lasting relationships with library colleagues throughout the state. Learning in this high-paced, team-project-driven environment taught me lessons about teamwork, leadership, and management that I will carry with me for a lifetime.

Penelope Shumaker: As a member of the Cultural Connections Team, I found I was able to build my leadership skills through working on a remote group project and connecting with library professionals from across the state. In addition, I appreciated hearing from such a talented group of presenters both inside and outside of the library world, including L.C. Johnson (Zora's House), Daron Larson (Attentional Fitness), and Nancy Kirpatrick (OhioNET).

Visit us at ConnectionsOhio.com

By Gill Nance
Adult, Information and Inter Library Loan Services Librarian, Southwest Public Libraries

Library Program Helper started out as the brainchild of Jessica Curtis of Westerville Public Library. She spends most of her days planning, implementing and teaching others about how to do programming in a public library setting. Jessica noticed that there was a large number of people in libraries being asked to do programming that had little to no training or experience in it. She felt that there was a fairly large gap between those with a lot of programming experience and those who "suddenly had greatness thrust upon them" as one of our users described herself. She wanted to find a way to help bridge that gap between library professionals with lots of experience and library staff who had no training or for those who had not done it for years.

Jessica decided that she wanted to find a way to make this a reality. She sent emails out to all of the local committees and organizations asking for volunteers to join her in applying for a grant through the 2019 ILEAD USA – Ohio program. She had three people respond. Kellen Freeman, the Technology Training Specialist for Delaware County District Library; Gill Nance, a Librarian from Southwest Public Libraries; and Rose Shaddy, a Library Administrator for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Kellen was new in his position and found himself suddenly being asked to do technology-based programming for the first time and felt that finding a way to collaborate with other experienced librarians would be beneficial for his new position. Gill had started out her library career as support staff personnel and with very little knowledge and access to resources when she started working in libraries. She knew that having a helpful resource would have been very valuable. Rose has spent her entire library career working within the prison system and knew exactly how limited the resources and support were for prison librarians. They all saw the vision and purpose that Jessica has proposed and thus an idea was born.

The group spent the next ten months working within the ILEAD program learning leadership skills, developing networks, and learning all of the things that they would need to know in order to develop and implement their idea.

They created the website libraryprogramhelper.org. Their website is a collaborative tool to connect library staff who are experienced in programming with library staff who are novices. Library Program Helper is designed to work with content donated by experienced contributors for the novice users to download and tweak to their needs. Library Program Helper has access to "how-to guides," pre-packaged programs, budget worksheets, and other helpful programming forms. All of the content is contributed to the website from outside sources and is submitted under a Creative Commons 4.0 Attribution-Share Alike license. All contributors give access to their content freely for use by all in need. Library Program Helper relies heavily on the contributions made by those within the library community.

Library Program Helper went live in September 2019 at the Ohio Library Council's Convention and Expo where the four creators presented a Poster Session to the library community. It was wildly popular and had a great reception. Many people expressed the fact that they wished they had this resource when they first started and we had a lot of people excited to use the resource themselves because they had just started doing programming. Library Program Helper has gotten a lot of contributions and emails from willing contributors wanting to donate all of their programming ideas and resource tools to the website. The success so far has been very exciting. The first week after it went live, Library Program Helper received 5,700 hits. This was a very encouraging number because it showed just how needed this resource is in the library community.

The four creators of Library Program Helper are happy to continue their project even though the grant period for ILEAD is complete. They have all signed on to maintain the website for at least the next three years, depending on its popularity and usage. They hope that Library Program Helper will be maintained and used for many years to come. They would also like to thank the ILEAD steering committee, the State Library of Ohio, OhioNET, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, their mentor Christine Morris and their community user representative Therese Phillips.

Cardington Kit – Greenscreen

February 2, 2020

By Katy Hite
Assistant Branch Manager and Adult Services Supervisor Orange Branch, Delaware County District Library

Team Tech to Go is made up of Natalie Amato, Katy Hite and Brandon Thomas. Natalie is an Instruction and Outreach Librarian at the Jessica R. Gund Memorial Library at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Katy is the Assistant Branch Manager and Adult Services Supervisor at the Orange Branch of the Delaware County District Library and Brandon works at the Karl Road Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library as the Materials Services Supervisor. Our diverse experiences between academic libraries, reference desk services and circulation duties really brought unique experiences to our team. We came together as a sort of Frankenstein team—some of us knew each other outside of the library world, and we used the State Library staff to help us find interested individuals to form our team. Due to last minute changes, we also ended up being a team of three which added some unique challenges to our project, but we are so happy with how it turned out in the end!

At the start of the ILEAD experience, the idea of our project was to help libraries who may be interested in having technology and fun tech toys for their staff and patrons to see and use during library programs or training. We envisioned these as small kits, like tinker kits that some libraries have been circulating to their patrons and branches, that included some instructions and program ideas. We wanted to take the barrier of storage, apprehension and finances off of smaller libraries who wanted to provide their patrons with fun tech experiences.

That idea changed a whole lot along the way. As we started to get to know one another and how we worked as a team (which was a really vital part of the entire ILEAD process), we began asking difficult questions about the logistics of our project—what do we buy? Who stores those items? Who would fix them when they broke? How do they get from one place to the next? And on and on and on to the point where we realized that we

had to re-evaluate our goals as a team. This is where the steering committee of ILEAD really came in to support us. Between our team mentor (Chad Boeninger) and State Library employees Cindy Boyden and Erin Kelsey, we were able to redirect the focus of our project in a way that ultimately made a really big impact for the libraries we served.

Eventually, our team ended up creating technology kits for six libraries including academic and public libraries throughout Ohio. We identified these libraries by their operating budgets, along with the size of the populations they served, and we outfitted these libraries with kits to get started with recording podcasts with film equipment and green screens, or with 3D printers. These libraries worked with us as 'pilot' libraries to help us gather information about their experiences working with new technology and creating content to help tell their patrons' stories including sports team podcasts, teaching 3D printing to homeschool students, and integrating video work into library programs. We are gathering this content in the hopes of sharing programming ideas and equipment shopping lists with fellow library staff members at librarytechtogo.com. –Please note this is a work in progress but please visit the site soon to check out new content!

We would like to thank the staff involved in our pilot project at Selover Library, Belle Center Free Public Library, Alexandria Public Library, Cardington-Lincoln Public Library, Ralph M. Besse Library at Ursuline College and Ritter Library at Baldwin Wallace University; our team mentor Chad Boeninger; the ILEAD steering committee and the staff of the State Library of Ohio for this excellent opportunity!

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![ILEAD USA logo]

ILEAD USA – Ohio is a biennial program that teaches librarians to work with each other, develop their leadership skills, and use participatory and emerging technologies to solve a clear problem in their community.

ILEAD USA – Ohio fosters the development of team projects over a nine-month period through a combination of three face-to-face meetings and intermittent online sessions. At the end of nine months, each team presents their project with the goal of either sustaining these projects as ongoing library programs or directly applying the knowledge gained to future collaborative projects.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Through grant making, policy development, and research, we help communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage and lifelong learning. To learn more about IMLS, please visit www.imls.gov.

Community Library Collective: Kayln Kappelman, Margaret Killman, Holly Kabet, Alison Leininger, Forrest Kilb

Cultural Connections: Hilary Harlen, Lenann Schneider Webb, Danielle Bernert, Penelope Shumaker

The Bildungsroman Four - Library Program Helper
Rose Shaddy, Gillian Nance, Kellen Freeman, and Jessica Curtis

Team Tech to Go: Brandon Thomas, Katy Hite, Natalie Amato

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Kellen Freeman is the Technology Training Specialist at the Delaware County District Library. He teaches computer classes and runs the Maker Annex, the library's makerspace. With Library Program Helper, he maintains the website and keeps things running as smooth as possible.

Gill Nance is an Adult, Information and Inter Library Loan Services Librarian at Southwest Public Libraries in Grove City, Ohio. In addition to all of her library duties, she is very actively involved in the Ohio Library Council's Professional

Development Committee and is their current Assistant Chair. In her spare time, she is a mother to five.

Rose Shaddy is a Library Administrator at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Her job is to assist in coordinating and supervising library services for the library staff of twenty-eight different ODRC institutions. Additionally, she is also responsible for new library staff training and enjoys having the opportunity to serve a group of special population inmates.

Please visit libraryprogramhelper.org to find information on how to become a contributor.

CENSUS RESOURCES FOR LIBRARIES

By Erin Kelsey
Library Consultant, State Library of Ohio

In the fall of 2019, the State Library of Ohio created the Census Resources for Libraries web page. For the first time in United States history, the Census offered an online option to respond. In Ohio, many libraries serve areas with limited internet connectivity which have historically been challenging for the Census Bureau to count. As community hubs with internet access, libraries played a critical role in ensuring Ohioans were counted. Libraries were essential to every community, campus, student, and patron that came through its doors or connected online.

Census 2020 ended on October 15, 2020, and Ohio's self-response rate was 70.7%—representing a modest increase from the 2010 mail-in response rate of 69%. Libraries played a huge role in disseminating Census information, providing valuable programming and reducing barriers to completing the Census. Planning started months, and even a year in advance to help communities understand the new online self-response option and reduce anxieties about privacy and security. Libraries all over Ohio had great programs scheduled for Census Day (April 1) as well as Census programming and outreach all spring and summer.

As we all know, COVID-19 impacted every facet of our lives. Ohio library staff and communities were dealing with daily stressors of staying healthy, job security, safety, and juggling working from home and taking care of their families. Unprecedented and stressful times breed creativity and innovation. It's no surprise that libraries have been providing essential services, including virtual programming, to their communities. Libraries ramped up their social media posts about the Census and posted videos on how to complete the Census online. Many continued to keep Wi-Fi on beyond traditional business hours so patrons can access the internet while in the parking lot. University libraries worked with local partners and student organizations to make sure students knew how to be counted, even if they were not in their current campus residences. The State Library of Ohio's Census Resource page included programming, partnership, and marketing ideas.

With the 2020 Census data collection complete, a message was posted on the Census.gov website titled, "The End of 2020 Census Data Collection, Next Steps, and a Heartfelt Thanks" on their website.

> With data collection for the 2020 Census concluded, we at the Census Bureau want to keep working with you. We will continue to provide information on the 2020 Census going forward, including to our national partnership and community partnership teams. We encourage you to sign up today to receive updates.

> We hope our work together extends beyond the once-a-decade-count. The Census Bureau conducts more than 130 surveys and programs each year, and helps local and national organizations use the data throughout the decade.

> We encourage you to continue making Census Bureau data work for you and your community. It can help you make more informed decisions that improve business planning, government and nonprofit services, and the quality of our lives.

> The Census Bureau values your continued partnership, and we look forward to collaborating and working with you again soon!
> census.gov/newsroom/blogs/director/2020/10/the_end_of_2020_cens.html

Coming to Our Census: What Libraries Can Do to Get Out the Count —a webinar hosted by the State Library on November 6, 2019.

OHIO MEMORY

SHARE, DISCOVER, CONNECT

By Jenni Salamon, Unit Manager, Digitization
Ohio History Connection

Did you know that you can view more than 1 million Ohio history-related items from the collections of history-and-heritage organizations across the Buckeye State on one free website? Ohio Memory—ohiomemory.org—is the collaborative digital library of the Ohio History Connection and the State Library of Ohio. Photographs, objects, government records, books and other materials all come together in this one easy-to-access place to share stories of Ohio people, places and events.

From hyper-local happenings to those of national or even international significance, you'll find firsthand accounts of Ohio history at your fingertips thanks to contributions from the collections of hundreds of archives, historical societies, libraries and other cultural heritage institutions. Whether your interests lie in agriculture, architecture, arts and entertainment, business and labor, cultural groups, nature, politics, religion, science and technology, social movements, sports or weather, Ohio Memory has something for you.

Following industry standards and using the latest technologies, Ohio Memory lets you examine materials almost as if they were in your hands—sometimes in ways impossible with the originals. Zoom and pan features let you examine details you might miss otherwise, like faces in a crowd, or patterns in the fabric of a dress. Full-text transcripts help you decipher old handwritten materials, and find your search terms more quickly in printed documents such as newspapers. Detailed descriptions including title, subject headings, location, background, date and creator accompany photographs, objects, maps and other non-text materials so that you can easily find them on the website and understand them when you do.

FROM ONLINE SCRAPBOOK TO DYNAMIC DIGITAL COLLECTION

Ohio Memory began in 2000 as a state bicentennial project. The goal was to allow the global community to discover and explore our state's rich past by building a searchable database of images celebrating Ohio and local history.

Between 2000 and 2004, more than 330 historical societies, public libraries, museums, government agencies and archives from all over Ohio contributed more than 27,000 images to the project.

Since then, even more images have been added from the collections of the Ohio History Connection, the State Library of Ohio, and 60+ cultural heritage institutions around the state. Now totaling more than 1 million images and counting, Ohio Memory has become a premier online resource where you can find primary and secondary source materials on Ohio history, from ancient times to the present day. Collectively they preserve and share stories of local, state and national importance.

OHIO MEMORY
by the Numbers

Over 390 contributing cultural heritage institutions

Over One million images, including:

- Photographs, maps, drawings and paintings
- Manuscripts, letters, diaries and journals
- Archaeological artifacts, natural history specimens and historical objects
- Newspapers, yearbooks, city directories, books and e-publications
- Audio/video footage, including oral histories
- Represents all 88 counties
- Covers ancient history to present day
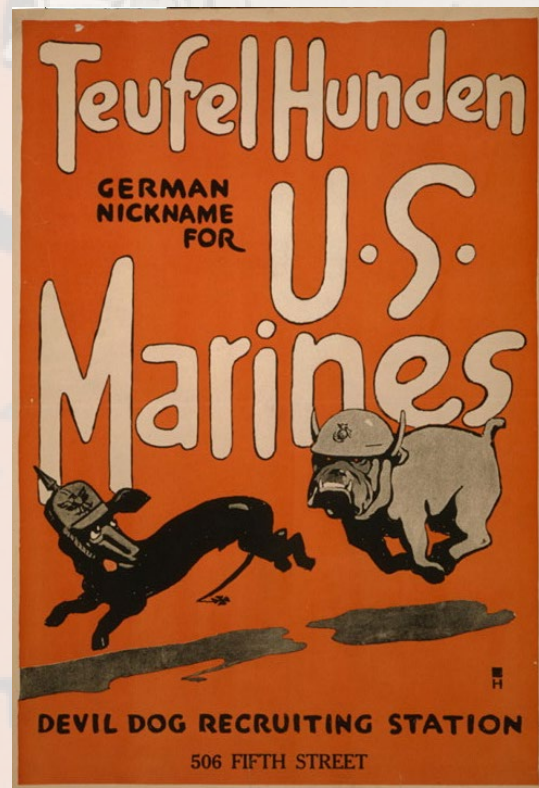
Teufel Hunden poster. Courtesy of Ohio History Connection. World War I in Ohio Collection
https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll51/id/9639/

The Ohio History Connection has been committed to ensuring that Ohio Memory is rich in content and reflects a balanced, comprehensive history from its inception. To aid in this, we have developed the following selection criteria:

Historical Significance—Does the material represent either an experience common to all Ohioans or one that's unique to a specific local community? Does it reflect one of Ohio Memory's target subject categories?

