STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

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

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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, 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 98 library systems at 268 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 Ohio and Library Leadership Ohio, for library staff.

Administers a competitive LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) Guiding Ohio Online grant. The grant enables libraries 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 library 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.

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO
Library Information You Can Use

Library Services for State Government

State Employee Library Card
Your key to books, journals, and other information & materials you can't get anywhere else.

Library Resources *To Go*
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.

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

EBSCOHost
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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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.

THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

Ebooks, Audiobooks, & Digital Magazines
The Ohio Digital Library provides ebooks, digital audiobooks, magazines, and videos from 174 member libraries across the state. A state employee library card grants access to over *660,000 digital items that can be downloaded to your desktop and mobile devices.
OhioDigitalLibrary.com
*Includes duplicate copies of some titles

Nexis Uni · LexisNexis

Nexis Uni (formerly LexisNexis Academic) includes news and current events, government, business, medical, and legal topics, as well as general reference information. Sources include newspapers, magazines and trade journals, broadcast transcripts (NPR, ABC News, CBS News, and CNN), company financial information, industry and market news, federal and state case law, law reviews, medical news and abstracts, and state and country profiles.

O'Reilly Online Learning: Provides hands-on skills development books, tutorials, videos, and case studies in topics such as cybersecurity to artificial intelligence, data science, design, professional communication, and more.

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

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.

No Library Card Required to Access Digital Library Resources Through myOhio.gov

OhioLINK
Connecting Libraries, Learning & Discovery
An OH·TECH Consortium Member

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.

ProQuest Global Newsstream provides access to the most influential and respected contemporary news sources from around the globe — from today's news to backfiles dating back to the 1980s. This comprehensive contemporary news collection provides access to current, full-text news sources including newspapers, newswires, news journals, and more.

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Don't hesitate to ask us.
We offer phone, website chat box, email, one-on-one online appointments, and reference form communications.

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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 and is consecutively numbered since 1817. The Serial Set is a compilation of House and Senate reports which recommend legislative action and documents from the legislative branch and some non-governmental organizations. Free online access is available to State Library 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.

♦ 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 2012 (reports with data).

♦ U.S. Patents.

Federal publications circulate with some exceptions. Fragile items or items older than 50 years do not circulate. Census materials do not circulate and reference materials do not circulate. For items that do not circulate, we will photocopy or scan and email a reasonable number of pages. We can provide duplicate microfiche for items in that format.

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. Hearings are not available except from the Ohio Historical Society.

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

♦ Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C) (laws).

♦ Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) (rules).

♦ 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

The second copy of Ohio documents circulates. Single copies are reference copies and do not circulate. Items that are fragile or over 50 years old do not circulate. We will photocopy or scan and email a reasonable number of pages from items that do not circulate.

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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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

County Law Libraries
County Department or Agency

Special Libraries
Associated with multi-county agency, or other state funded museum system or institution.
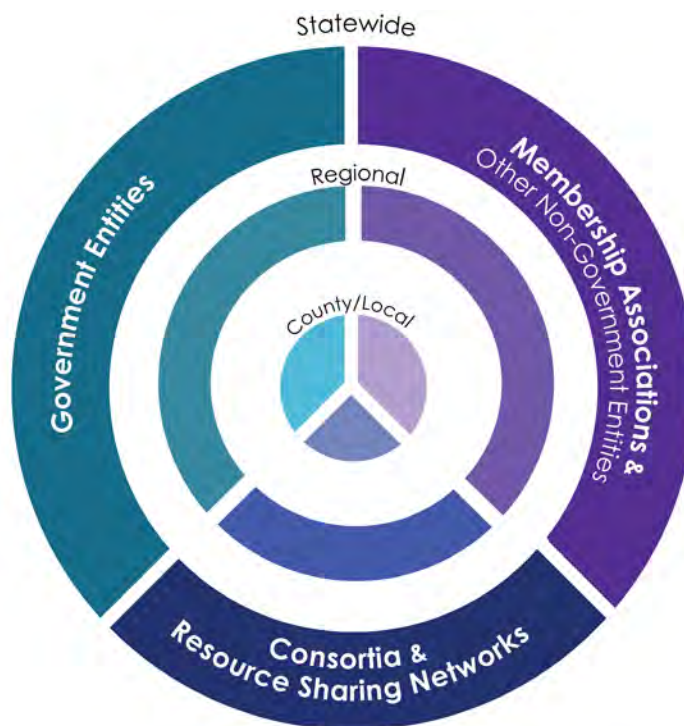
Pre K–12 School Libraries/Media Centers
Within a county or local public school district

Public Libraries
Under the umbrella of county or local government

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

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

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.

Library Services and Technology Act

The State Library administers the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program, funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent federal agency. Each year, Congress appropriates funds to IMLS and these funds are then distributed to States based on a formula.

States must use their funds to further their goals to the fedreal legislation and the activities in their approved LSTA Five-Year Plan. The Ohio LSTA Five-Year Plan 2018-2022 includes four goals:

Learning: Engaging and empowering learning experiences.

Community: Libraries as community anchor instituions.

Content: Discovery of knowledge and cultural heritage.

Access: Sustain access to knowledge.

LSTA funds are used in one of three ways. Some funds are used in-house for programs that further the goals fo the LSTA Five-Year Plan, such as the Summer Reading Program. LSTA funds also support a variety of statewide initiatives including statewide resource sharing (Library Connect Ohio), the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled program, and the Ohio Digital Library, as well as the Ohio Web Library – library databases available to any Ohio resident.

LSTA funds are also distributed through grant programs. State Library staff work with the LSTA Advisory Council to determine funding priorities and grant categories, timelines, and funding limits each year. Annoucnements of grant availability will be posted on library listservs; Request for Propoals (RFPs) can be found on the State Library website under Services to Libraries – LSTA Grants.

All types of libraries – public, school, academic, and special – may apply for LSTA grants.

Questions may be sent to Jeff Regensburger, LSTA Coordinator, via LSTA@library.ohio.gov.

THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

2022 Annual Report

8 million digital checkouts in 2022
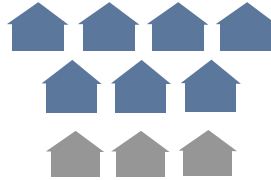LEADING THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION
eBooks, audiobooks & more

The Ohio Digital Library is a consortium of 180 member libraries including 174 out of 251 public library systems in Ohio.

269,963 ACTIVE USERS

69% OF OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS ARE MEMBERS

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

11% INCREASE OVER RECORD USAGE IN 2021

2nd HIGHEST CONSORTIA

3rd HIGHEST IN THE U.S.A.

5th HIGHEST GLOBALLY

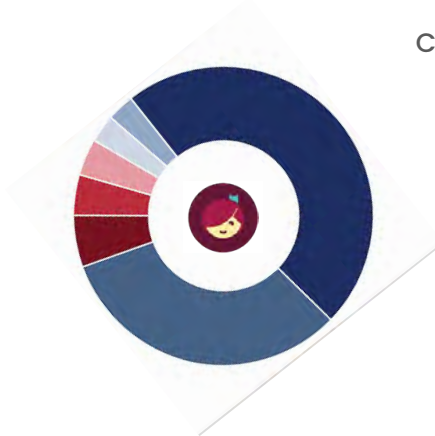## CHECKOUTS BY FORMAT

EBOOKS
4,651,884

AUDIOBOOKS
3,066,411

MAGAZINES
321,361

DATABASES
281

STREAMING CONTENT*
622

A limited number libraries have enabled database and streaming content usage for their cardholders.

CHECKOUTS BY FORMAT AND READING AGE

48% EBOOKS FOR ADULTS

32% AUDIOBOOKS FOR ADULTS

6% EBOOKS FOR CHILDREN

4% EBOOKS FOR TEENS

4% MAGAZINES ALL AGES

3% AUDIOBOOKS FOR CHILDREN

3% AUDIOBOOKS FOR TEENS

MOST POPULAR TITLES

EBOOKS
The Four Winds: A Novel by Kristin Hannah
The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave
Verity by Colleen Hoover
The Judge's List: A Novel by John Grisham

AUDIOBOOKS
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
Girl, Forgotten by Karin Slaughter
False Witness by Karin Slaughter
The Four Winds: A Novel by Kristin Hannah

MAGAZINES
Woman's World
US Weekly
The Economist
Taste of Home

CHECKOUTS - ALL FORMATS

Year	Checkouts	Holds
2015	3,057,326	1,256,635
2016	3,503,536	1,392,418
2017	3,913,740	1,093,646
2018	4,807,544	1,264,758
2019	5,628,889	1,567,824
2020	6,710,060	3,139,338
2021	7,261,033	3,239,133
2022	8,045,511	4,073,600

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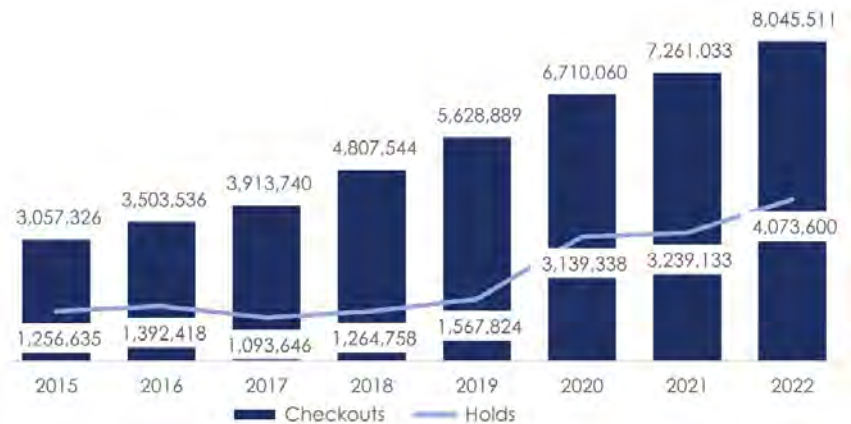
MEMBER LIBRARIES INCLUDE:

174 PUBLIC LIBRARIES
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIES
1 TECHNICAL SCHOOL
1 PRIVATE LIBRARY
SERVING EVERY OHIOAN (SEO)
STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

CONSORTIA INCLUDE:

CENTRAL LIBRARY CONSORTIUM (CLC)
CONSORTIUM OF OHIO LIBRARIES (COOL)
OHIO VALLEY LIBRARY CONSORTIUM (OVLC)
PORTAGE LIBRARY CONSORTIUM
PUBLIC LIBRARIES UNITED IN SERVICE (PLUS)
SERVING EVERY OHIOAN (SEO)

