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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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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.

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 State 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.



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 story-times 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 manage 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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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.

Federal Depository Library Program



Federal Government information is made available for FREE public use in Federal depository libraries located throughout the United States and its territories. ANYONE can visit Federal depository libraries and access the collections.

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](https://twitter.com/UsefulGovernmentQuickLinks)

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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 smart-
phone. 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.



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 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. **OhioDigital-Library.com**

*Includes duplicate copies of some titles

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The "State Library Catalog" app is listed among your applications under the MY WORKSPACE section of myOhio.gov.



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.



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.

Transparent Language

Learn to speak a new language. Over 100 foreign language courses are available. Create a learning experience that meets your specific goals, whether that's beginner alphabet courses, professional-level lessons, skills-based practice, and beyond.

Need help?

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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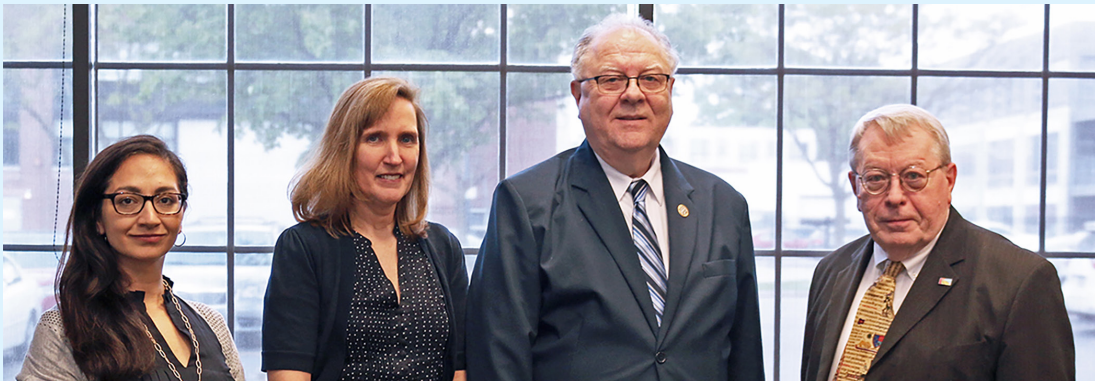
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LEADERSHIP*



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:

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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 government 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

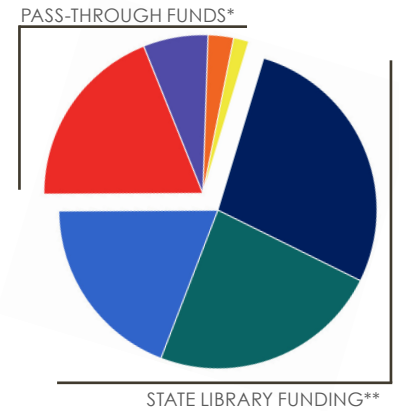
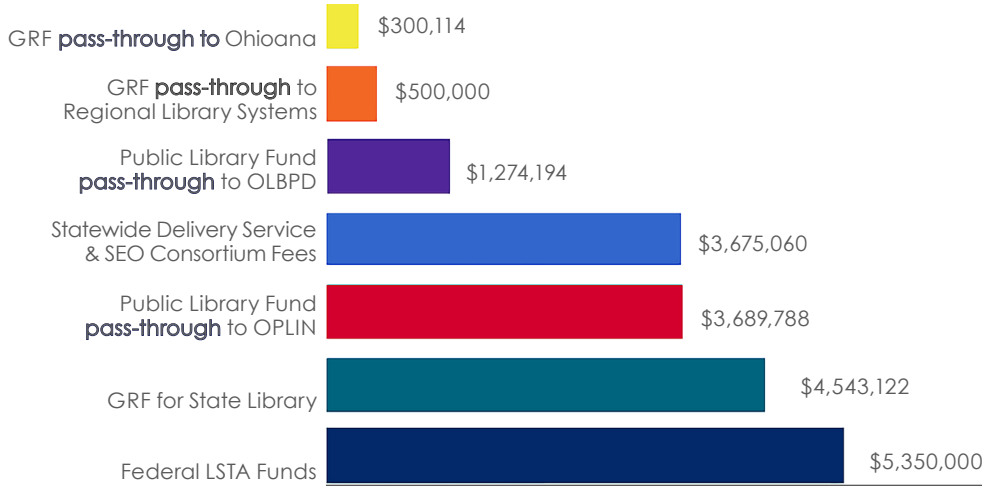
- Encourage ongoing innovation at the local level with LSTA funding opportunities.
- Continue support of initiatives that foster leadership and/or technology skills in the next generation of library leaders.
- Expand and enhance planning support services for Ohio libraries, including strategic planning, 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.