- Complementary Value—Does the material help Ohio Memory represent various geographical areas, time periods, cultural groups and facets of life in Ohio?

- Scanning Potential—Is the item suitable for scanning based on its physical condition and likely image quality?

- Ownership and Copyright—Does the submitting institution own the material? Is the material protected by copyright? If so, has permission been granted to make it available through Ohio Memory?

Frequently requested materials and items considered to be treasures of a participating institution's collection are also often included. Though not every part of Ohio history is covered on Ohio Memory

yet, our contributors add content each year that makes the collection more inclusive. We aim to share Ohio's diverse history as accurately, sensitively, and completely as possible by working with internal and external stakeholders to help guide our selection, description and promotional efforts.

PARTNERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE

One aim of Ohio Memory is to encourage cooperation between archives, historical societies, libraries, museums, and similar institutions with Ohio history holdings. While the Ohio History Connection is the lead institution for this program, it wouldn't be possible or sustainable without many partners.

The initial phases were supported by the **Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN), OhioLINK, Ohio Library Council, INFOhio**, the **State Library of Ohio** and the **Ohio Bicentennial Commission**.

Over the past 20 years, dozens of dedicated library, archival, history and information professionals have also been instrumental to its ongoing success. Ohio Memory continues as an ongoing partnership between the Ohio History Connection and the State Library of Ohio.

Today, nearly 400 heritage institutions have contributed to Ohio Memory, and nearly 40 still actively add content, truly making it a statewide, collaborative
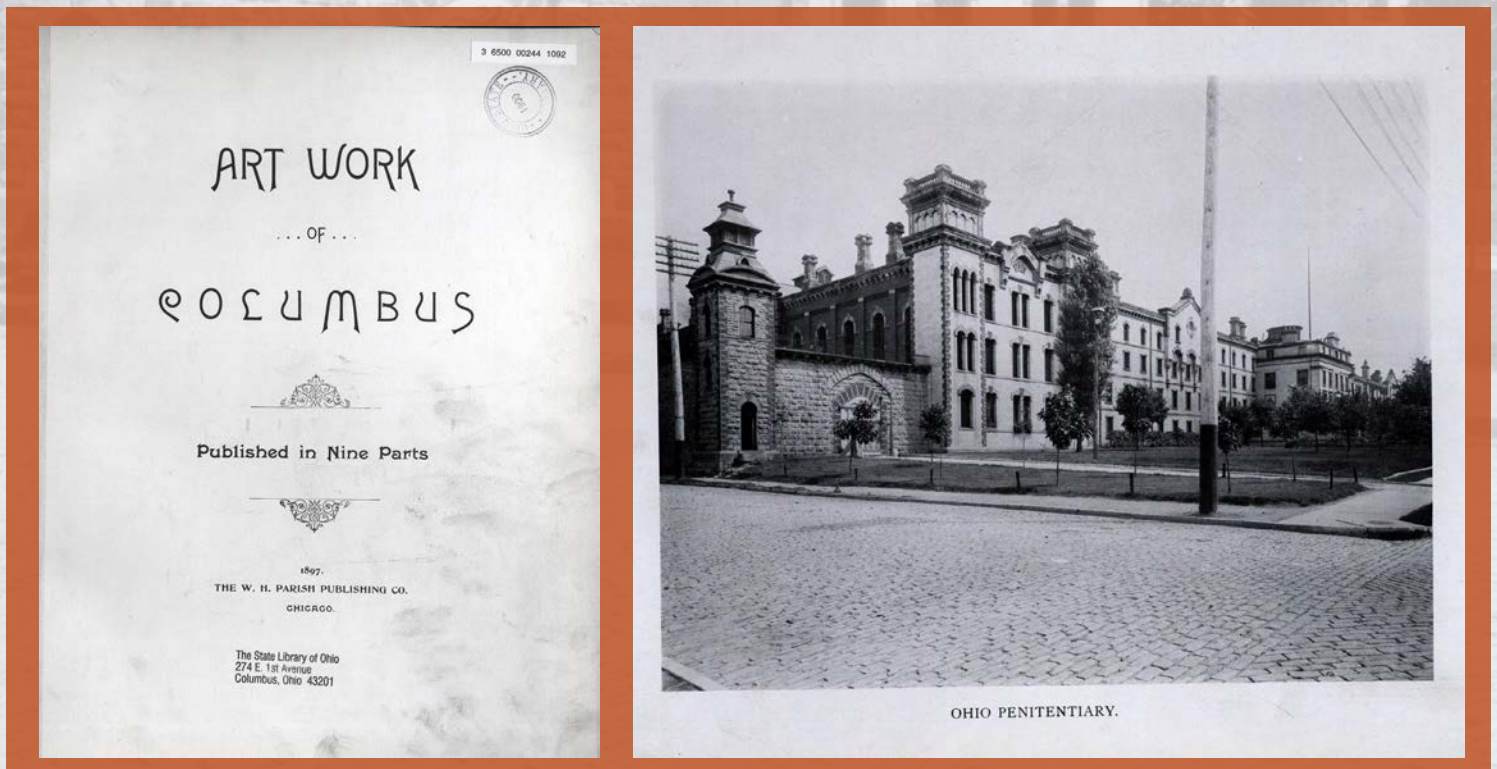
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Art Work of Columbus: Published in Nine Parts. 1897.
State Library Special Collections
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effort. Cultural heritage institutions from urban, suburban and rural communities have all chosen to make some of their collections available through Ohio Memory. Their contributions have increased access to materials in their collections tremendously.

Ohio's more than the mother of eight presidents, the birthplace of aviation and the home of the Ohio State Buckeyes. Our history comprises countless stories, some famous and some little-known. Through Ohio Memory, these stories are interwoven to offer a more complete picture of our state's history.

No matter where you're from or where you are, we invite you to explore Ohio Memory and find your own Ohio memories there. You never know when you might learn something new about your home town or even one of your family members, recognize connections that you may not have discovered in any other way, or just become engrossed in exploring some of the remarkable photos and other reminders of Ohio's past that Ohio Memory offers. (We've shared just a sampling on these pages.) Explore Ohio Memory free 24/7 at ohiomemory.org.

Baby on chair with dog photograph
Courtesy of Ohio History Connection, Albert J. Ewing Collection
https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll19/id/6

Using Ohio Memory

Just getting started? Try browsing Ohio Memory by:

- Contributor
- Place
- Subject
- Time period
- Collection

Already know what you're looking for? Type your terms into the search box on the home page and click "Search"! You can also:

- Limit your search by format or exclude full-text sources
- Try the advanced search to search multiple terms in combination and limit by date and/or collection name

Want other ways to explore Ohio Memory? Check out our blog or our interactive maps and timelines! Visit ohiomemory.org to learn more!
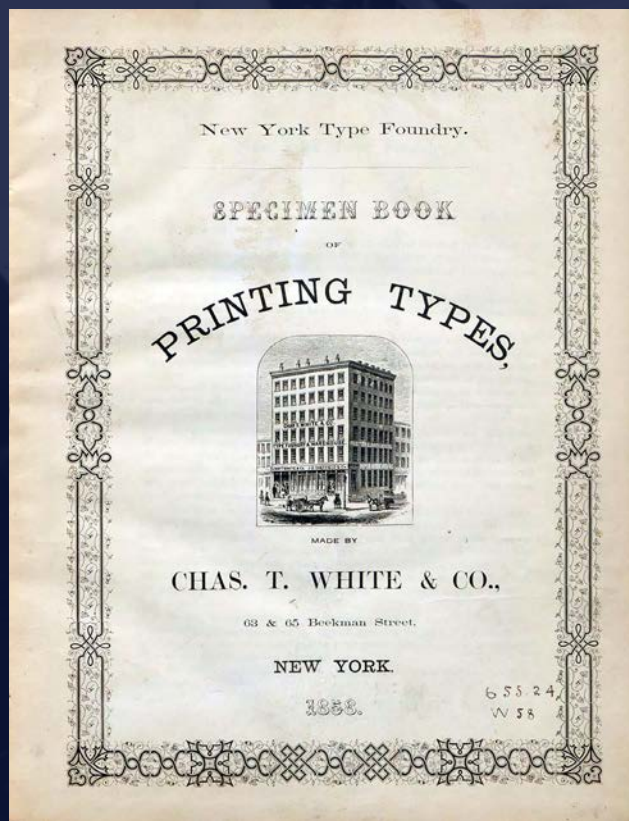
Specimen Book of Printing Types. 1858. Title page.
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Regimental Colors of the 331st Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division. Courtesy of Ohio History Connection, Ohio History Connection Flag Collection,
 https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/flags/id/657

Specimen Book of Printing Types. 1858. Pages 96 (left) and 53 (right)
State Library Special Collections

How Ohio's Libraries Are Serving Ohioans During the COVID-19 Pandemic

In the midst the COVID-19 pandemic, libraries across Ohio are finding new and creative ways to continue to serve their patrons. From phone and online reference services to live streaming storytimes and free, accessible Wi-Fi outside library buildings, Ohio's libraries continue to support our communities and help ensure our goal of building a Smarter Ohio.

What are libraries doing?

As of June 18th, over

1,000

online programs from libraries across Ohio have been added to the State Library's COVID-19 Program Calendar.

Many libraries across Ohio have repurposed their Makerspaces to make face masks and 3-D print components for essential PPE for medical workers. Others are hosting online programs teaching people to make their own masks at home.

340,000

users logged into public library Wi-Fi in April and May while library buildings across Ohio were closed.

Statewide Databases Are Being Used at Significantly Higher Levels

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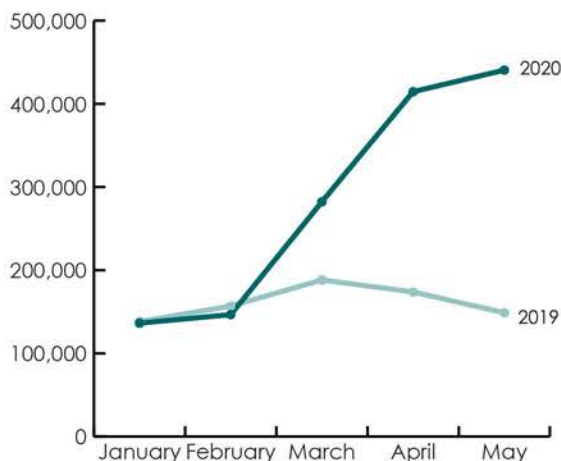
Items viewed

Genealogy tool for researching historical records; U. S. Census records; military records; passenger lists and more.

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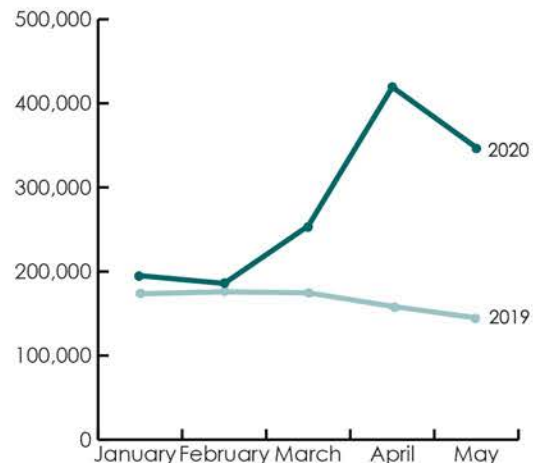
Self-directed online learning for technology, business, and creative skills.

Ebook Usage Has Increased Substantially in the Ohio Digital Library
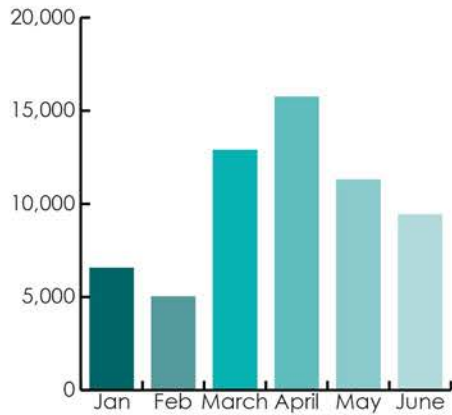
Since March of 2020, there has been a great increase in new users discovering and utilizing the Ohio Digital Library to access ebooks.
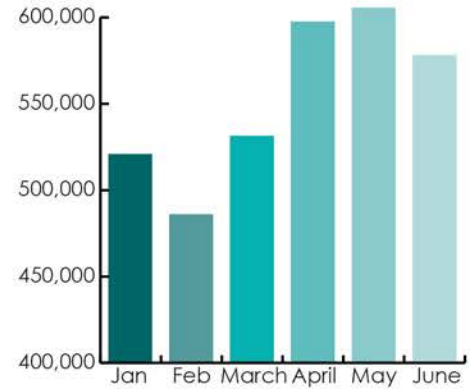
Circulation is also rising in borrowing ebooks and Audiobooks in 2020. Libraries across the state are working to meet the demand for more content.

State Library of Ohio Usage
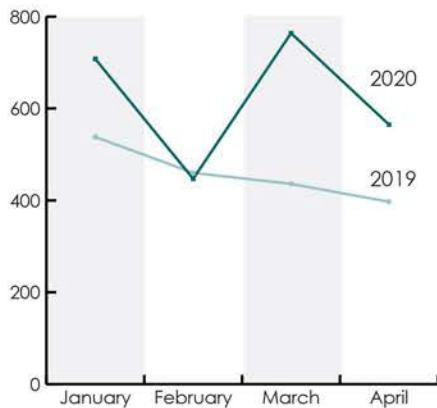
The State Library of Ohio saw a significant increase in the number of new card holders for both state employees and Ohio residents in 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
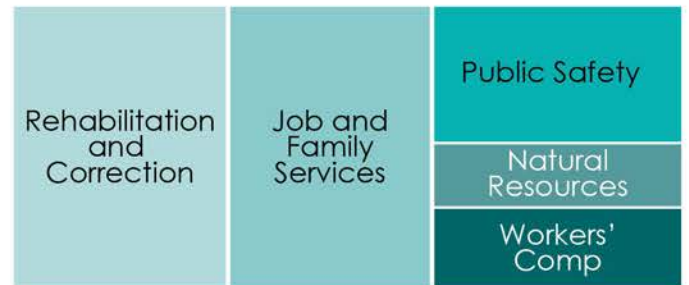
The State Library continues to provide state employees with online resources that support government work across Ohio. From March-June 2020 these five agencies were the most active users.