VIEW LIST OF MEMBERS: ohdbks.overdrive.com/support/members

SHARED COLLECTION

EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, & MAGAZINES

241,297 INDIVIDUAL TITLES

657,345 TOTAL COPIES

53,020
INDIVIDUAL
AUDIOBOOK
TITLES
190,551
TOTAL COPIES

3,908
INDIVIDUAL
MAGAZINE
TITLES

AUDIOBOOKS
EBOOKS
VIDEOS
MAGAZINES

183,854
INDIVIDUAL
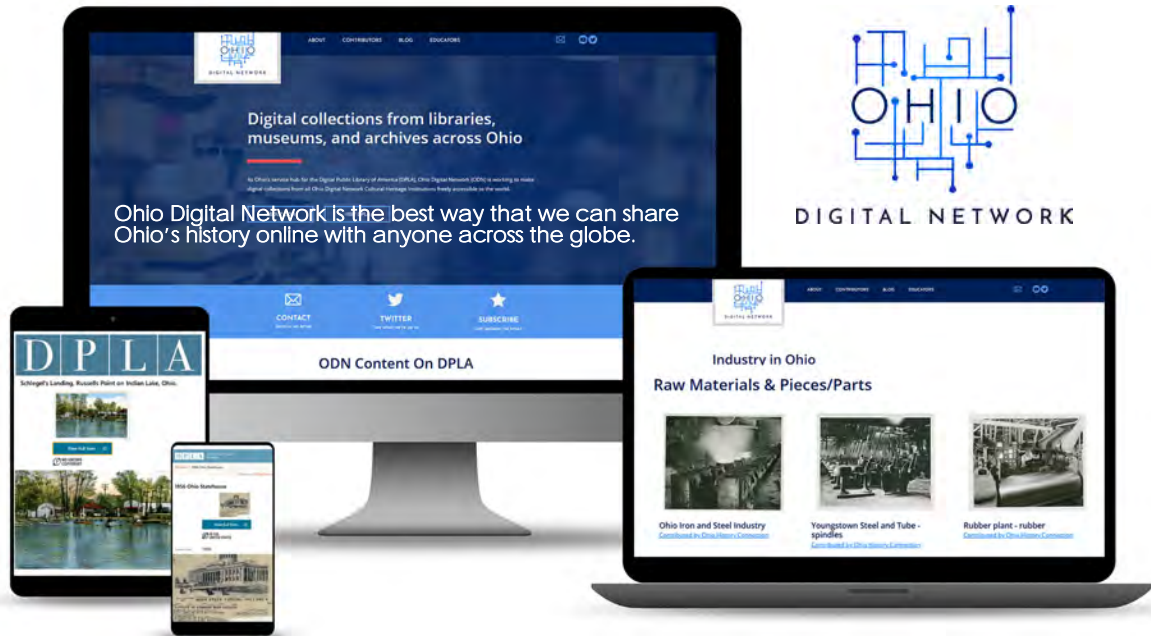EBOOK TITLES
462,371
TOTAL COPIES

CARES and ARPA Grant Recipients
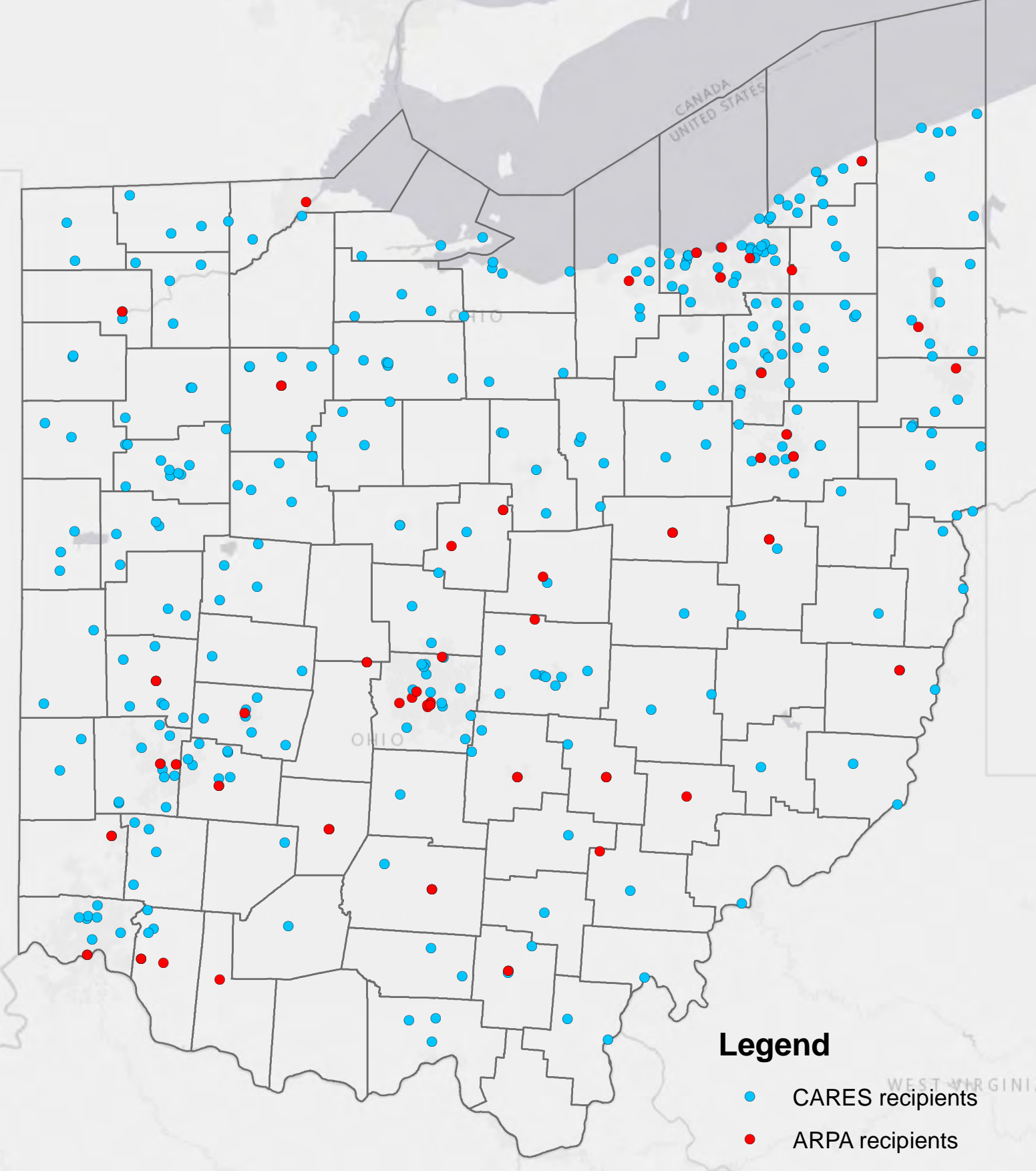
Legend

- ● CARES recipients
- ● ARPA recipients

OHIO DIGITAL NETWORK UNITES HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS
OF LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, AND ARCHIVES 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 our nation.