*Calendar year 2019

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

FY19 INCOME SOURCES & PASS-THROUGH FUNDS



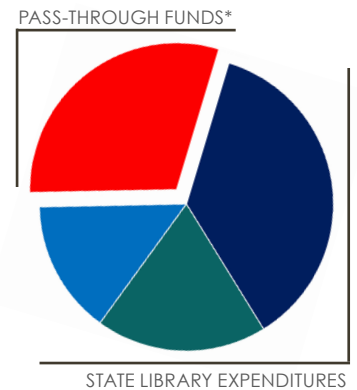
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| *PASS-THROUGH FUNDS | \$5,764,096 |
| **STATE LIBRARY | \$13,568,182 |
| TOTAL INCOME SOURCES | \$19,332,278 |

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

FY19 EXPENDITURES & PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

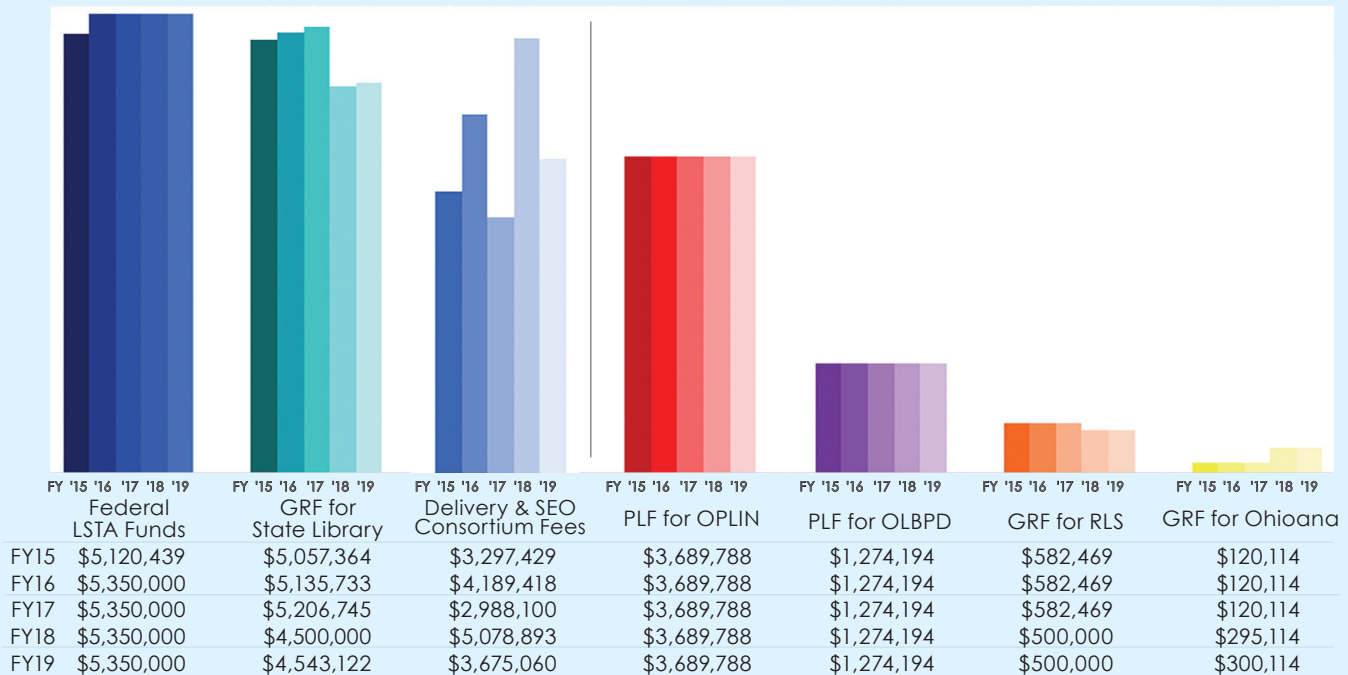
- GRF - State of Ohio General Revenue Fund
- LSTA - Library Services and Technology Act from U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Grants to States Program
- RLS - Regional Library Systems
- OLBPD - Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled
- OPLIN - Ohio Public Library Information Network