Serving State Employees Where They Are

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Since the beginning of 2020, the State Library has already seen more than **2,000** more new "engaged users" in the O'Reilly Online Learning platform from State of Ohio employees compared to all of 2019.

In April of 2019, **3%** of the State Library's research questions were submitted via chat. In April of 2020, **48%** of patrons asked questions through chat.

OHIO LIBRARY CONSORTIA

Ohio has many consortia, or associations established by formal agreement, for the purpose of resource sharing. These consortia share collections, data, facilities, equipment, personnel, and more, for the benefit of their users and to reduce expenses.
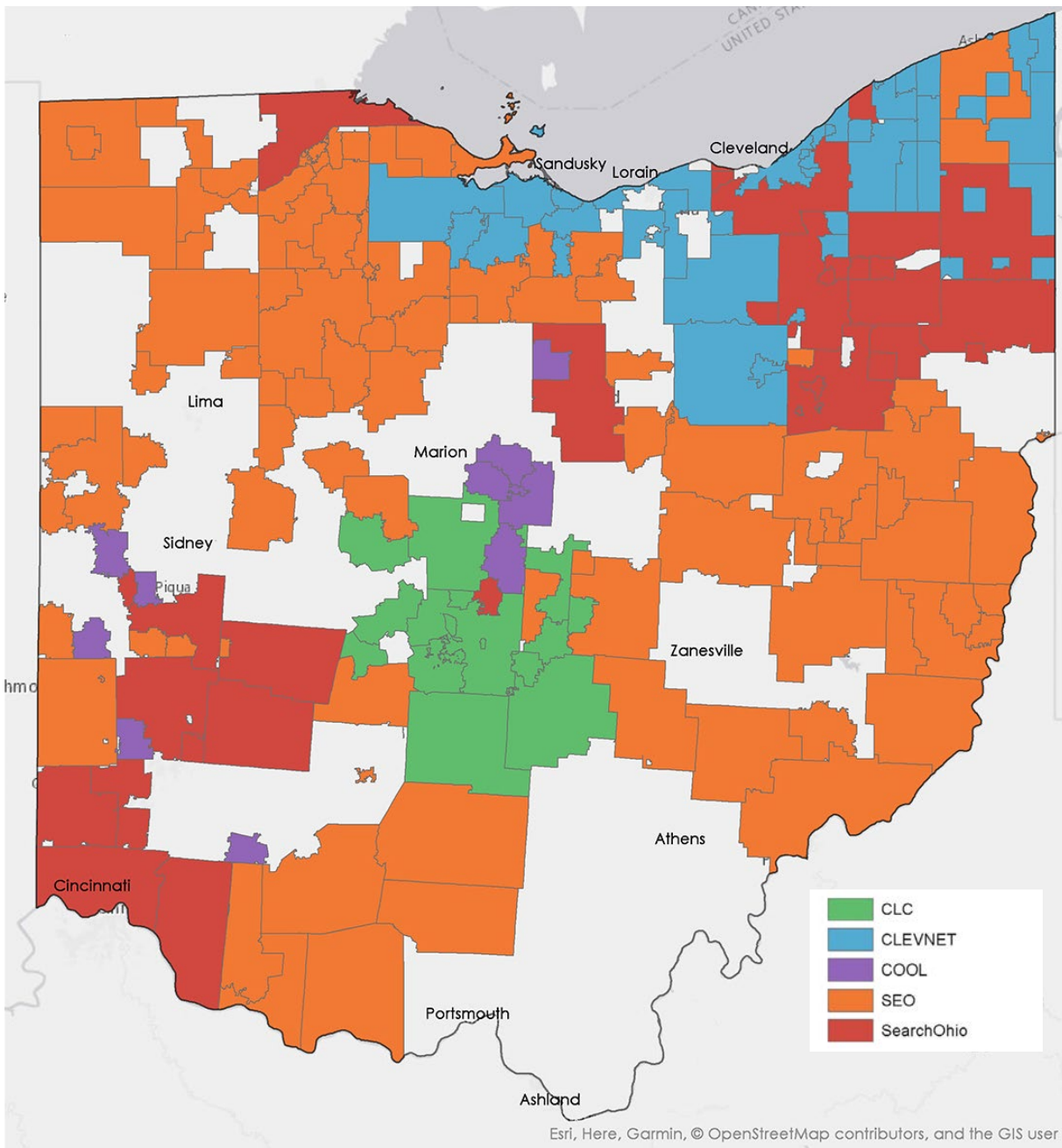
Central Library Consortium (CLC)—17 member libraries
Formed in 1988 to provide integrated library services and facilitate other cooperative projects between public libraries in Central Ohio.

CLEVNET—47 member libraries
Started in 1982 with a partnership between Cleveland Public Library system and Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library. The consortium now has 45 library systems across 12 different counties with 12 million items and approximately 1 million customers in Northeast Ohio, CLEVNET allows you access to the vast collections of every participating library.

Consortium of Ohio Libraries (COOL)—13 member libraries
Began in 2012 and Sunbury Library was the first to go live. Member libraries use an open source ILS, and have the ability to perform their normal cataloging, circulation, acquisitions, and serials work, while having the flexibility to develop new functionality as the group evolves. These libraries are also using Evergreen as a union catalog, with shared cataloging services.

Serving Every Ohioan (SEO)—97 library members
A division of the State Library of Ohio, which supports a consortium of 97 Library systems at 246 service points throughout 49 counties across Ohio using the OPLIN network.

SearchOhio—45 libraries
Began in 2006 with 5 libraries. SearchOhio is a partner with the OhioLINK system, which serves academic libraries. Together these systems are able to meet the information and entertainment needs of a very broad cross-section of Ohio's population. There are now 45 member libraries. There is no governing board of SearchOhio. Members agree to loan rules and procedures. Westerville Library does onboarding and administrative work for the consortium.

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OhioLINK Member Institutions

Cleveland
- Baldwin Wallace U.
- Case Western Reserve U.
- Cleveland Clinic Alumni Library
- Cleveland Institute of Art
- Cleveland Institute of Music
- Cleveland State U.
- Cuyahoga CC
- John Carroll U.
- Lake Erie Coll.
- Notre Dame Coll.

Toledo
- Lourdes U.
- Mercy Coll. of Ohio
- Owens CC
- U. of Toledo

Dayton
- Antioch Coll.
- Antioch U.
- Cedarville U.
- Central State U.
- Sinclair CC
- U. of Dayton
- Wright State U.

Columbus
- Capital U.
- CCAD
- Columbus State CC
- Franklin U.
- Mt. Carmel Coll. of Nursing
- Ohio Dominican U.
- Ohio State U.
- Otterbein U.
- Pontifical Coll. Josephinum
- State Library of Ohio
- Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Cincinnati
- Mount St. Mary's Seminary
- Cincinnati State Tech/CC
- Mount St. Joseph U.
- U. of Cincinnati
- UC-Blue Ash Coll.
- Xavier U.

Map labels:
- KSU-Ashtabula
- Lakeland CC
- St. Mary Seminary
- Ursuline Coll.
- KSU-Trumbull
- Kent State U.
- Northwest State CC
- Defiance Coll.
- Terra State CC
- BGSU-Firelands
- Lorain County CC
- Hiram Coll.
- KSU-Geauga
- Bowling Green State U./NW OH Depository
- Oberlin Coll.
- Tiffin U.
- Heidelberg U.
- U. of Akron
- NEOMED/NE OH Depository
- Youngstown State U.
- U. of Findlay
- U. of Mount Union
- Bluffton U.
- UA-Wayne
- Walsh U.
- KSU-Salem
- U. of Northwestern Ohio
- Ashland U.
- Coll. of Wooster
- Malone U.
- Ohio Northern U.
- OSU-ATI/OARDC
- Stark State Coll./KSU-Stark
- Rhodes State Coll./OSU-Lima
- North Central State Coll./OSU-Mansfield
- KSU-East Liverpool
- WSU-Lake
- Marion Tech Coll./OSU-Marion
- Kenyon Coll.
- KSU-Tuscarawas
- Franciscan U. of Steubenville
- Ohio Wesleyan U.
- Mount Vernon Nazarene U.
- Eastern Gateway CC
- Methodist Theological School in Ohio
- Edison CC
- Denison U.
- Belmont Coll.
- Dayton
- Wittenberg U.
- OSU-Newark
- OU-Eastern
- Clark State CC
- Central Ohio Tech. Coll.
- Muskingum U.
- Miami U.
- Wilmington Coll.
- Ohio Christian U.
- Washington State CC
- Zane State Coll./OU-Zanesville
- MU-Middletown/SW OH Depository
- Hocking Coll.
- Marietta Coll.
- MU-Hamilton
- OU-Lancaster
- OU-Chillicothe
- Ohio University/SE OH Depository
- Southern State CC
- UC-Clermont Coll.
- U. of Rio Grande & Rio Grande CC
- Shawnee State U.
- OU-Southern

OhioLINK is the state agency under the Ohio Department of Higher Education that manages the shared print and electronic library resources of 117 higher education libraries and the State Library of Ohio. OhioLINK also supports student success through a collaborative eTutoring program and Affordable Learning, which focuses on textbook affordability.

OhioLINK's 88 Ohio college and university members include 16 public university libraries, 48 independent college libraries, 23 two-year college libraries, 16 regional campus libraries, 8 law school libraries and 5 medical school libraries.

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A Division of the **Ohio Department of Higher Education**

![THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY]

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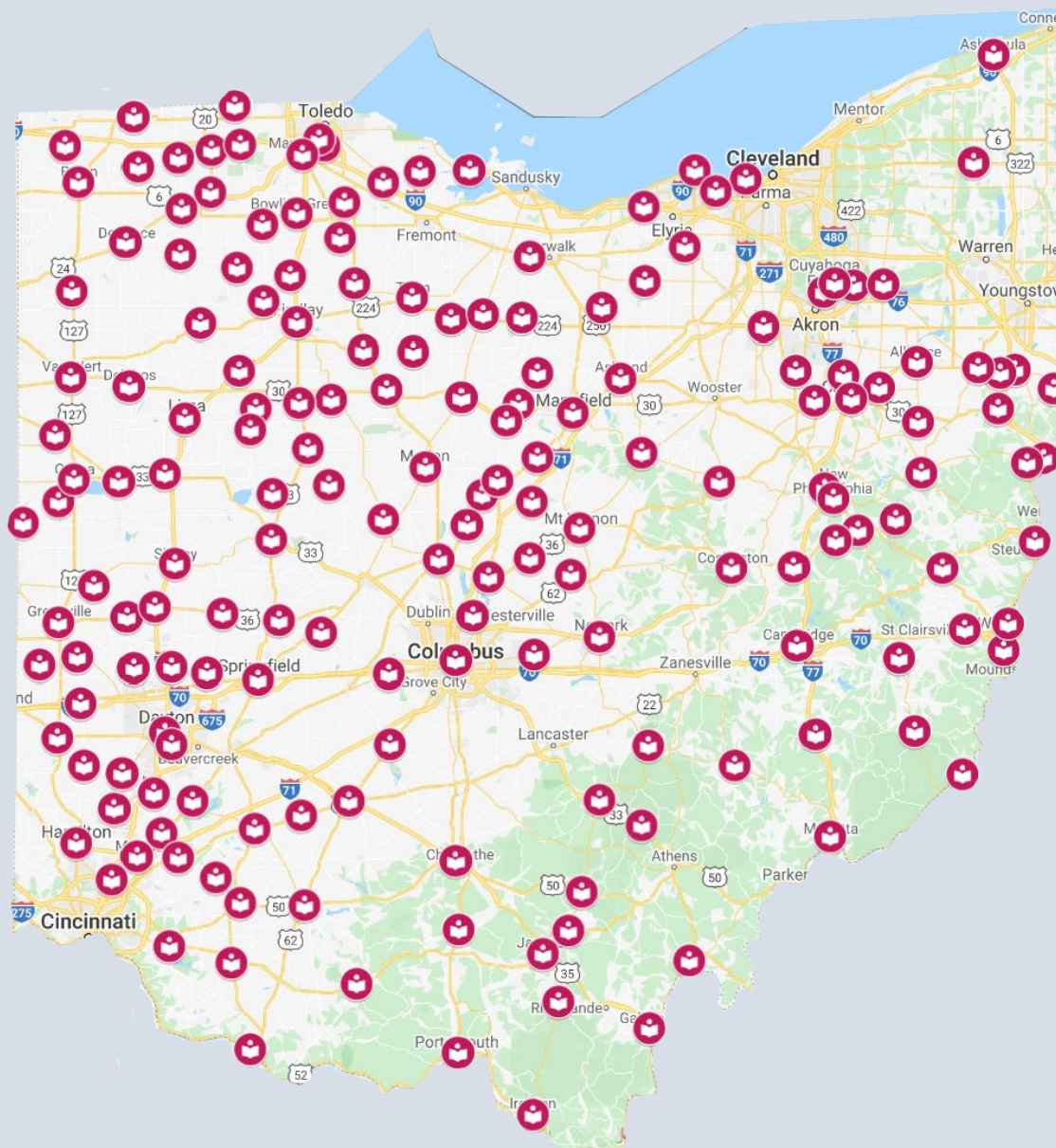
Ohio Digital Library Members

Ada Public Library
Adams County Public Library
Alger Public Library
Amherst Public Library
Arcanum Public Library
Archbold Community Library
Ashland Public Library
Ashtabula County Public Library
Athens County Public Libraries
Auglaize County Public District Library
Avon Lake Public Library
Barnesville Hutton Memorial Library
Bellaire Public Library
Belle Center Free Public Library
Belmont County District Library
Blanchester Public Library
Bliss Memorial Library
Bluffton Public Library

Bowerston Public Library
Briggs Lawrence County Public Library
Brown County Public Library
Brown Memorial Library
Brumback Library
Bucyrus Public Library
Caldwell Public Library
Canal Fulton Public Library
Cardington-Lincoln Public Library
Carnegie Public Library (East Liverpool)
Carnegie Public Library (Washington Court House)
Carroll County District Library
Centerburg Public Library
Champaign County Library
Chatfield College Library
Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library
Clark County Public Library
Claymont Public Library