All Ohio resources on DPLA are free to access and most are available for non-commercial use by educators, researchers, and history enthusiasts. The number of contributing organizations in Ohio and usage of these resources are growing each year. Federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) via the Libraries Services and Technology Act (LSTA) annual Grants to States program enables ODN to provide access and continuously expand the size of our digital collections.
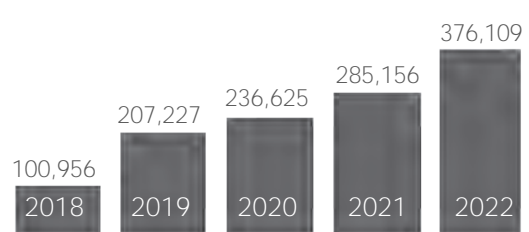
Collections available on DPLA are from cultural heritage and research institutions from across the country, and it's a great way to leverage our shared work. For example: Ohio Digital Network has added thousands of items to the site, but if you were to search the word "Ohio" while on DPLA you'd get over one million results that include materials from many other states. This also increases the number of people using Ohio's collections, as someone in another state could be searching for something unique and only available in an Ohio library collection.

Total Number of Ohio Cultural Institutions Contributing Digital Collections

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
11	20	24	34	39
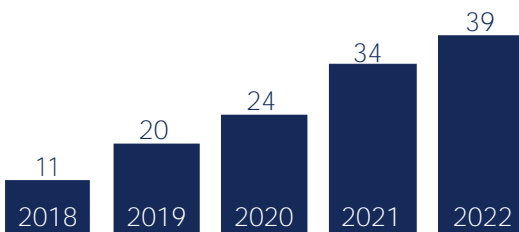
Total Number of ODN Digitized Items Available in DPLA

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
100,956	207,227	236,625	285,156	376,109

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

Contributors are made up of public, academic, and special libraries, archives, historical societies, and museums. Through working with DPLA, we have over 376,000 digitized items from Ohio available as part of a larger U.S. history collection of over 47 million items.

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Ohio Digital Network (ODN) Contributing Cultural Heritage Institutions provide easy access to their digital collections.

Akron-Summit County Public Library
Bexley Public Library
Bowling Green State University Libraries*
Case Western Reserve University
Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library*
Cleveland Museum of Art Archives
Cleveland Public Library*
Cleveland State University
Columbus City Schools
Columbus Metropolitan Library*
Dayton Metro Library
Delaware County Memory
Denison University
Kent Historical Society and Museum Digital Collection
Kent State University*
Kenyon College*
King Arts Complex
Madison Public Library
Mansfield/Richland County Public Library
Marietta College

Marysville Public Library
MidPointe Library System*
Ohio History Connection*
Ohio University Libraries
Ohio Wesleyan University
Pontifical College Josephinum
Rodman Public Library
Shaker Heights Public Library
State Library of Ohio*
The College of Wooster Special Collections
The Ohio State University Libraries
The University of Akron
Tiffin-Seneca Public Library
Toledo Lucas County Public Library
Upper Arlington Public Library
Wilmington College
Worthington Libraries*
Wright State University
Xavier University Library

Ohio Metadata Mini-Grant

The Ohio Metadata Mini-Grant helps 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 digital collections management and vital to discovery of items across different collections in Ohio and beyond by its users.

Since December 2020, the State Library has awarded more than $78,000 in Ohio Metadata Mini-Grants. Libraries, archives, and museums are eligible to request up to $4,999 with this grant program.

The Ohio Digital Network and Metadata Mini-Grant program are supported in-part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) annual Grants to States program allocation of federal Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funds to the State Library of Ohio.

Ohio Digital Network Partners

DigiHubs

Ohio's 4 Digitization Hubs (DigiHubs) assist institutions 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. They provide communication and project updates and answer questions about how ODN and DPLA work.

Items displayed on devices above are from ODN digital collections: 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 37.9% of children entered kindergarten in 2021 with all the skills, knowledge, and abilities needed to handle kindergarten-level instruction.

The most recent National Assessment of Educational Progress (2019) 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 marginalized communities.

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.
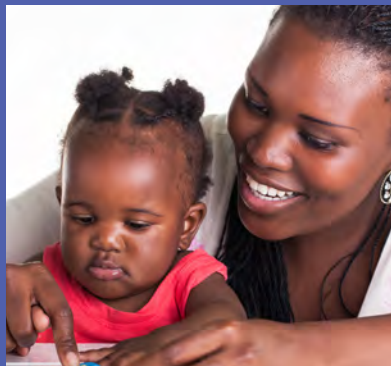
WE PROVIDE MANY SERVICES AT NO COST TO LIBRARIES:

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.
- 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

Ohio Ready to Read is a joint initiative of the Ohio Library Council and State Library of Ohio, and is made possible, in part, by federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, awarded to the State Library of Ohio by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

OLC OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL

STATE LIBRARY

References: Ohio Kindergarten Readiness Assessment data: see Ohio School Report Cards, reportcard.education.ohio.gov; National Assessment of Educational Progress: nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard

2022 Ohio Summer Library Program Report

Athens County Public Library offered Nature Journaling with a naturalist from Burr Oak State Park.

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

Ohio public libraries and their communities embraced summer programming with renewed enthusiasm in 2022. Easing of pandemic restrictions and a fun, inspiring theme made summer more joyful and exciting for many. While the lingering effects of the pandemic apparently continued to impact turnout, summer library program (SLP) participation has been trending upward statewide, and overall program and event attendance rose significantly from 2021. Library staff and patrons alike deeply appreciated the widespread return to in-person indoor programming. Notably, many librarians reported a welcome sense of getting "back to normal."

As always, individual libraries' experiences varied significantly, but around Ohio, public library staff continued to demonstrate creativity and intentionality in program planning, decorations, and all aspects of SLP. As a result, patrons showed up, based on feedback from the 224 Ohio public library systems responding to the 2022 Ohio SLP evaluation survey.

One of the busiest seasons for public libraries is usually the summer library program. While public libraries adapt to help students retain skills and knowledge over the long summer break, it also marks a special time for the youth of the state to nurture habits for life-long learning. The increased participation in 2022's SLP is a positive sign that Ohioans are emerging from the pandemic with strength and resilience. It's a wonderful program for readers of all ages and interests with broad impacts in every community that celebrates SLP, and the State Library of Ohio is proud to support year after year.