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| 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 |



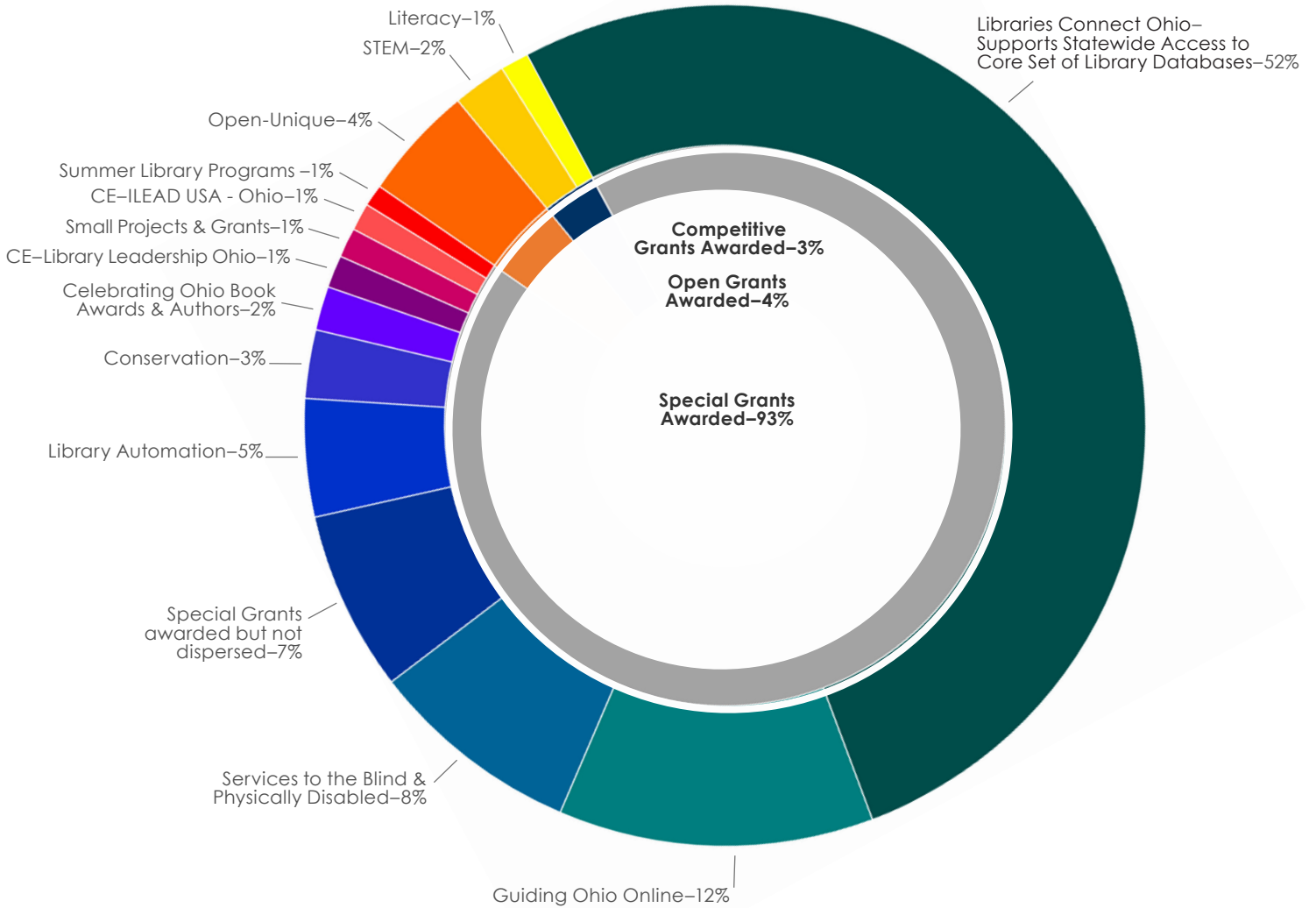
INCOME SOURCES & PASS-THROUGH FUNDS OVER FIVE YEARS

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2019



Federal LSTA Grants Awarded in 2019*

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.