Ohio Digital Library Members *continued...*

Clermont County Public Library
Coldwater Public Library
Columbiana Public Library
Community Library (Sunbury)
Coshocton Public Library
Crestline Public Library
Cuyahoga Falls Library
Dally Memorial Library
Defiance Public Library
Delaware County District Library
Delphos Public Library
Delta Public Library
Deshler Edwin Wood Memorial Library
Dorcas Carey Public Library
Dover Public Library
Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library
East Palestine Public Library
Evergreen Community Library
Findlay-Hancock County Public Library
Forest Jackson Public Library
Fort Recovery Public Library
Franklin-Springboro Public Library
Galion Public Library
Garnet A. Wilson Public Library
Germantown Public Library
Gnadenhutten Public Library
Grafton-Midview Public Library
Grand Valley Public Library
Great Oaks Institute
Greenville Public Library
Guernsey County District Public Library
Hardin Northern Public Library
Harris-Elmore Public Library
Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library
Herrick Memorial Library
Highland County Public Library
Holgate Community Library
Holmes County Public Library
Homer Public Library
Huron County Community Library
Hurt/Battelle Memorial Library
Ida Rupp Public Library
J.R. Clarke Public Library
Jackson City Public Library
Kate Love Simpson Morgan Co. Library
Kaubisch Public Library
Kent Free Library
Lakewood Public Library
Lane Public Library
Lebanon Public Library
Leetonia Community Public Library
Lepper Public Library
Liberty Center Public Library
Licking County Library
Lima Public Library
Logan County Libraries
Logan-Hocking County District Library
Loudonville Public Library
Louisville Public Library
Mansfield-Richland County Public Library
Marion Public Library
Marion Lawrence Memorial Library (Gratis)
Marvin Memorial Library
Mary L. Cook Public Library
Mary Lou Johnson Hardin County District Library
Mason Public Library
Massillon Public Library
McComb Public Library
Mechanicsburg Public Library
Meigs County District Public Library
Mercer County District Library
Midpointe Library System
Milton-Union Public Library
Minerva Public Library

Mohawk Community Library
Monroe County District Library
Monroeville Public Library
Montpelier Public Library
Mount Gilead Public Library
Mount Sterling Public Library
Napoleon Public Library
New Carlisle Public Library
New London Public Library
New Madison Public Library
Newcomerstown Public Library
Normal Memorial Library
North Baltimore Public Library
North Canton Public Library
Oak Harbor Public Library
Oak Hill Public Library
Owens Community College
Pataskala Public Library
Paulding County Carnegie Library
Pemberville Public Library
Perry Cook Memorial Library
Perry County District Library
Piqua Public Library
Portsmouth Public Library
Preble County District Library
Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County
Public Library of Steubenville & Jefferson County
Puskarich Public Library
Putnam County District Library
Reed Memorial Library
Richwood-North Union Public Library
Ridgemont Public Library
Rockford Carnegie Library
Rodman Public Library
Rossford Public Library
Sabina Public Library
Salem Public Library
Salem Township Public Library
Selover Public Library
Seneca East Public Library
SEO Library Center
Shelby County Libraries
Sinclair Community College
St. Clairsville Public Library
St. Marys Community Public Library
St. Paris Public Library
State Library of Ohio (SLO)
Stark County District Library
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library
Swanton Public Library
Sylvester Memorial Wellston Public Library
Tiffin-Seneca Public Library
Tipp City Library
Tuscarawas County Public Library
Union Township Public Library
Upper Sandusky Community Library
Wadsworth Public Library
Washington County Public Library
Wauseon Public Library
Way Public Library
Wayne Public Library
Wellsville Public Library
Westerville Public Library
Westlake-Porter (beginning January 4, 2021)
Weston Public Library
Williams County Public Library
Wilmington Public Library
Wood County District Public Library
Worch Memorial Public Library
Wornstaff Memorial Library
Wright Memorial Public Library

The State Library is a Congressionally-designated depository for U.S. Government Publications. Traditionally referred to as Government Documents, these publications may be found in a variety of formats including bound and unbound print collections (books, reports, brochures & pamphlets); kits with print booklets and three-dimensional items; website content (webpages & attached digital files); CDs & DVDs; maps; microfilm & microfiche; posters and collections of printed illustrations. Public access to government documents collections is guaranteed by public law (Title 44 United States Code). The State Library is the only regional federal depository in Ohio and is also a depository for state information. The following lists are examples of some of the government documents you will find when visiting the State Library of Ohio. For more information go to: library.ohio.gov/collections/government-documents

Federal

♦ American State papers for the first 14 Congresses and the Serial Set which followed, consecutively numbered since 1817. The Serial Set is a compilation of House and Senate reports which recommend legislative action, documents from the legislative branch and some non-governmental organizations. Free online access is available to state employee card holders.

♦ Census statistics on population, housing, economics, and agriculture.

♦ Congressional Record of the debates and proceedings before Congress and its predecessor The Congressional Globe.

♦ Executive Branch Documents on microfiche which include annual reports to Congress from agencies, general publications and much more from the agencies. The set is from 1789 to 1932. Free online access is available to state employee card holders.

♦ Federal Register from 1936 and the Code of Federal Regulations.

♦ House and Senate Journals (proceedings of action taken each day in session).

♦ Maps: Complete set of United States Geological Survey (USGS) Topographical Maps.

♦ Military Rosters: Spanish-American, Civil War (known as War of the Rebellion at the time), WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam.

♦ Presidential Papers (i.e. speeches, proclamations).

♦ Reference Materials: example: Statistical Abstracts through 2020 (reports with data). Free online access is available to state employee card holders.

♦ U.S. Patents.

Federal publications circulate with some exceptions (e.g. fragile items, items older than 50 years, census materials, reference materials, microformats). We will scan and email a reasonable number of pages from items that do not circulate.

Ohio

♦ Adjutant General -- Rosters of Ohio soldiers from the Civil War, Spanish American War and World War I.

♦ Ohio Executive Documents from 1834 to 1916 (i.e. reports of auditor of state, institutions, agencies). These are a compilation of agency annual reports. Some are in great detail. After 1916, reports were issued individually by the agencies.

♦ General publications on a variety of subjects.

♦ House and Senate Journals - we are missing a few early dates in paper but we have a complete microfilm set.

♦ Laws of Ohio from 1803 - we can trace changes to Ohio law.

♦ Ohio Agricultural Reports (includes history of Ohio State Fairs).

♦ Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C) (laws) and predecessors.

♦ Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) (rules). Many rules prior to the O.A.C. can be researched.

♦ Ohio Supreme Court and Appellate Court decisions.

♦ Secretary of State -- Statistics, Election Statistics, Rosters of Federal, State and County Officers and Municipal, Township and School Board Rosters

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Many current documents are received electronically and added to the digital collection. Online publications are accessible from the State Library of Ohio catalog on our website at: http://catalog.library.ohio.gov/

Links to additional federal and state government information resources is available at:
library.ohio.gov/collections/government-documents/ #UsefulGovernmentQuickLinks

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A Smarter Ohio

Guiding Ohio Online

Guiding Ohio Online is a competitive annual Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant, administered by the State Library of Ohio, which enables public libraries in rural Ohio to hire a dedicated full- or part-time technology trainer for their library.

Who still isn't online?
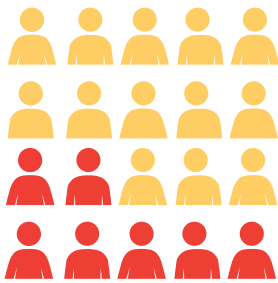
7 in 20
U.S. adults with household incomes below $35,000 don't use the internet.

2019 U.S. Census
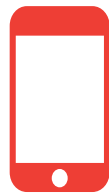
29% of lower-income Americans don't own a smartphone.

statista.com/statistics/195006/percentage-of-us-smartphone-owners-by-household-income/

57% of lower-income Americans don't have broadband service at home.

2020-2021 Pew Research Center

More than 300,000 households in Ohio, which is close to 1 million Ohioans, lack access to high speed internet.

innovateohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/innovate/priorities/resources/broadband

The Guiding Ohio Online vision is for every Ohioan to be able to fully participate in the online environment.

The evolution of Guiding Ohio Online

2014
Planning grant awarded to formulate the program

2015
1st year with AmeriCorps. 30 trainers, 12,089 participants

2016
2nd year with AmeriCorps. 30 trainers and 15,063 participants

2017
3rd year with AmeriCorps. 27 trainers and 12,361 participants

1st year with federal LSTA funds. 20 trainers and 32,621 participants in 8,083 one-on-one consultations, classes and programs

2018
23 trainers and 62,803 participants in 9,411 one-on-one consultations, classes and programs

2019
33 trainers and 30,362 participants in 8,083 one-on-one consultations, classes and programs

2020
Libraries began shutting down for COVID-19 beginning March 13, 2020.

2021
4th year with federal LSTA funds. 24 trainers and 19,380 participants in 6,183 one-on-one consultations, classes and programs offered to date.

*All dates reflect federal fiscal years

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How does Guiding Ohio Online help?

Since its inception Guiding Ohio Online trainings have helped

over
200,000
participants across Ohio

October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, the program has provided

296 programs
(workshops, classes)

299 presentations

5678 one-on-one consultations

Guiding Ohio Online Libraries

23
libraries across the state are participating in the 2020–2021 program.

37
library systems have participated in Guiding Ohio Online including 12 participating since its inception and 4 participating for 4 of the 5 years.

What people are saying about Guiding Ohio Online:

"Yesterday, I brought my grandson, Drew, in for a short lesson on my PC. Andrew [Tech Trainer/Tutor]plugged right into Drew's interest in comic books and taught him about doing a spreadsheet. He spent an hour with him!! Drew came home and got onto my computer to take a look at what he had learned. His mom reported that he spent last evening glued to doing spreadsheets. Just want you to know that Andrew works magic with kids like Drew! THANKS SO MUCH FOR HIRING ANDREW!!!."

"I don't know what we would do without someone like you to help all us old people with their computers."

"The Tech Trainers demonstrate exceptional customer service every time I use the Library! The patience and attention they show me and other library guests is outstanding! Their ability, skill and knowledge is applauded by me and many others. I visit this library because of these two team members! Thank you!"

"One patron came in before the holidays desperate to submit an appeal on her unemployment, and our Tech Tutor was able to teach her how to upload her document on her phone and attach it to an email so she could submit it."

How is Guiding Ohio Online funded?

INSTITUTE of Museum and Library SERVICES

In 2020–2021, the State Library of Ohio will disburse

$303,206
in LSTA funding to 23 participating libraries.

Participating libraries will provide

$101,069
in local matching funds.

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THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

2020 Annual Report

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ONE OF THE LARGEST
OverDrive
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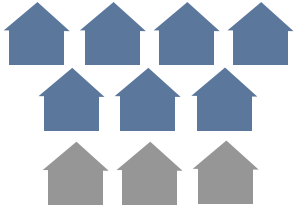
70% OF OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS ARE MEMBERS

114,495
NEW PATRONS

82.8%
INCREASE IN NEW PATRONS FROM 2019

44,564
REGISTERED FOR AN INSTANT DIGITAL CARD

NEW INSTANT DIGITAL CARD IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY.

6,710,060
TOTAL CHECK OUTS

19.2%
INCREASE FROM 2019
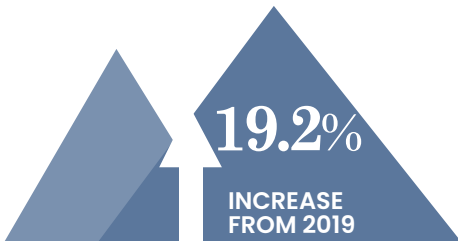
4TH LARGEST NUMBER OF CHECK OUTS IN U.S.A. & 6TH IN THE WORLD

105,105
MAGAZINE CHECK OUTS
UP 25.91%

14,832
VIDEO CHECK OUTS
UP 18.87%

2,175,140
AUDIOBOOK CHECK OUTS
UP 14.7%
INCLUDES **34.84%** INCREASE IN CHILDREN'S AUDIOBOOK CHECKOUTS
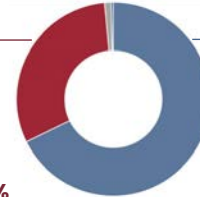
4,414,983
EBOOK CHECK OUTS
UP 21.4%
INCLUDES **72.24%** INCREASE IN CHILDREN'S EBOOK CHECKOUTS

CHECKOUTS BY FORMAT WITH INCREASES FROM 2019

SHARED COLLECTION

OVER 489,012
COPIES OF EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

More than **196,902** individual titles.

AUDIOBOOKS
41,233 unique audiobooks
122,373 total copies

EBOOKS
155,669 unique ebooks
366,639 total copies

VIDEO
3,017 unique videos
3,762 total copies

MAGAZINES
3,266 magazines

OhioDigitalLibrary.com

THE OHIO DIGITAL NETWORK UNITES THE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS OF LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, AND ARCHIVES FROM ACROSS OHIO.

Ohio Digital Network is the best way that we can share Ohio's history online with anyone across the globe.
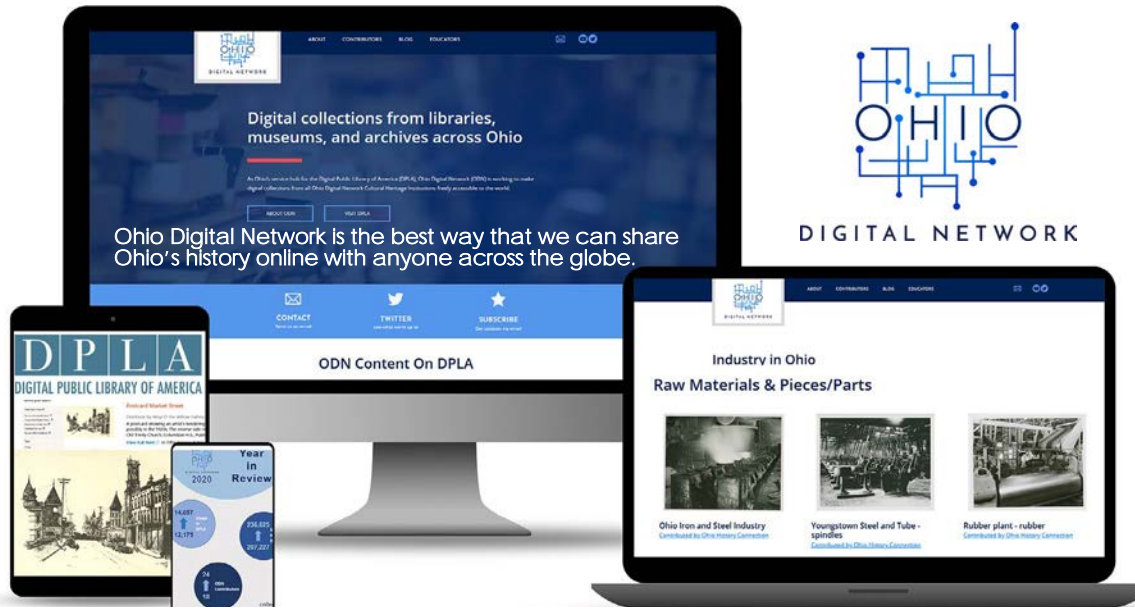
As Ohio's service hub for the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), Ohio Digital Network (ODN) is working to make digital collections from all Ohio Digital Network Cultural Heritage Institutions freely accessible to the world.