Wendy Knapp, State Librarian
State Library of Ohio

Programming Inside and Out

Many Ohio libraries used the Collaborative Summer Library Program's "Oceans of Possibilities" theme and developed programs about waterways, aquatic life, conservation, and other water-related topics, along with eye-catching decorations that transformed library buildings into fanciful undersea ecosystems. At Union Township Public Library, Julie Carpenter shared that "the readers were engaged and excited about The Wave Foundation bringing sting rays for a visit, two magicians following the ocean theme, a chef that introduced us to cooking and eating octopus and squid, a conservationist that shared ancient fossils left in our area by flooding, artwork, exciting activities and reading hundreds of books!"

Kelly Edwards at Bexley Public Library called 2022 "a great year for getting us back into the habit of offering an in-person summer reading program…Patrons loved all the crafts and hands-on activities and having something to do every day this summer. One family came in for the first time just to see what the library had to offer and ended up coming back at least once a week all summer."

"While this wasn't a complete return-to-normal summer, we were so pleased to be able to offer a summer reading program experience that felt much more robust… and to receive such a positive and strong response from our community."

Morgan Hidy
Worthington Libraries

Alger Public Library patrons enjoyed a visit from Exotic Zoo. Photo by Raquel Massie Photographer.

Whalemobile at Way public library

709,187 was the total reported attendance* at Ohio library programs and events related to SLP (both in-person and online) in 2022 which included:

476,269 at Children's Programs

43,018 at Teen Programs

72,381 at Adult Programs

117,519 at All-Ages Programs

30% increase over total reported program attendance in 2021 (543,549) and 36% decrease from the total reported program attendance in summer 2019 (1,110,010). Participation numbers for 2020 were not collected.

All 224 responding libraries provided an SLP for children, 97% provided an SLP for teens, and 92% provided an SLP for adults.

> "We felt like we were back up to pre-COVID hustle. We had a great and busy summer!! The theme was awesome. Everyone liked it. We created some great new partnerships with local businesses and got lots of money donated for the program. Pretty fantastic!"
>
> Rikki Unterbrink
> Shelby County Libraries

312,354 participated** in an Ohio public library's summer library program in 2022 including:

208,145 Adults

34,223 Children

69,986 Teens

16% increase over total reported participation in 2021 (269,755) and 34% decrease from total reported participation in 2019 (477,349).

**Participation is defined by individual libraries and collectively represents the number of people who registered for, attended, or completed the SLP. This definition enables year-to-year statewide data comparisons.

60% of responding libraries include anyone who registers is defined as a participant; 26% include anyone who does at least one thing (check out/read a book, complete an activity, attend an online program, submit a raffle entry, etc.) is a participant; and 5% indicated that only people who complete the program are counted as participants. The remaining 9% define participation in other ways.

* These numbers are total attendance at responding libraries' SLP-related library programs (storytimes, performers, parties, etc.), including online/virtual and in-person programs. The numbers may include individuals attending multiple events because libraries were not asked to report unique attendees.

Athens County Public Library Glouster Branch's summer kickoff program. Kids made their own rainbow fish and helped decorate the library for the ocean theme.

Programming *continued*

At Bellevue Public Library, Charlene Tolbert reported that patrons "particularly enjoyed our Glow Party finale, where participants of all ages learned about deep sea creatures and bioluminescence while experimenting with glow-in-the-dark paints. After the experiments, attendees danced with glowsticks and celebrated being able to have large in-person gatherings again!" Juliana Berning at the Mercer County District Library, Zahn-Marion Township Branch, shared that the library offered an ocean themed scavenger hunt along the new Marion Community bike path.

Lauren Edmonds reported that Pickerington Public Library launched a Library on the Go vehicle and outreach program including pop-up libraries, visits to farmers' markets, and activities at YMCA summer camps. Lindsay Brandon-Smith shared that "Ashland Public Library continued programming at the Guy C. Myers Memorial Bandshell every Wednesday. Having programs in the outdoor space (when weather permitted) allowed the library to engage larger audiences. Attendees learned about animals, experimented with science, learned about instruments, met some pirates, and more! Our Bookmobile and Outreach team traveled to multiple events including Art in the Park, Books in the Park, Traveling Book Club, and other community events, which helped the library reach people countywide."

Maggie Noble at Grafton-Midview Public Library noted that "children are responding positively to programs where they get to actively participate. Whether it is a dancing lesson with Princess Ariel or making a Balloon Chair with newspaper and tape, children are wanting to do things where they are the architect and can express themselves creatively." And Maureen Stratton, also at Grafton-Midview, described the library's Up, Up & Away! Balloon Event & Starlight Movie, presented "in collaboration with a local church in the community that holds an annual summer festival, and a local family that owns a hot air balloon business. Hundreds of festival goers were treated to an up-close and personal experience with a hot air balloon from inflation to partial lift off, and, after the sunset, the Pixar movie *Up!* was shown on an outdoor movie screen. It was amazing to watch the crowd as the balloon was inflated, and it proved a great opportunity to work with our community to make lasting summer memories!"

"It has been a summer of increases—in amount of registration, participation, programming, attendance, foot traffic, joy, and more!"

Kristine Spyker
Auglaize County Libraries

Children at the Wyoming Branch, Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library built their own vehicles in a Cardboard Car Drive-In event.

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Reimagining the Reading Challenge

Some libraries reported excellent program participation but low follow-through on summer reading/activity challenges. Several mentioned the phenomenon of people who register for SLP and are not heard from again. Libraries are increasingly experimenting with new ways of registering (or not registering) and tracking (or not tracking) participation, such as offering an open-ended reading/activity challenge with no specific completion endpoint or allowing participants to set their own goals. Annamarie Carlson shared that Upper Arlington Public Library "does not have a formal registration process. Anyone who picks up a log can participate. We count registrants as anyone who earned their first prize."