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

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| 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

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| 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

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|---|----------|
| 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

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| Ashland University Library | \$30,427 |
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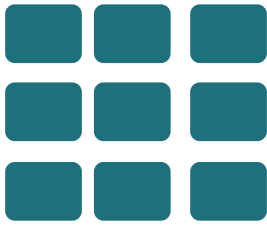
STEM

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

LIBRARY SERVICES

CALENDAR YEAR 2019

STATE LIBRARY
CARD HOLDERS



30,998 | **17,946**
Ohio Residents | State Employees

6,000
NEW PATRONS



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 Wilke 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.

LIBRARY SERVICES

CALENDAR YEAR 2019

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 significance 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 Innova-teOhio 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

LIBRARY PROGRAMS & DEVELOPMENT

CALENDAR YEAR 2019



MADE **145**
VISITS TO OHIO LIBRARIES



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



ASSISTED
23
LIBRARIES IN
STRATEGIC AND
SPACE PLANNING



TAKE 5

83
YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARY
PROFESSIONALS ATTENDED



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



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 programming 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 state-wide. 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



DIGITAL NETWORK

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.

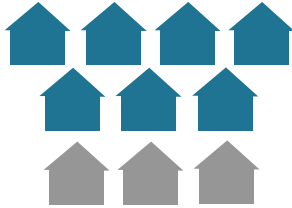
Library Programs and Development staff helped libraries prepare for the 2020 U.S. Census by developing a **Census Resources for Libraries** section on the State Library website, creating an Ohio Library 2020 Census Committee, and hosting and presenting **What Libraries Can Do To Get Out the Count** webinars. 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.



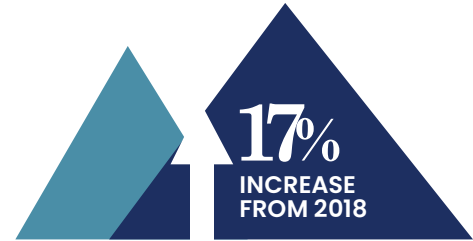
70% OF OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS ARE MEMBERS

THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

62,437
NEW PATRONS



5,628,889
TOTAL CHECK OUTS



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.



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.

LIBRARIES CONNECT OHIO / OHIO WEB LIBRARY

CORE COLLECTION

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

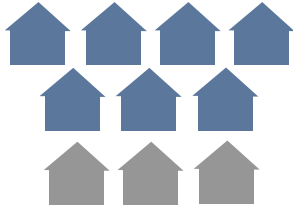


THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

2020 Annual Report

The Ohio Digital Library is a consortium of 177 member libraries including 173 out of 251 public library systems in Ohio.

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70% OF OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS ARE MEMBERS

114,495
NEW PATRONS



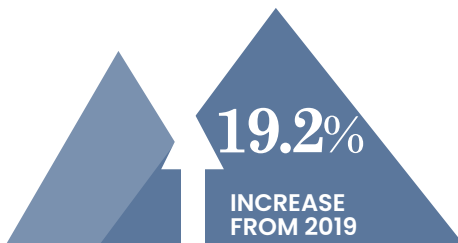
82.8%
INCREASE IN NEW PATRONS FROM 2019

44,564
REGISTERED FOR AN INSTANT DIGITAL CARD



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

6,710,060
TOTAL CHECK OUTS



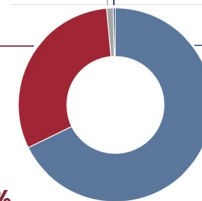
4TH LARGEST NUMBER OF CHECK OUTS IN U.S.A. & 6TH IN THE WORLD

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

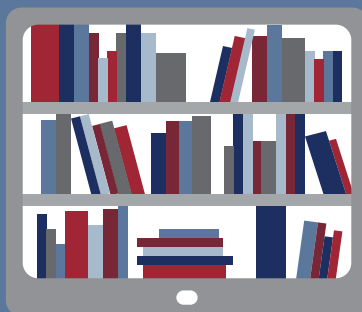


4,414,983
EBOOK CHECK OUTS
UP 21.4%

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.

41,233
unique audiobooks
122,373
total copies

AUDIOBOOKS

EBOOKS

VIDEO

MAGAZINES

3,266
magazines

155,669
unique ebooks
366,639
total copies

3,017
unique videos
3,762
total copies

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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).



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Grand prize winners at Way Public Library

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.

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!

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.