Digitized items such as photographs, letters, documents and even oral histories and news clips are vital resources to understand the history of Ohio and its place in the history of this nation.

All of Ohio's resources on DPLA are free to access and open for use by educators and anyone interested in learning more. Popular even before the onset of COVID-19, we have seen the demand for these resources grow as more students, genealogists, and lifelong learners are working at home. Through generous federal support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, we have been able to meet this demand and are expanding the size of our collections on a regular basis.

The collection on DPLA is made up of cultural heritage and research institutions from across the country, and it's a great way to leverage our shared work. For example: Ohio Digital Network has added over 250,000 items to the site, but if you were to search the word "Ohio" while on DPLA you'd get over 800,000 results that would include materials from many other states. This also increases the number of people using Ohio's collections, as someone in Utah could be searching for something that only a library in Ohio has. You can see how powerful this access really is.

Total Number of Ohio Cultural Institutions Contributing Digital Collections

2018	2019	2020	2021*
11	20	24	25
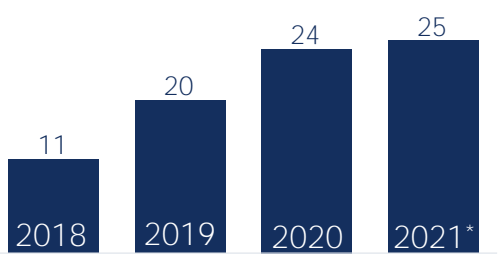
Total Number of Digitized Items from Ohio Added to DPLA

2018	2019	2020	2021*
100,956	207,227	236,625	252,980
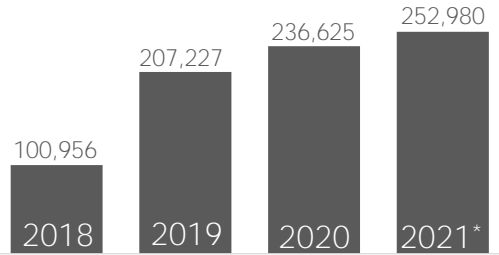
*As of March 2021.

Since its inception in 2018, Ohio Digital Network (ODN) has grown from 11 to 25 contributors, and we plan to have over 30 by the end of 2021. Contributors are made up of public, academic, and special libraries, archives, historical societies, and museums. Through working with DPLA, we have made over 250,000 digitized items from Ohio available as part of a larger U.S. history collection of over 42 million items.

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Akron-Summit County Public Library
Bowling Green State University Libraries*
Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library*
Cleveland Museum of Art Archives
Cleveland Public Library*
Columbus Metropolitan Library*
Dayton Metro Library
Denison University
Kent State University*
Kenyon College*
Mansfield/Richland County Public Library
MidPointe Library System*
Ohio History Connection*

Ohio University Libraries
Ohio Wesleyan University
Pontifical College Josephinum
Rodman Public Library
State Library of Ohio*
The College of Wooster Special Collections
Tiffin-Seneca Public Library
Toledo Lucas County Public Library
University of Toledo*
Upper Arlington Public Library
Wilmington College
Worthington Libraries*
Xavier University Library

* Contributing institutions in 2018—first year of ODN.

Ohio Metadata Mini-Grant

Metadata Mini-Grants help Ohio libraries, archives, and museums add their special collections of local history material to DPLA. Metadata Mini-Grants enable institutions to bring their collections' metadata up to standard. Using the DPLA required metadata standard is essential for records management and vital to discovery of items across different collections in Ohio and beyond by its users. In December 2020, we awarded the first round of grants for up to $4,999 to seven organizations for this work.

The first round of grantees expected to have their collections ready to contribute to DPLA by later this year include:

Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland State University
Community Library Sunbury
Kent Historical Society
King Arts Complex
Marietta College
Wright State University

Ohio Digital Network Partners

DigiHubs

Ohio's 4 Digitization Hubs (DigiHubs) can assist your institution with digitization project needs, ranging from equipment use to metadata creation.
- Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library
- Cleveland Public Library
- Columbus Metropolitan Library Toledo Lucas County Public Library

Community Engagement Centers

The Community Engagement Centers, or CECs, are representatives from each type of contributor to the ODN, and liaisons to ODN staff project staff. Look for communication and project updates from them, and feel free to contact them with feedback or questions about how ODN and DPLA work.

Items shown above on devices are from ODN digital collections on devices: L to R: F. H. Martin Construction Co. Drafting Room, 1941. Rodman Public Library; News Aviation Meet--Curtis-Machine,1911. Mansfield Richland County Public Library; Armco Bulletin, April 1918. MidPointe Library System; Ohio Map, 1853. Columbus Metropolitan Library

Ohio Ready to Read

Ohio Ready to Read helps public librarians and library specialists to educate Ohio's families on the importance of early childhood literacy.

WHY EARLY LITERACY IS IMPORTANT:

Early literacy is everything children know about reading and writing before they can read or write. Early literacy begins with parents, guardians, and caregivers: the primary adults in a child's life.

Children who lack strong early literacy skills start out behind and have difficulty catching up in school. According to the Ohio Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, only 41% of children entered kindergarten in 2018 with all the skills, knowledge, and abilities needed to handle kindergarten-level instruction.

The 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress reported that 32% of Ohio fourth graders struggle with comprehending and successfully using what they read. The percentage of unsuccessful readers is even higher in low-income families and ethnic minority groups.

A wide array of research demonstrates that interactions between adults and children profoundly impact the development of early literacy skills. The more parents and caregivers read to, talk with, and listen to young children from infancy, the greater the children's future ability to learn and succeed in school.

WE PROVIDE MANY SERVICES AT NO COST TO LIBRARIES:

These services help Ohio's libraries to share early literacy information with their communities, develop early childhood library programs that promote literacy, and teach parents and caregivers ways to support their children's learning.

- Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar featuring fun learning activities for every day of the year.
- Trainers available to present the Early Literacy 101 workshop for library staff online or in-person (as conditions permit).
- Tips, techniques, and tools to integrate early literacy into storytimes and other library activities.
- Free downloadable early literacy skill and activity templates.
- Links to research, advocacy, grant opportunities, best practices, news stories, partnership opportunities, and other good ideas to support early literacy.
- A student learning toolkit to inform librarians about K-12 education policy and practice, and ways that librarians contribute to the developing reading proficiency of school-age children.

TO LEARN MORE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.ohreadytoread.org

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References: Ohio Kindergarten Readiness Assessment: education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Kindergarten/Ohios-Kindergarten-Readiness-Assessment; 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress: nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard

2020 Ohio Summer Library Program Report

What is a library if the building is closed? This was a question that was on the minds of library staff across the country in the spring and early summer of 2020. When you can't open your doors to everyone, when you can't have storytimes or other programs, when you can't even circulate materials, how do you serve your communities? It might have seemed a bit prophetic that the 2020 Collaborative Summer Library Program theme was all about imagination, because the staff of Ohio's libraries really got imaginative this year. Though many of the challenges were unforeseen, flexibility by staff led to innovative solutions that will ultimately improve library services in the future. Recognizing that this year's successes are measured in the lives impacted rather than to total participants or total books read gives a chance to think about how we tell our story and may help us all to focus on more outcomes in the future.

Wendy Knapp
State Librarian of Ohio

By Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Youth Services Library Consultant, State Library of Ohio

Imagine it's early March 2020. You have been planning your summer library program for weeks, maybe months (though a few of you were just getting started). You have prizes ordered, performers booked, reading logs or game boards ready to print—then, a story emerges that none of us could have imagined. Once upon a time… we found ourselves in a global pandemic.

Ordinarily, 100% of Ohio public libraries offer a Summer Library Program (SLP). In 2020, building closures, public safety concerns, and other pandemic-related factors meant that SLP, one of the most celebrated and universal of library services, was not a sure thing. Notably, most libraries were still able to run an SLP in some form, and many offered a full suite of programs and activities, if very different from the in-person programming we all know and love. Those libraries that canceled SLP altogether made their decisions thoughtfully and with public safety in mind. Of the 213 libraries responding to the annual Ohio SLP evaluation survey, 8 (4%) did not offer an SLP in 2020 for any age group.

Among the others:

- 205 (96% of respondents) provided an SLP for children;
- 190 (89%) provided an SLP for teens;
- 164 (77%) provided an SLP for adults.

Additionally, 63 respondents (30%) provided a separate early literacy SLP (for 0-5 year olds and their adults).

Statewide participation numbers—how many people registered for, participated in, or completed the SLP—are ordinarily the core data of the state SLP evaluation report. Since 2020 was a singularly anomalous year, this year's numbers wouldn't be helpful in tracking long-term trends in SLP participation. Anecdotally, both in Ohio and nationwide, SLP participation per library averaged only 10-25% of participation in a typical year, but responses to the state SLP evaluation survey suggest that participation was higher overall than it appeared. While participation was an optional question on this year's survey, nearly all respondents chose to share their numbers, and the totals indicate that statewide SLP participation may have been as much as 35-38% of a typical year.

Grand prize winners at Way Public Library

Successes in a Challenging Time

Many survey respondents called summer 2020 "disappointing" and some added "disheartening." As Tina Michel at Centerburg Public Library pointed out, "Overall, we surmised it ended up being about four times the work for 15% of the participation rate that we had last year. But I know that we are certainly not alone in this."

And yet, a significant majority – 72% – of survey respondents said they considered their 2020 SLP a success, given the circumstances. Just 6% indicated their SLP was not a success. The remaining 22% generally commented that their experience was mixed; nearly all noted low participation and the loss of in-person programming, but also mentioned such outcomes as positive feedback from participants, good completion rates, and the awareness of having made a difference for those who did participate. Some also noted that producing an SLP under the circumstances spotlighted staff creativity and adaptability, which were very much in evidence this summer. Erin Phemester at the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County called this SLP "a successful learning opportunity that helped us to see we could serve our community in a way we had not previously explored extensively." And Tina Michel at Centerburg Library noted, "We worked hard and did our best to meet the needs of our patrons given the crazy circumstances we had. We tried so many things that were so different than before and this thinking outside of the box was fun in many ways. We had much good feedback from patrons and minimal complaints."

Take-home crafts made by a young patron of Barberton Public Library. Children's Services Manager Alison Huey shared that the 3-year-old patron and her mom came to the library almost every week to get books and pick up a craft bag and would always say how much they liked the crafts. One week, Alison told the mom that the library staff was happy to hear her daughter was enjoying the crafts, because it was hard for them to know who they were reaching. The mom then went home and took photos of all her daughter's completed crafts to share with the library staff – this is just a sampling!

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New Ideas, New Practices

Libraries statewide implemented many new emergency response practices that were so successful that they will become standard practice. Library staff creativity, flexibility, and resilience made it possible for Ohio's libraries to engage, support, and comfort their communities in a pandemic, and to learn new techniques and try out different methods of delivering library service. The state evaluation survey asked if libraries implemented anything new for 2020 that they now plan to keep doing post-pandemic. New practices mentioned by multiple respondents included online SLP registration and management (noted by 46 respondents), take-and-make crafts and other activity packs for patrons to pick up and use at home (36), virtual programming (33), and on-your-own activities such as scavenger hunts and Story-Walks® (12). Curbside pickup, storytime-to-go book bundles, and extended use of social media were also mentioned. Mason Public Library's teen volunteers created sidewalk chalk drawings. Avon Lake Public Library combined all age groups into a single SLP. North Canton set a community-wide reading goal. And Upper Arlington Public Library created recorded presentations for the schools.

Another practice has been gaining in popularity for several years and isn't strictly pandemic-inspired but got a boost as librarians puzzled through how to run a reading challenge with book collections less accessible, thanks to library closures and quarantines of returned materials. This is the addition of various non-reading activities to a traditional reading challenge. Martha Matthews reported that MidPointe Library System replaced the traditional reading log with an experiential, activity-based map. According to Maggie Bollar, New Carlisle Public Library participants earned badges for such activities as "donating to a food pantry, writing a story about a magic ring, building a castle with items you have at home, etc." Susan Roberts reported that Wayne County Public Library staff created a "'Bingo' program, where kids could complete a combination of activities and reading to get books as prizes. The activities could all be done at home, such as "Try a new recipe," "Write a poem," and "Attend an online library program." And Whittney Mahle at Marion Public Library shared that their new "mixed activity and reading 'Bingo' cards seemed to be very popular. All of our activities were literacy, learning, and imagination supportive, and it was engaging and fun."

As they look forward to 2021 and beyond, librarians are assessing the benefits of new practices in light of community realities. Online registration and reading trackers, virtual storytimes, and other internet-enabled offerings are problematic in communities where reliable internet access and ownership of computers or devices is not widespread. Allison Burton at North Adams Library pointed out that "This year's SLP had greatly reduced participation from previous years, likely due to the fact that it was completely online and many people in our community do not have access to reliable internet or technology like computers." To accommodate personal preferences as well as varying levels of technology access, many libraries plan to offer both paper and online tracking options in future SLPs, or to incorporate other inclusive practices. Kristin Wilson said that this past summer, Loudonville Public Library "rotated having virtual programs and activity bags weekly to accommodate the lack of reliable access to the internet in our rural area."

Ms. Emily (in costume of course!) and Ms. Lori hand out summer reading packets in front of Sandusky Library for curbside pick-up.

One of Sandusky Library's virtual programs was a live view of a Monarch caterpillar spinning a chrysalis in librarian Carly Rogers' front yard.

Imagine Your Story
MCLS Summer Reading 2020

READERS BY AGE

- Birth - PreK — 116
- K - 5th Grade — 243
- 6th - 12th Grades — 80
- Adults — 166

19% · 27% · 12% · 40%

TOTAL READERS

605

PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW

32 schools represented by Summer Readers. Homeschooling families contributed the most Readers this year

- JML — 420 Readers
- SOUTH — 37 Readers
- ROSE — 13 Readers
- DFP — 38 Readers
- NC — 64 Readers
- DRES — 46 Readers

My family and I love the online reading challenge set up. Easy to navigate, fun activities […] and the ticket concept has been a fun motivator for reading.

We didn't think there would be a Summer Reading this year. I'm glad that the library is still doing it.