Lisa Soper described the summer challenge at Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library (CHCPL) as "designed to encourage curiosity and self-directed learning, very open

ended." Among the self-selected goals of young CHCPL patrons: One little girl made a goal to read more books and create her own story; another child had a goal with their mother to visit all 40 branches or as many as feasible. When they came in for their first button, they had already visited 5 different libraries. Another child made a goal to see a new kind of animal, and drew a picture of the buffalo she and her grandmother visited at Big Bone Lick State Park.

Another patron-directed summer challenge was developed this year by Shelby County Libraries. Rikki Unterbrink described her library's new format for babies through 6th graders: families were invited to choose two goals to accomplish for June and two for July. Library staff suggested one reading goal and one activity goal, but the decision was up to each family. Kids selected the prize they wanted to receive for completing each goal – plus, the parent got to pick an adult prize

for themselves, for helping their children achieve their goals. Rikki shared that this "choose your own reading adventure"-style innovation was super popular with families, and with the library staff, who liked that the kids had to help pick the goals and prizes because it increased follow-through. All patron responses to this new format were positive.

For another outside-the-box approach to prizes which proved popular with patrons, Sarah Jacovetty wrote that patrons at St. Clairsville Public Library loved the library's Charity Basket. When patrons read books, they got a ticket per book to put into prize baskets, including a charity basket for the local fire department. Readers contributed tickets to donate fire extinguishers and smoke alarms to the fire department, which then distributes them to community members in need.

> "We were excited to get things a little back to normal this summer but found ourselves a little overwhelmed by the number of patrons that had the same idea!! It was an amazing summer and so good to see everyone old and new to us."
>
> Lisa Crutchfield
> St. Paris Public Library

Coral craft at Alexandria Public Library

Barberton Public Library summer reading t-shirts which kids tie-dyed at the Summer Reading kickoff

Summer Reading, Summer Feeding

Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library's Cheviot Branch hosted weekly Meal Box Pop-Ups, where families could pick up a meal box for kids and teens.

In addition to SLP, Ohio public libraries continued to support children and communities by distributing meals and snacks through the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), or by providing outreach or programming at non-library SFSP sites, or by distributing food through locally funded (non-SFSP) arrangements.

In many communities, a meal or snack really enhances summer programming turnout and engagement, and provides a very important support for children and families experiencing food insecurity. Distributing food also benefits the library by facilitating access to new user groups, especially underserved and marginalized populations; increasing visibility of the library as a community asset; and providing opportunities for new partnerships. And, distributing food benefits the whole community; a community is only as healthy and thriving as its most vulnerable members.

According to Ohio Department of Education records, 157 individual Ohio public library locations were SFSP sites in 2022. This is a slight drop from 2021, when 162 libraries served as SFSP sites (162 was the greatest number of Ohio public library SFSP sites in any summer to date). It's notable that SFSP participation remained historically high even with the expiration, at the end of June 2022, of pandemic-related USDA waivers that had allowed libraries and other sites to provide grab-and-go packaged meals, rather than require children to eat their meals on-site.

Beyond SFSP, libraries pursued partnerships and local opportunities to provide food. With support from the community, Forest-Jackson Public Library offered sack lunches to all who attended any program. Way Public Library started offering weekender food bags in partnership with the Islamic Food Bank of Toledo. New Carlisle Public Library began a new program called Story Snacks: families stop by on Friday afternoons to pick up a weekend food pack and a free book. The library partners with the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren, IMPACT Bethel, and the Rotary Club to provide this opportunity.

New Carlisle Public Library began offering Story Snacks in August. This new program lets families select a new book to keep, in addition to a weekend food pack of non-perishable snacks.

> "Patrons really appreciated our efforts this summer to provide snacks for the children. One parent thought that she would have to choose between food and gas for her car to get to work. She came into the library and was so appreciative when she saw that we were offering snacks for the children. It felt good to know we were doing our little bit to help."
>
> Kim Bautz
> Greene County Public Library

Feeling Normal Feels Great

Dozens of survey respondents used the word "normal" – sometimes in quotes, as we are still figuring out what the word means in this lingering, semi-post-pandemic environment – when reflecting on the ways in which 2022 felt successful. As Sybil Wendling at Avon Lake Public Library expressed it, "summer 2022 felt much closer to a normal summer – program participation, library visitors, and general atmosphere were refreshing!" Libraries welcomed back patrons who hadn't participated in any public events since before the pandemic and met new people who were checking out the library for the first time, frequently at the invitation of a library user. Martha Scheer at St. Marys Community Public Library commented on the ripple effect of word-of-mouth and social media: "We have not only gotten to know the children better, but their parents and even their grandparents! Many parents have taken their children's pictures with our summer decorations. Those pictures are going out on social media to friends and family, and I am sure people are asking where they found that pirate ship. So our library is being shared with others who never step in the door!"

Taryn Lentes at Athens County Public Library stated that "it was extremely rewarding to see both new and old faces making their way back into the libraries. We have served the public throughout the pandemic in many ways, but the opportunity to gather for summer programming made our impact hit home even more. Our Coolville branch shared this story: A young boy who has frequented the library since he was a toddler came in with some new faces. His friends were visiting from out of town and he brought them to be introduced to us. 'I wanted to bring them to the library because it is a cool place to come.' I asked him what was the coolest thing about the library. His quick reply was 'The librarians of course! And the second is the computers.' We are cooler than the computers!"

Responses to the state SLP evaluation survey indicated that summer 2022 was significantly more busy, successful, and rewarding than the previous two years. As libraries start to plan for summer 2023, this look back at 2022 demonstrates that, whatever the theme, Ohio public libraries give their communities oceans of possibilities – for fun, learning, and opportunity – every summer.

> "For several patrons, this summer marked the first time they came to a program since the beginning of the pandemic. Patrons made friends with their trivia team members. People laughed and learned and made connections."
>
> Elizabeth Smith
> Grafton-Midview Public Library

The Pioneer Branch of Williams County Public Library hosted a STEM Camp for children.