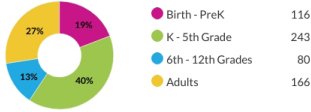


One of Sandusky Library's virtual programs was a live view of a Monarch caterpillar spinning a chrysalis in librarian Carly Rogers' front yard.

Imagine Your Story

MCLS Summer Reading 2020

READERS BY AGE



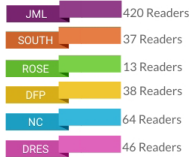
TOTAL READERS



PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW



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

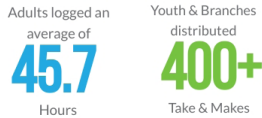


We didn't think there would be a Summer Reading this year. I'm glad that the library is still doing it.

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.

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

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS



HOURS SPENT READING



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.

TICKETS & PRIZES

20,973

Tickets were entered into 26 grand prize raffles



- \$100 Riesbeck's Gift Card**
- SNAPTAIN WIFI FPV Drone**
- Shuttle Art Blending Markers**

MCLS Latchkey Summer Reading

TOTAL READERS



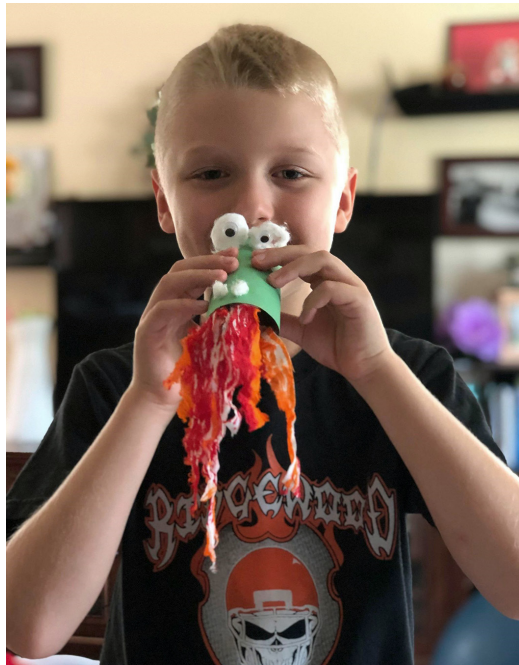
115,770

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



875

STEAM Activity Kits distributed



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

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

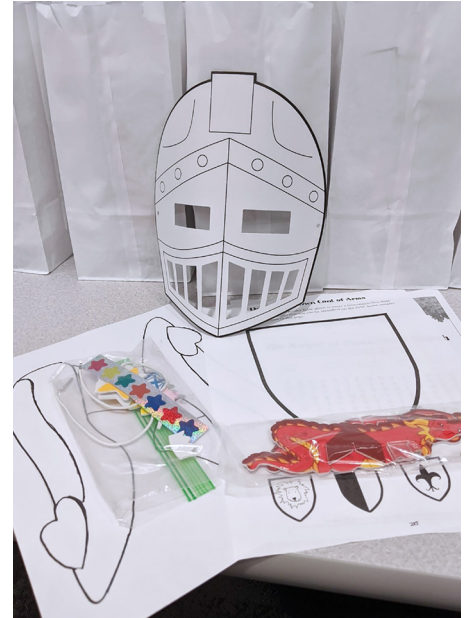
Not Just Reading – Feeding Too!

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."



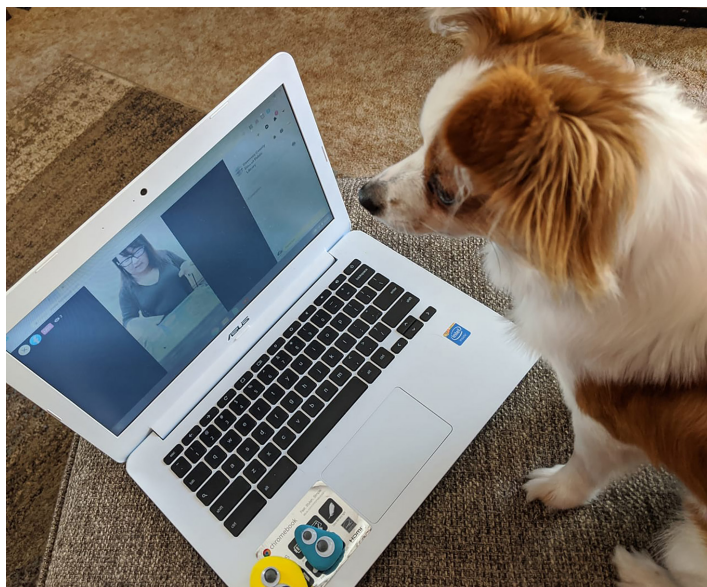
Elyria Public Library created knights, princesses and dragons themed grab and go craft bags.