I appreciate that adults have been included in this year's program

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS

Adults logged an average of **45.7** Hours

Youth & Branches distributed **400+** Take & Makes

HOURS SPENT READING

15,881 Readers across 3 programs logged 952,886 total minutes this summer

VIRTUAL EVENTS

An approximate total of virtual events pre-recorded, held Live on Facebook, or real-time on Zoom/other **91**

BEANSTACK ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

4,161 In response to COVID-19, we featured more activities on Beanstack so Readers could stay safe and active throughout the summer.

- 198 Took a Walk
- 176 Completed the Census
- 162 Played a Game

TICKETS & PRIZES

20,973 Tickets were entered into 26 grand prize raffles

TOP PRIZE
1. $100 Riesbeck's Gift Card
2. SNAPTAIN WIFI FPV Drone
3. Shuttle Art Blending Markers

MCLS Latchkey Summer Reading

115,770 minutes of the 952,886 total were read by Latchkey Summer Readers

TOTAL READERS

227

7 SITES VISITED

875 STEAM Activity Kits distributed

Muskingum County Library System created an Infographic to tell the story of its 2020 SLP.

A Coshocton Public Library patron shows off a craft made during a virtual program.

Many families commented that driving by the library, and particularly our drive-through, gave families a chance to get outside together. Our scavenger hunts were located in various spots in our county and families remarked that it gave them the opportunity to visit spots they rarely go. One of our hunts was in our Court Square and a mother told me that she had never thought of taking her children there. She loved the opportunity of sharing various veterans' and other historic monuments and markers with her children and teens.

Deborah Crowdy,
Coshocton Public Library

Coshocton Public Library's scavenger hunt in Court Square

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Not Just Reading – Feeding Too!

In addition to SLP, Ohio public libraries continued to support the USDA Summer Food Service Program as meal or snack sites, or by providing library services such as grab-and-go activities and SLP registrations at non-library SFSP sites, or by distributing meals or snacks through locally funded (non-SFSP) arrangements. 27 respondents indicated that one or more of their library locations served as SFSP sites, 3 provided library services to SFSP sites in their communities, and 9 distributed meals/snacks through arrangements outside of SFSP.

According to Ohio Department of Education records, 105 individual Ohio public library locations were SFSP sites in 2020. This is a significant decrease after several years of growth in the number of Ohio libraries participating in SFSP. (For reference, in 2019, 146 individual Ohio public library locations served as SFSP sites, comprising over 10% of ALL of Ohio's open SFSP sites that year.) Given that many library buildings remained closed into the summer, and many schools and other SFSP sponsoring organizations had arranged alternate meal pick-up sites and delivery options during the disrupted final weeks of the school year, 105 library SFSP sites is still an excellent showing.

Allison Burton at North Adams Library shared that Adams County Public Library's 2020 SFSP experience was very positive: "Our (SFSP) numbers this year were more than our previous years' combined. We were able to reach many more children, and each parent thanked us profusely for the aid with keeping their child fed during this difficult time."

Some libraries look beyond SFSP when addressing food insecurity and providing meals to their communities. Marja McGuire shared that Defiance Public Library took several approaches to feeding kids in summer 2020: "One location participated as a SFSP site. A second location, not qualified for SFSP, got a community grant to provide kids meals. A third location provided services and crafts for SFSP countywide." Local nonprofit IMPACT Bethel took over half of the Little Free Library on the grounds of the New Carlisle Public Library for a 24/7 food pantry. Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library partnered with a local food pantry for drive-up produce giveaways. And Karen Moore shared that Forest-Jackson Public Library "used local funds to hand out sack lunches at StoryWalk® events."
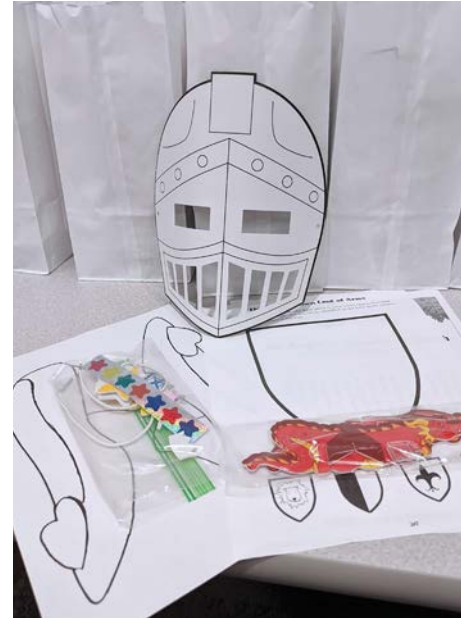
Elyria Public Library created knights, princesses and dragons themed grab and go craft bags.

I'm not sure that "success" is the right word, but I am extremely proud of our team and how they continued to think outside the box. We have high standards for our summer reading program and we strive to one-up ourselves each year. We had some fantastic activities planned and had to start from scratch when COVID hit. Team members who weren't used to being on camera figured out how to utilize that resource. It was a great learning experience and quite a test. We could have just sacrificed the program this year, but this gave us something to prove. We were able to prove that we can engage our community in unconventional ways.

Angie Humphrey
Montpelier Public Library

Donna King and Michelle DeVore at Guernsey County District Library get rewarded with cupcakes for their many Facebook Live programs. The library streamed 3 programs a day, 5 days a week for months.
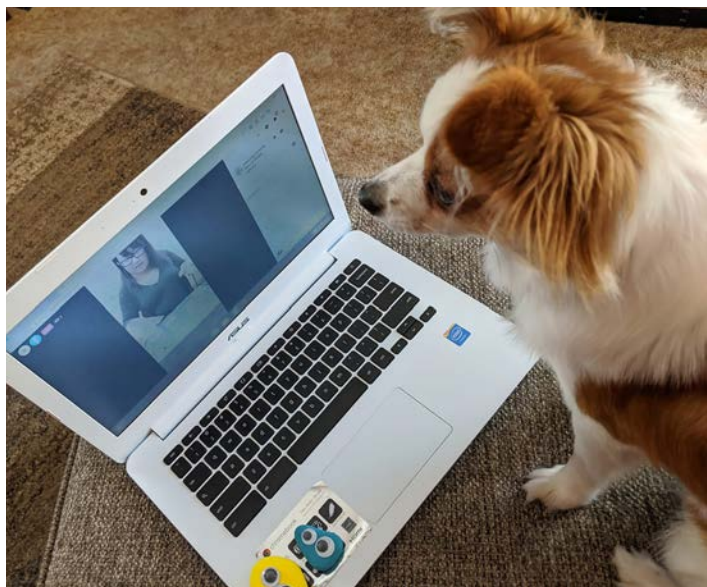
A loyal Guernsey County Public Library fan watches a Facebook Live program featuring children's librarian Michelle DeVore.

An Oasis of Normalcy

It's important to recognize that 2020 SLP activities all took place in the context of a debilitating global pandemic. As Sarah Tozier at Preble County District Library noted, "While it was weird having the library quiet in June (which is certainly not how it usually is) it was a stark reminder about the seriousness of the situation we all find ourselves in." Numerous survey respondents shared feedback from patrons expressing deep appreciation to the library and its SLP for offering respite from the emergency and a sense of normalcy. Although socially distanced SLP was very different, it still offered something familiar, engaging, and reassuring for anxious communities. Karen Bertholf at Ashtabula County District Library wrote that "Adult patrons told staff they watched the recorded storytimes as a means of distraction and a place to find normalcy and calm during the uncertainty in the world."

Librarians found ways to approximate the SLP activities that their communities love and expect. Jen Gardner reported that Dover Public Library kicked off summer reading with a reverse parade of Fairy Tale princes and princesses: "We gave out the reading trackers and a goody bag to each car that drove through." Mary Anne Wood at London Public Library described her best program of the summer: "...a virtual scavenger hunt on Zoom. I had 11 kids participate. I told them items they had to find in their homes, e.g. something with wheels. They had to race to get the item and be the first to come back and show it on the screen. Everyone was a winner because they all got to pick up

I was very excited for the success of our Storytime-to-Go Bundles and the children were so happy to see a familiar face bringing books to their car. Parents started making library visits a family affair where all the children would pile into the car and roll down the windows to share their silly stories with me. Storytime friends who hadn't seen each other in months started to plan their curbside visits at the same time so the kids could chat from car to car. It was very heartwarming to see the impact our programs had prior to closing and the love of books the children still had!

Amanda Bishop
Blanchester Public Library

a prize via curbside service. The kids and I had a blast!"

According to Maria Pioske, Twinsburg Public Library offered "online story times, live zoom story times, take-home crafts, StoryWalks® every week, in-person baby and toddler yoga (outside on the grass), virtual STEAM programs, virtual SAT and ACT strategy sessions and practice tests, virtual teen advisory boards, virtual Battle of the Books, virtual escape rooms, virtual book discussions, and diary and journaling prompts for kids to document these crazy times we are living in. All were very successful given the circumstances. Numbers are certainly lower, but everyone was grateful for activities to do instead of just staying inside and feeling isolated. We have tons of feedback that people are happy and just grateful that we are still open and providing crafts and programs."

Even in the public health emergency, and despite building closures and an array of obstacles, Ohio libraries provided an array of engaging SLP experiences for their communities. While SLP participation was a fraction of typical turnout, respondents reported that community members who did participate were very appreciative and enjoyed not just the typical benefits of SLP, but also a welcome sense of normalcy and respite from the many concerns brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Window decorations at Upper Arlington Public Library

This summer definitely taught us to stretch our boundaries and think of new ways to connect with our community. I hope we were able to remind our patrons that the library is a source for learning and connection even when we can't all be together in person.

Jessica Jones
Garnet A. Wilson Public Library

Independence Day Take and Make It crafts at Upper Arlington Public Library

Families were surprised and appreciative that we were offering something (anything!) during the pandemic. Parents were thankful for the support and extra resources to keep their kids learning and entertained over the summer. Partners really loved getting the free materials to share with the children they serve. For most programs held, staff reported that participants took the opportunity to engage with others and strengthen social bonds. Many of these programs also offered participants the opportunity to strengthen skills, knowledge, and confidence in a given area: early literacy, well-being and mental health, creativity.

Lisa Soper
Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library

Logan County Libraries distributed hundreds of virtual program kits for all ages.

This report describes 2020 Ohio public library summer library programs. 213 of 251 Ohio public library systems reported their 2020 SLP results using the Ohio SLP Evaluation survey. Additional comments or suggestions about Ohio Summer Library Program resources are welcome at any time. Contact library consultant Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov or 614-644-6910 to share your feedback, or if you would like a copy of the complete survey results. Permission to quote from surveys was granted by each survey respondent quoted. Permission to publish photos and graphics was granted by Barberton Public Library, Coshocton Public Library, Elyria Public Library, Guernsey County District Library, Logan County Libraries, Muskingum County Library System, Sandusky Library, Upper Arlington Public Library, and Way Public Library.

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Ending Child Hunger at your library
with the USDA Summer Food Service Program

State Library of Ohio
has supported library participation in the Summer Food Service Program with education, publicity, and technical assistance since 2015.

95 Ohio Libraries
served as Summer Food Service Program sites in 2020 for grab-and-go meals during the COVID-19 emergency.

1 Out of Every 10
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sites statewide in 2019 was in a library.

- 139 libraries sites
- 1381 total sites
  (data from Ohio Department of Education)

87.8% Increase
in libraries serving as SFSP sites: increased from 82 in 2012 to a high of 154 in 2018.

USDA

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The USDA works with states and community sponsors to provide summer meals for children in communities with high rates of poverty. As many as 90% of kids who depend on free or reduced price school meals go hungry during the long weeks of summer. By participating in the SFSP, public libraries can play an important role in combatting child hunger in Ohio.

Why Libraries?

Children *are* going hungry in your community. In Ohio, one in five children struggles with hunger, and only 10.4% of students who receive free or reduced price school meals also participate in SFSP or other Summer Nutrition Programs. Transportation, awareness, and unavailability of local sites are all significant barriers to participation in the SFSP. (See https://frac.org/research/resource-library/summer-nutrition-report-2020 and https://feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/ohio).

There *is* funding available to feed them. Participating sponsors are reimbursed the cost of providing this valuable service. In some of the counties suffering the greatest economic hardship, no one is utilizing these funds to fight food insecurity and feed hungry children during the summer.

It really *is* simple. **Libraries don't need to prepare food, design or** adapt new or unwieldy programs. SFSP is a longstanding program administered by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Initial involvement is as simple as contacting a local sponsor or the ODE.

It aligns with the mission of the public library to connect community members with the information and resources they need. Summer reading programs have long been a pillar of libraries' literacy support for young patrons. But **hungry kids don't read**. They can become trapped in a cycle of poor school performance and ill health that can have lifelong literacy and learning consequences.

Get Started!
library.ohio.gov/summer-food

Visit the State Library website to learn more about the SFSP, how your library can become a sponsor or site, and other ways to support SFSP discover ways to bring enrichment activities to existing sites.

Want to know more?
Libraries are collaborating with food banks and other community partners to address food insecurity through referrals, direct distribution of groceries, pantry shelves, and other initiatives to improve the well-being of children and families. For more information about SFSP or about the role of libraries in fighting food insecurity, contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Library Consultant at 614-644-6910 or jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

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Library Services for the Blind and Print Disabled

The State Library of Ohio provides access to reading materials to individuals with disabilities through several programs. The State Library, along with the Cleveland Public Library and the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled provide audio, braille and downloadable books to eligible residents. In addition the State Library and the Ohio School for the Deaf partner to provide the Deafness Outreach Collection maintained at the State Library.

Talking Book Services

Library service for the blind and print 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 Print Disabled (NLS).

The Talking Book Program provides free recorded books, magazines and playback equipment to over 15,000 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 61 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.

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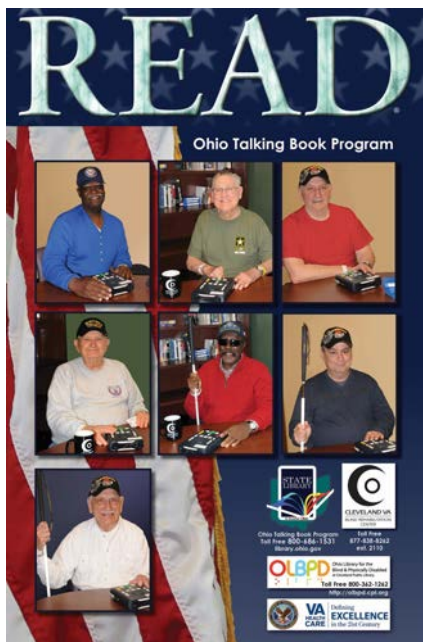
Applications are available for talking book service for:

- 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.