Young patrons show off their crafts at the St. Marys Community Public Library Summer Reading Kickoff Party.

Barberton Public Library used a donation to make summer reading t-shirts which kids tie-dyed at the summer reading kickoff and at an outreach event at the Akron Metro Housing Authority. Children's Services Manager Alison Huey reports that it was fun to see the kids wearing their shirts throughout the summer!

Oceans of Art Possibilities, a community art show at Huron County Community Library in Willard. The community worked on the bottle cap mural all summer. Each bottle cap glued onto the mural was one less piece of litter potentially harmful to waterways.

Beverly Meyer, the Music Lady, led songs from the sea at Way Public Library.

This report describes 2022 Ohio public library summer library programs. 224 of 251 Ohio public library systems reported their 2022 SLP results using the Ohio SLP Evaluation Survey. Evaluative comments and suggestions from this survey are shared with the Collaborative Summer Library Program, Regional Library Systems, Ohio State Parks, Ohio State Fair, Greater Cleveland Aquarium, and Ohio Renaissance Festival as appropriate. 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 was granted by libraries submitting them.

Participants in a Trash to Treasure program work on outdoor pillows at Kingsville Public Library.

Napoleon Public Library decorated the entire building for the ocean theme and transformed its children's area into a beachside Snack Shack!

SERVICES TO LIBRARIES

At the State Library of Ohio, we believe support, collaboration, and information sharing within the library community are essential to building a Smarter Ohio.

PROGRAMS & DEVLOPMENT

The Library Programs & Development (LPD) division is charged with providing leadership and partnership in the development of library services throughout Ohio.

Choose to Read Ohio connects Ohioans of all ages through the experience of sharing books by Ohio authors. A project of the State Library, in collaboration with the Ohioana Library Association and Ohio Center for the Book, Choose to Read Ohio encourages libraries, schools, families, and others to build a community of readers and an appreciation for Ohio literature.

Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar is a perpetual calendar featuring songs, activities, book suggestions, and videos. Day By Day Ohio supports early literacy skills and helps young children get ready for school.

Guiding Ohio Online is a State Library administered competitive Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant program. The purpose of the grant is to allow libraries in rural areas of Ohio hire a dedicated technology trainer for their library.

The Library Programs and Development division strives to support Ohio libraries with information and services to individual libraries and library professionals, and enhance library services statewide.

LSTA Grants Program: Libraries of all types may be eligible for a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to develop and enhance programs and services to meet the needs of their communities.

Ohio Digital Library is a consortium managed by the State Library with 180 member libraries providing access to ebooks, digital audiobooks, and magazines.

Ohio Digital Network: An all-digital library that serves as a portal for millions of photographs, manuscripts, books, sounds, moving images, and more from libraries, archives, and museums around the United States.

Our **Summer Library Program** webpage is a resource center for public libraries planning local summer reading programs, particularly – but not exclusively – those using the annual Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme.

Critical Conversations is a series of online presentations featuring thought-provoking topics and big-picture issues impacting the Ohio library community. These events are sponsored by the State Library of Ohio and OhioNet and supported with federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

ILEAD Ohio: Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover (ILEAD), a continuing education library immersion program, combines technology skill-building with leadership training in order to increase awareness of library services, engage libraries' constituents, and provide opportunities for collaborating on innovative projects.

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The State Library of Ohio and OhioNet collaborate on Library Leadership Ohio. Recognizing the ongoing challenges faced by all Ohio libraries, we believe that developing the next generation of transformative library leaders is vital to ensure the continued depth, growth, and quality of library services for all. Library Leadership Ohio takes place every other year.

The State Library provides access for Ohio library staff to the Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative—an original, self-paced, collection analysis toolkit for considering collections that empower children and young adult readers by respecting and appreciating what makes them different and the same.

The Reimagining School Readiness toolkit is a suite of research-backed resources created for library staff to help families prepare children ages birth to 8 years for success in school and in life. Online and in-person interactive workshops with hands-on activities introduce library staff to the research, practical implications, and resources offered in the toolkit.

Strategic and Space Planning: We offer a facilitator to help at no charge to public libraries with their strategic and space planning process.

Take 5 is an annual event for teen/youth services librarians and library specialists, school librarians, and their allies who support and care about young people. Take 5 offers experiential learning, hands-on activities, small-group conversations, the space to dream big and engage with high-level issues and trends.

Youth Services: While we do not provide direct services to children or teens, we offer a variety of resources to support Ohio's library youth services staff and activities. Our goal is to assist library staff who provide services to the children and teens of communities across Ohio.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Library Services division is charged with building, managing, and providing access to physical and digital collections, and providing research & catalog services and circulation & special services. Services to libraries include:

Government Depository Library Program helps Ohio libraries and librarians understand and effectively leverage government information and resources.

The State Library houses a state of the art digitization lab and is available to assist libraries with their digitization initiatives.

Meeting rooms are available to members of the library community for library-related functions.

The State Library Talking Book Program coordinates the Ohio program for the Library of Congress National Library Service (NLS) for the Blind and Print Disabled and serves as the machine lending agency for the state. To help in this effort, the State Library collaborates with the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (OLBPD) and the Ohio State School for the Blind, and has formal agreements with 61 machine sub-lending agencies, local public libraries, or social service organizations to lend the machines to eligible residents in their areas.

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SHARING RESOURCES

The State Library maximizes the use of public funds by facilitating resource and information sharing among Ohio's libraries through programs and services such as the Statewide Delivery System, Serving Every Ohioan Service Center (SEO) Consortium, Ohio Digital Library, Ohio Digital Network, and as a founding member of OhioLINK.

The Statewide Delivery System service is part of a statewide lending network connecting Ohio's participating public and academic libraries. Statewide Delivery is managed and coordinated by the State Library of Ohio.

Serving Every Ohioan Service Center (SEO) is a branch of the State Library of Ohio which supports a consortium of 98 library systems at 268 service points throughout 49 counties across Ohio using the OPLIN network.

SEO provides cataloging related assistance, technical and software support, library policy-related services, and management of 3rd party vendor integrations for consortium members.