Deafness & Outreach Collection

The Center for Outreach Services located at the Ohio School for the Deaf, and the State Library of Ohio collaborate to bring a collection of Deafness and interpreting-related materials to all Ohioans. 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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CARES Act Grants for Ohio's Libraries

In the summer of 2020, the State Library of Ohio received federal CARES Act grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to support libraries across the state. In addition to supporting statewide services, the State Library offered $3,000 mini grants to public, academic, school and special libraries all over Ohio. These grants went to pay for items ranging from wireless routers and hotspots to cleaning supplies and safety equipment to enable libraries to effectively serve their communities in this time.

Who Received CARES Act Grants

The State Library distributed **322** grants to Ohio libraries, totalling **$966,000**.

Over **500** libraries across Ohio applied for the CARES Act mini grants.

Grants Distributed by Library Type

- School
- Public
- Academic
- Special
- Regional
- Other
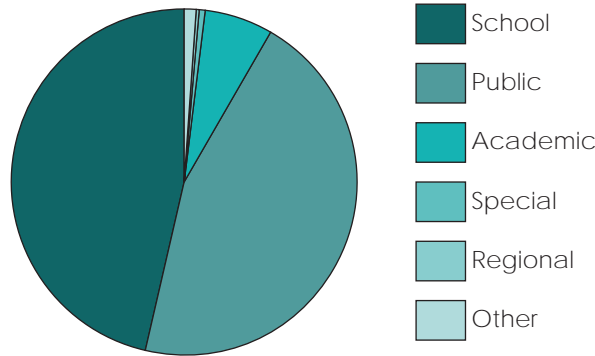
Libraries in 80 Counties Received Grant Funding

How Libraries Are Using CARES Act Funds

Bar chart categories: Wireless routers, Signal boosters, Mobile devices, Remote learning, PPE, Plexiglass Shields, Curbside service, Electronic peripherals, Furniture, Storage bins, Programming, Portable projector, Other
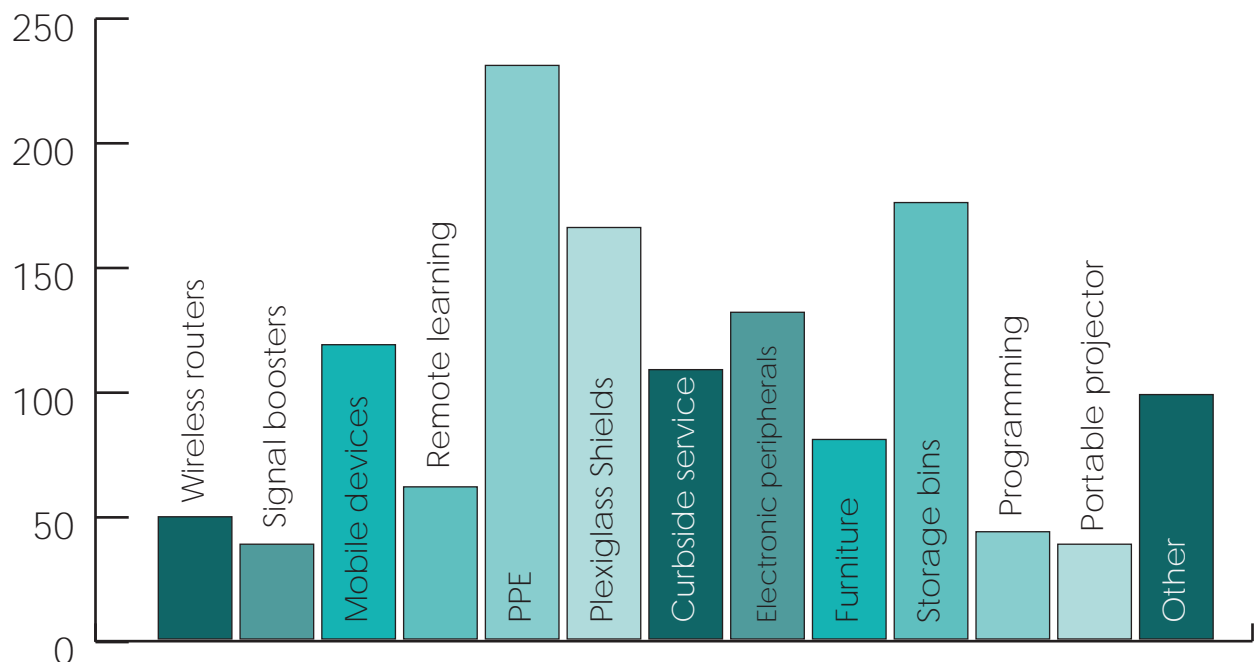
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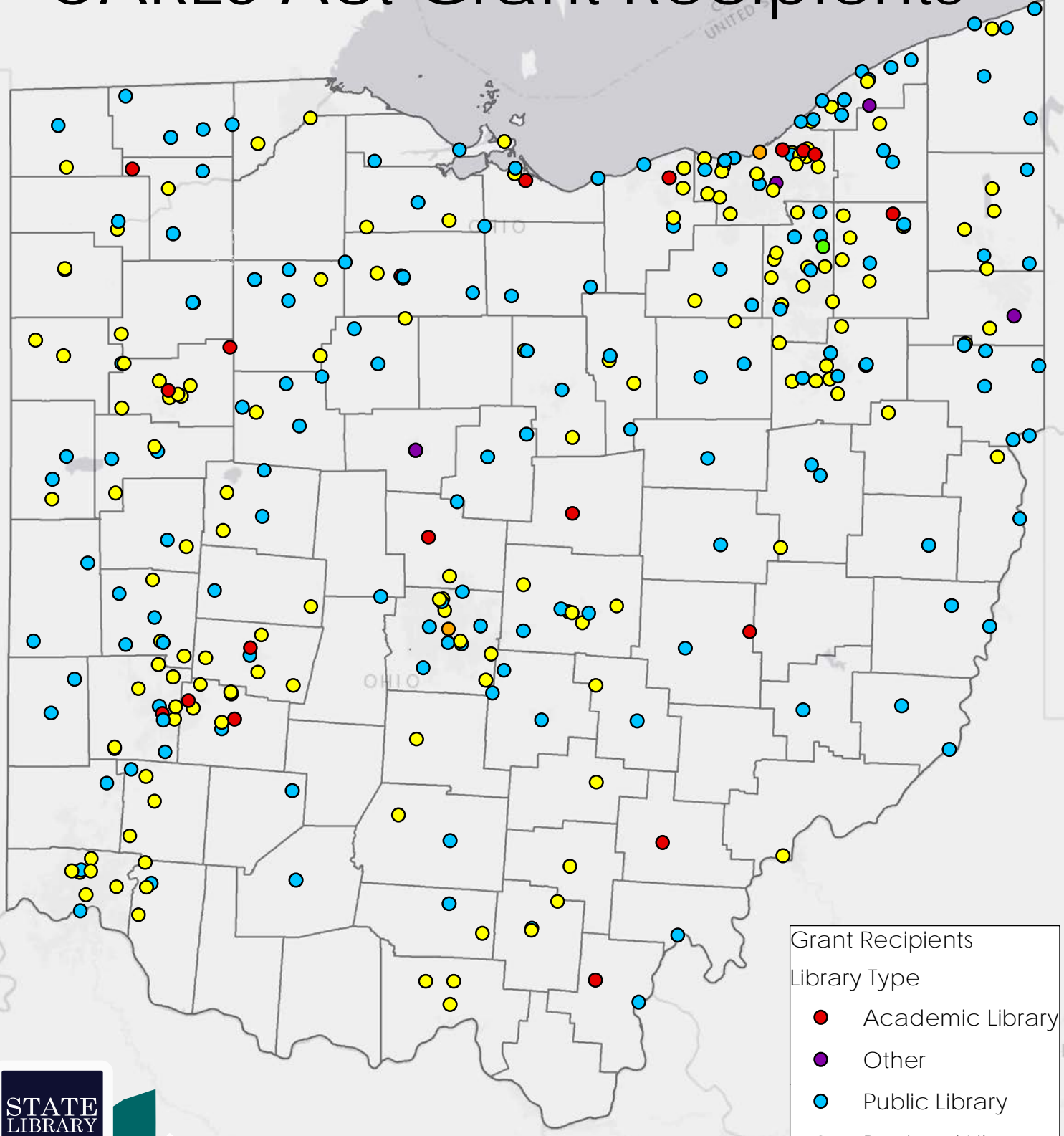
Grant Recipients
Library Type

- 🔴 Academic Library
- 🟣 Other
- 🔵 Public Library
- 🟢 Regional Library
- 🟡 School Library
- 🟠 Special Library

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OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY INFORMATION NETWORK

The **Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN)** provides broadband internet connections and related information services to Ohio public libraries. Our vision is to ensure that all Ohio residents have fast, free public internet access through the 251 local public library systems in Ohio, as well as the use of high-quality statewide research databases.

Internet Connectivity

OPLIN supplies an Ethernet internet connection for each of Ohio's public libraries. Each year, Ohio libraries support more than 14 million sessions on their public computers, and more than 22 million connections to their wireless networks.

oplin.ohio.gov/internet

Research Databases

OPLIN manages the Ohio Web Library collection of premiere information resources, providing all Ohioans with quality digital information to support consumer research, homework help, career development, genealogy research, and continuous learning.

ohioweblibrary.org

Internet Filtering & Security Awareness

OpenDNS by Cisco Umbrella empowers libraries to enforce local policies with Internet filtering. **Infosec IQ** provides security awareness training and email phishing simulations to help library staff remain alert to security threats.
https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/internet-filtering-service
https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/securityiq

Website Kits

Professional, accessible websites with advanced features and options, with managed hosting, maintenance, and upgrades. Request an audit report for any current Ohio public library website, including those not hosted by OPLIN.
https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/webkit

SMS Notifications

Libraries can send notices and reminders directly to patrons' cellphones when they prefer text messages instead of email. SMS notices are generated by a library's software platform to automatically remind patrons about loan activity.
https://oplin.ohio.gov/sms

E-rate Information and Training

The federal E-rate program provides discounts on internet access costs to public libraries, but the process can be complex and intimidating. OPLIN contracts with the State E-rate Coordinator to provide workshops and individual assistance.
https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/erateinfo

Co-Location Service

Libraries can house their servers and networking equipment in the state's **Tier III rated data center**. Prices are based on the number of standard rack units occupied by library equipment.
https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/co-location-service

Remote Database Access

Library cardholders can access authenticated database resources from outside the library, through OPLIN's managed database proxy service. This service is available for any database a library purchases on its own as well as statewide subscriptions.
https://oplin.ohio.gov/content/databases

Keeping Libraries in the Know

Find information about technology and trends through OPLIN's blogs, social media, and webinars. OPLIN hosts several electronic mailing lists, especially OPLINLIST and OPLINTECH, so Ohio librarians can share information among themselves.
https://oplin.ohio.gov/intheknow

https://oplin.ohio.gov

Libraries by the Numbers

Libraries by the Numbers is an online tool to help Ohio public libraries create custom infographics to visualize data from their IMLS (Institute for Museum and Library Services) Public Library Surveys. Libraries by the Numbers enables Ohio public libraries to use their own statistical data from the survey to create attractive and engaging custom infographics. Ohio public library directors were surveyed throughout the development of the project, seeking feedback on the site design, usability and content.

Libraries by the Numbers includes six pre-established infographic templates based on general library service categories—library overview, materials and circulation, technology, programming, youth services and adult services. The online tool also features customizable infographics and multi-year trend charts templates. Public libraries may use their infographics to communicate their value and aid their staff, boards and the public in developing stronger library services.

Libraries by the Numbers is available at:

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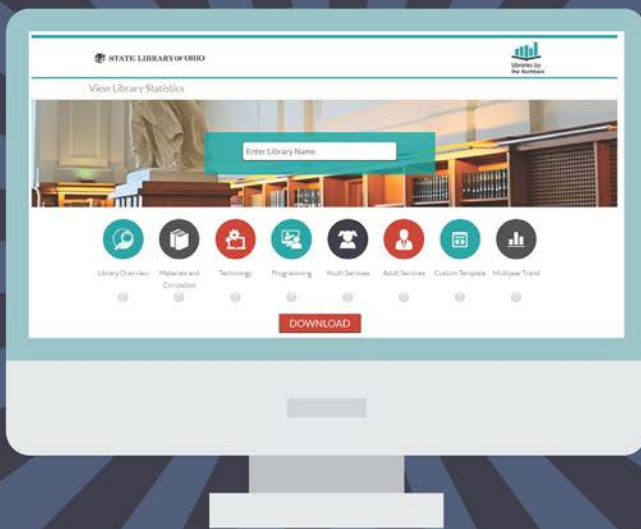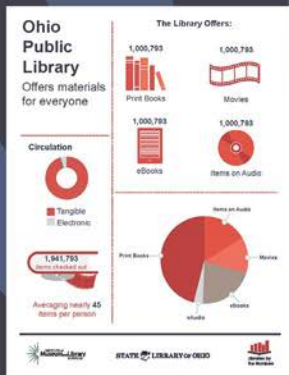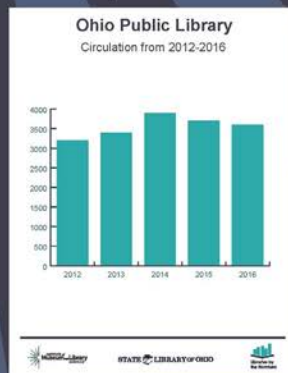
In 2016, the State Library of Ohio received an IMLS Sparks! Ignition Grant to develop Libraries by the Numbers. The grant funds were used to contract with a web developer to develop the website for Libraries by the Numbers. For more information contact Kirstin Krumsee at kkrumsee@library.ohio.gov

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INSTITUTE of Museum and Library SERVICES

Adams County Public Library

4 library sites

21.98 staff members

10,400 annual hours of service

62 Computers

Each used approximately **449** times per year

Card Holders

14,937 card holders

Serving a population of **28,550** Ohioans

Adults

Children

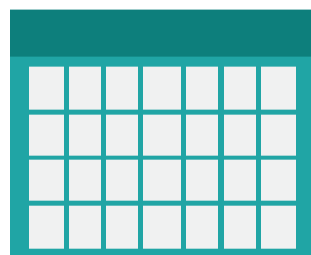## Circulation

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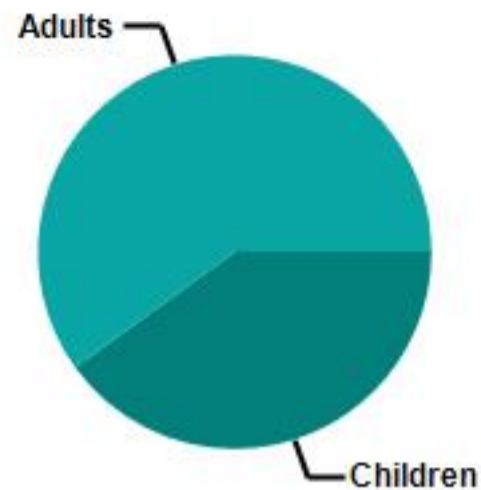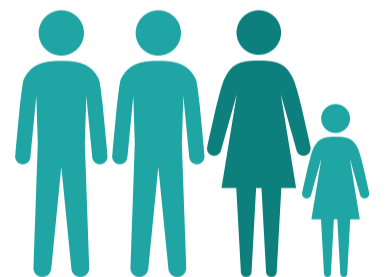
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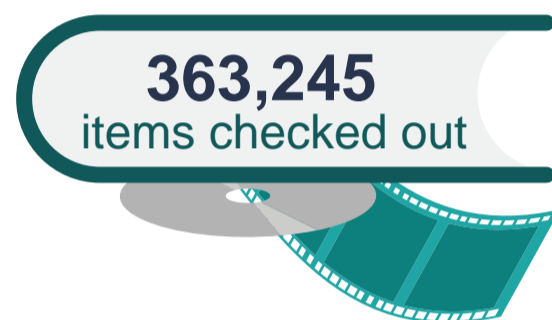
Averaging nearly **12** items per person

Programs
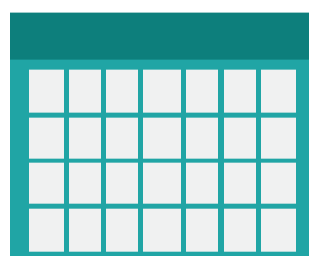
Number of Programs
561

Program Attendance
3,981

This data is drawn from the **2019** Public Library Statistics survey

Cleveland Public Library

Card Holders

298,394 card holders

Adults — Children

Serving a population of **398,453** Ohioans

28 library sites

546.66 staff members

71,526 annual hours of service

Circulation
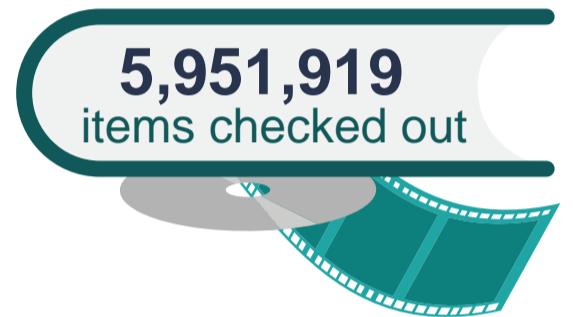
5,951,919 items checked out

- Tangible
- Electronic

Averaging nearly **14** items per person

736 Computers

Each used approximately **923** times per year
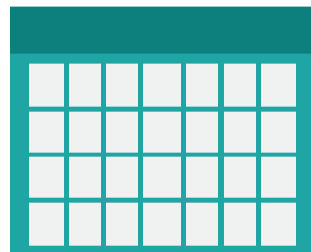
Programs

Number of Programs

19,938
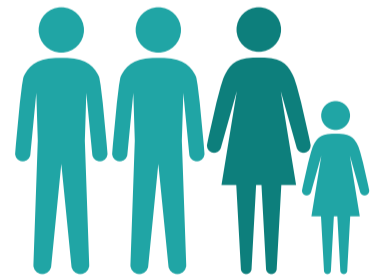
Program Attendance

328,112

This data is drawn from the **2019** Public Library Statistics survey

Lakewood Public Library

Card Holders

170,076 card holders

Serving a population of **51,983** Ohioans

Adults

Children

2 library sites

49.55 staff members

8,320 annual hours of service

Circulation

1,541,402 items checked out
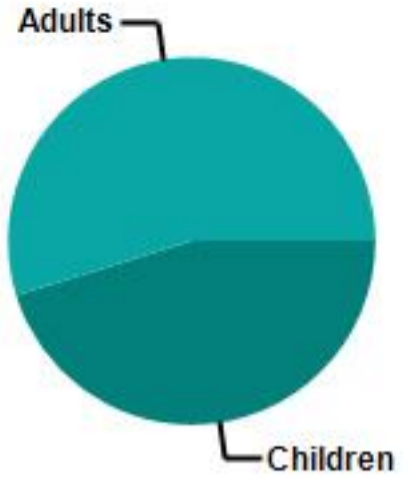
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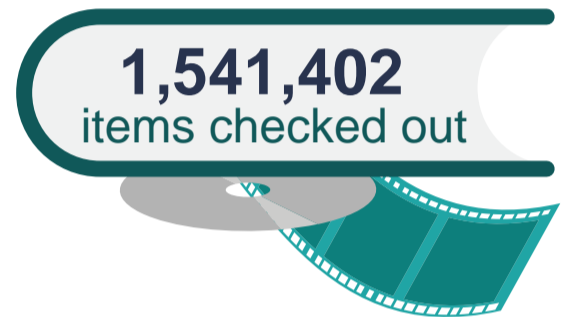
Averaging nearly **29** items per person

100 Computers

Each used approximately **2,876** times per year
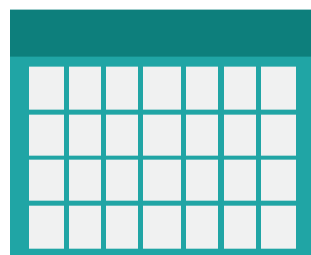
Programs

Number of Programs
4,862
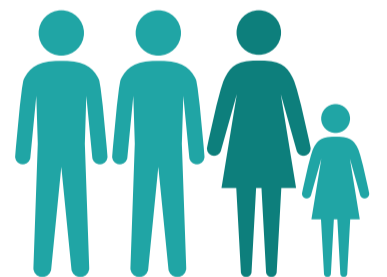
Program Attendance
95,732

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Leetonia Community Public Library

1 library sites

4.48 staff members

2,496 annual hours of service

14 Computers

Each used approximately **100** times per year

Card Holders

6,799 card holders
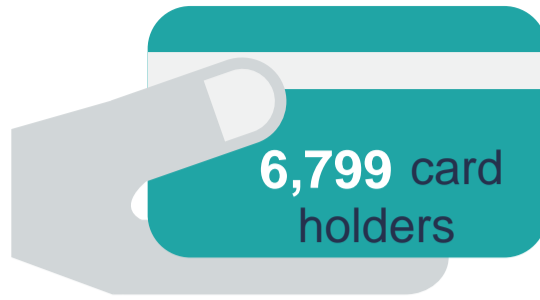
Serving a population of **4,744** Ohioans

Adults

Children

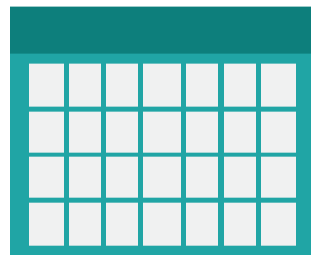## Circulation

36,462 items checked out
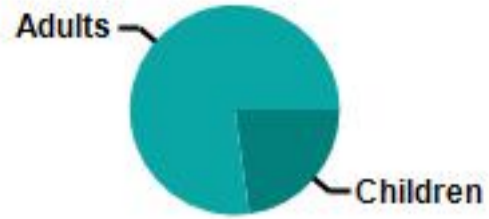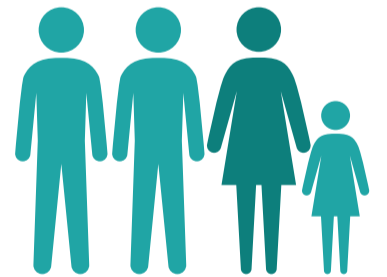
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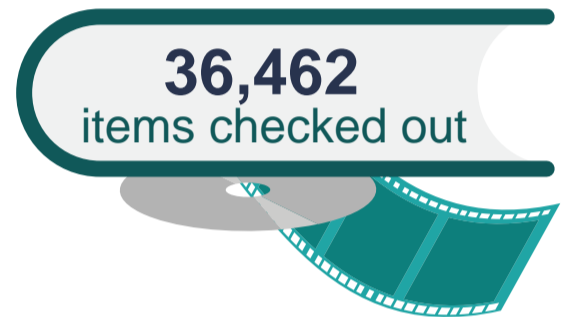
Averaging nearly **7** items per person

Programs
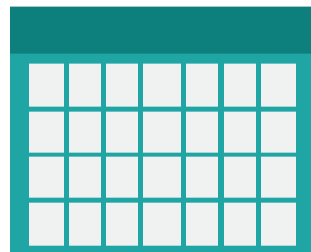
Number of Programs
444
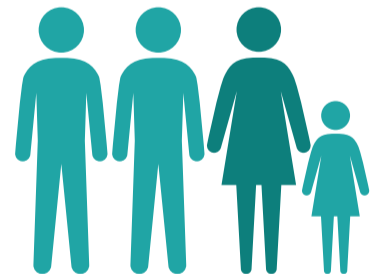
Program Attendance
4,359

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Napoleon Public Library

Card Holders

10,118 card holders

Serving a population of 14,467 Ohioans
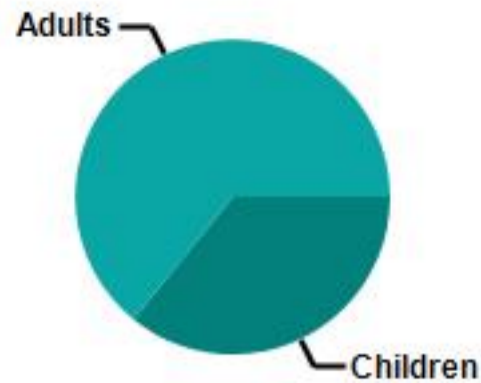
Adults

Children

3 library sites

11.00 staff members

Circulation

151,837 items checked out

Tangible
Electronic

Averaging nearly **10** items per person

4,118 annual hours of service

19 Computers

Each used approximately **315** times per year
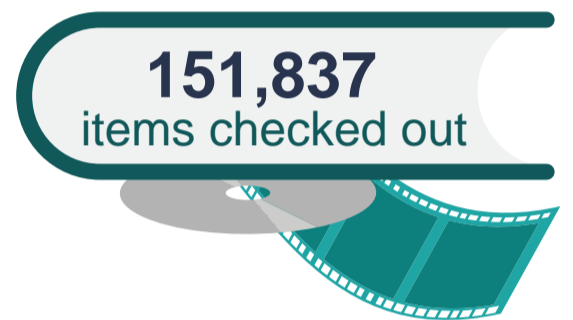
Programs

Number of Programs

354

Program Attendance

4,301

This data is drawn from the 2019 Public Library Statistics survey

Portsmouth Public Library

Card Holders

32,573 card holders

Adults

Children

Serving a population of **79,499** Ohioans

5 library sites

62.15 staff members

12,124 annual hours of service

Circulation

360,219 items checked out
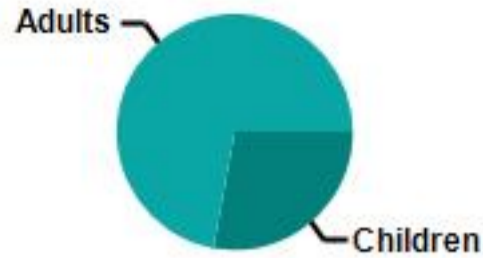
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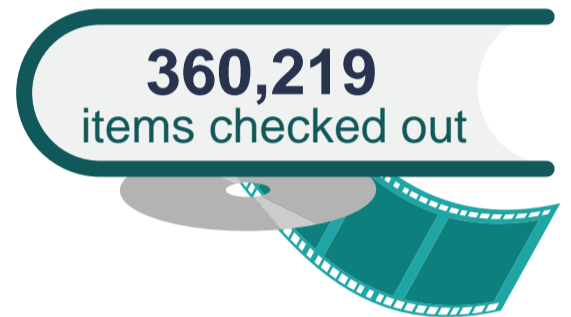
Averaging nearly **4** items per person

80 Computers

Each used approximately **352** times per year

Programs

Number of Programs
1,461

Program Attendance
36,590

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Tiffin-Seneca Public Library

1 library sites

23.25 staff members

3,510 annual hours of service

48 Computers

Each used approximately **460** times per year

Card Holders

15,479 card holders

Adults

Children

Serving a population of **31,664** Ohioans
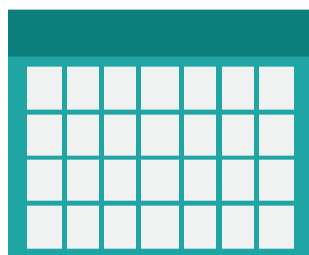
Circulation

327,803 items checked out

■ Tangible
■ Electronic

Averaging nearly **10** items per person

Programs

Number of Programs
726

Program Attendance
17,540

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Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library

4 library sites
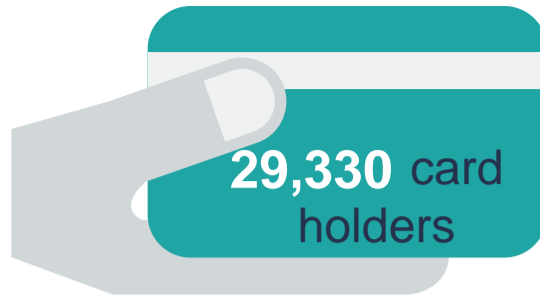
73.30 staff members

13,282 annual hours of service

91 Computers

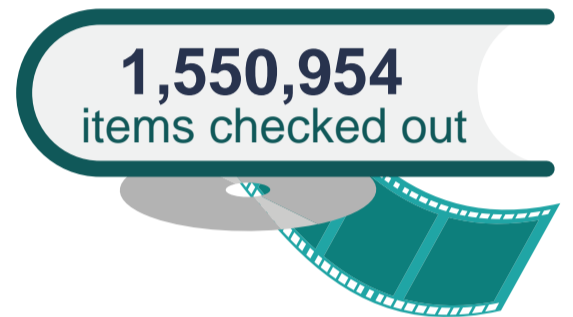Each used approximately **814** times per year

Card Holders

29,330 card holders

Serving a population of **65,424** Ohioans

Adults

Children

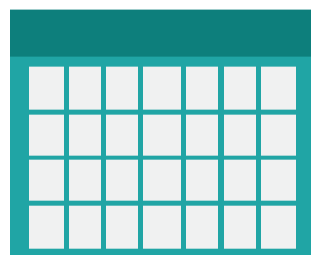## Circulation

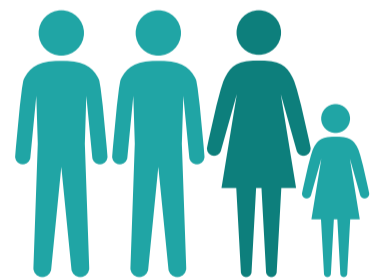**1,550,954** items checked out

Tangible

Electronic

Averaging nearly **23** items per person

Programs

Number of Programs **1,619**

Program Attendance **31,103**

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