SEO also provides training via On-Demand Training, SEO DigiHub, and the F. Ward Murrey Annex facility to public libraries and state agencies across Ohio. Customized training is also available via phone, webinar, at library locations, and the F. Ward Murrey Training Annex.

The State Library of Ohio 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.

Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO) partners work together to build and provide the Ohio Web Library core collection of information resources. The principal partners providing funding and support for the Ohio Web Library. The State Library of Ohio, OhioLINK (Ohio Library and Information Network), OPLIN (Ohio Public Library Information Network), and INFOhio (Ohio's PreK-12 Digital Library), who formed Libraries Connect Ohio in 2003 as an initiative to define and deliver a statewide collection of databases to provide a common set of information resources.

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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.

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Other Services for Public Libraries

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

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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.

OLBPD
http://olbpd.cpl.org

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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Frequently Asked Questions
National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS)

- **What Is NLS?** NLS is a free library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical, reading, or other print disability that prevents them from using regular print materials. NLS offers books and magazines in braille and audio that can be instantly downloaded, played on your personal smart device, or mailed to you free of charge.

- **Am I eligible for NLS?** Any US resident or US citizen living abroad who is unable to read or use regular print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual, physical, reading, or other print disability may receive service through NLS. Eligible veterans of the US military receive priority service.

- **How do I apply for service?** Service is provided by libraries in each state that are part of the NLS network. They will be happy to discuss your eligibility, help you apply, and get you started! To locate the NLS network library that serves your area, visit www.loc.gov/ThatAllMayRead (select "Contact Us") or call 888-NLS-READ.

- **How do I receive and return books and magazines?** There are two ways: through BARD, the NLS Braille and Audio Reading Download service, or through the US Postal Service. Books, magazines, and equipment sent to and returned by readers through the mail qualify as "Free Matter for the Blind" and require no postage.

- **What kind of device do I need to play talking books?** Audio books and magazines downloaded from BARD can be read using the BARD app on a personal iOS or Android device, an NLS talking-book player, or a third-party player. A refreshable braille display with a Bluetooth connection is required to access ebraille materials through the BARD Mobile app. To play talking books sent through the mail, you will need to request a free NLS talking-book player (photo at left) when you sign up for service. Some commercially available players also can play NLS-produced talking books.

- **How do I find the books I want?** The NLS collection has more than 150,000 titles and offers the same types of books that are available through public libraries: romances, biographies, bestsellers, classic fiction, Westerns—you name it! The complete catalog can be searched online at loc.gov/nls. NLS also produces bimonthly catalogs highlighting the latest additions to the collection. In addition, staff members at NLS network libraries can help you select books of interest.

- **Does NLS have large-print books and other materials?** NLS does not produce large-print books, although some NLS network libraries have large-print collections.

- **Does NLS offer music?** NLS does not offer music for listening, but it has the world's largest collection of musical scores and music instructional and appreciation materials in ebraille, braille, audio, and large print (sometimes known as bold note). Any NLS patron may receive music services. For more information, please call toll-free 800-424-8567.

- **Is there a special device to help people who are hearing impaired?** Yes. NLS has developed a high-volume version of its talking-book player that is paired with an NLS headset and has an amplified volume up to 120 dB.

- **Can my school or residential care facility use the program as an institution?** Yes. Institutions may apply to hold deposit collections to provide ready access to braille and audio books and magazines for eligible students, residents, or patients who can share equipment or who require temporary service. Students and residents within those institutions are allowed to apply or to keep their individual service as well.

- **What other services does NLS offer?** The NLS Reference Section produces a variety of publications on issues about or related to blindness, visual impairment, and disabilities. And NLS partners with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to provide free currency readers to people who are blind or visually impaired.

To learn more about NLS, visit www.loc.gov/ThatAllMayRead or call 888-NLS READ (888-657-7323)

"The BARD Mobile app for the iPhone has been so wonderful since it makes it so easy to take books with you anywhere. I truly cannot imagine my life without the NLS program."

—Peggy C., NLS patron since 1962

"It's huge to be able to have access to the same books all your friends are reading. It's one of those things that brings us all together and it is hugely important."

—Brian M., NLS patron since 1985

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What is BARD? How do I sign up?

BARD, the **Braille and Audio Reading Download** website, is a web-based service that provides instant access to tens of thousands of NLS braille and audio books, magazines, and music scores.

You'll find there are **many advantages** to using BARD:

- ✓ BARD is easy to use—and help is just a phone call or email away.
- ✓ You can get books and magazines—including the latest bestsellers—anytime you want them. And there's nothing to return!
- ✓ You can choose from more than 100,000 books and 6,000 magazine issues—and more are added every day.
- ✓ The BARD Mobile app allows you to keep up with everything you've read recently, find out what's new on BARD, and see the most popular downloads.
- ✓ BARD provides you information about book series automatically when you search the collection by a specific keyword.
- ✓ You can find your next great read by using the BARD search engine—which allows you to search in 100 subject categories—or by contacting your network library reader advisors, who can help with suggestions and recommendations.

Already a NLS patron? Signing up for BARD?

Find your network library on the back of this sheet and contact your library to sign up for BARD.

Free Digital Talking Books for People Unable to Read Regular Print

For NLS service, call the network library for your state. US citizens residing in foreign countries, call 202-707-9261.

State	City	Toll-Free	Local Number	Email
Alabama	Montgomery	(800) 392-5671	(334) 213-3906	bph@apls.state.al.us
Alaska	Juneau	(888) 820-4525	(907) 465-5901	tbc@alaska.gov
Arizona	Phoenix	(800) 255-5578	(602) 255-5578	talkingbooks@azlibrary.gov
Arkansas	Little Rock	(866) 660-0885	(501) 682-1155	nlsbooks@ade.Arkansas.gov
California	Los Angeles	(800) 808-2555	(323) 660-3880	THerbison@brailleinstitute.org
California	Sacramento	(800) 952-5666	(916) 654-0640	btbl@library.ca.gov
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