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




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Your
Story**

Logan County Libraries
Virtual Summer Programs

June 1 – July 31

Pick up FREE program kits at any Logan County Library location at your convenience beginning June 1st, and enjoy weekly virtual programs. Call ahead for details to reserve your program kits.

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| Adventurers Kit (K-6th grade) | PICKUP 1 kit per child |
| Virtual Summer Program (K-6th grade) | Tuesdays 1:00pm Facebook |
| Little Adventurers Kit (0-6 years) | PICKUP 1 kit per child |
| Virtual Story Time (0-6 years) | Wednesdays 10:00am Facebook |
| More Summer Fun TO GO! | |
| Discovery Kits (all ages) | PICKUP 1 kit per child |
| Family Fun to GO (all ages) | PICKUP 1 kit per family |
| Virtual Writers Rule (5th-8th grade) | Wednesdays 1:30pm Virtual |
| Call to register or email writers.rule.nikki@gmail.com . | |



LoganCountyLibraries.org

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



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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.

January 7, 2021



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.



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.

OHIO DEAF HISTORY MONTH

March 13 – April 15

Ohio libraries are encouraged to recognize Ohio Deaf History Month (March 13 - April 15) by displaying materials and offering programs to highlight the significance of the many outstanding contributions made by Deaf and hearing pioneers, particularly in the area of Deaf Education.



April 15, 1817

The American School for the Deaf (ASD), the oldest permanent school for the Deaf in the United States, was founded in Hartford, Connecticut, by Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.



April 8, 1864

Congress authorized the institution now known as Gallaudet University to confer college degrees and President Abraham Lincoln signed the bill into law.



March 13, 1988

The Deaf President Now (DPN) movement led to the appointment of Gallaudet University's first Deaf president, Dr. I. King Jordan.



December 6, 2017

Ohio Governor John R. Kasich signed Senate Bill 27 designating the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as Ohio Deaf History Month. State Senator Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) was the primary sponsor of the bill.



January 21, 2021

State Library Board passed a resolution proclaiming the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15, 2021 as Ohio Deaf History Month and encouraged Ohio libraries to host Deaf awareness activities.

If you have questions or would like more information regarding books and other materials relevant to deaf history and culture, please contact Ann Watson, Associate State Librarian for Library Services, at awatson@library.ohio.gov or 614-728-4988.

Libraries by the Numbers Helps Ohio Public Libraries Visualize Their Data



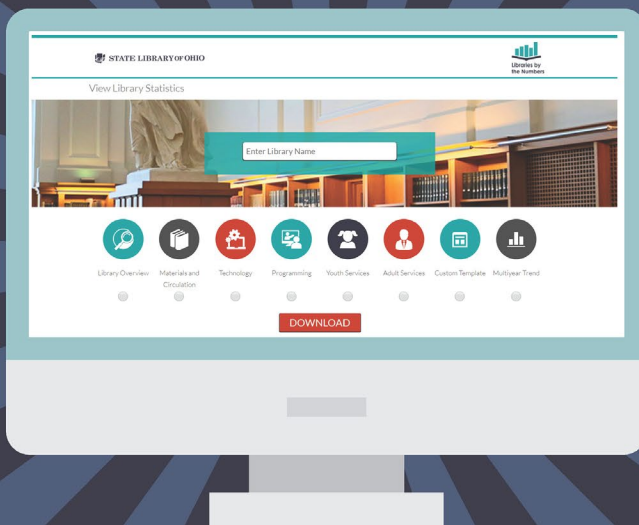
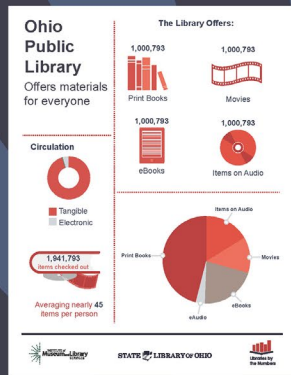
Libraries by the Numbers

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 infographic templates 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:
librariesbythenumbers.org

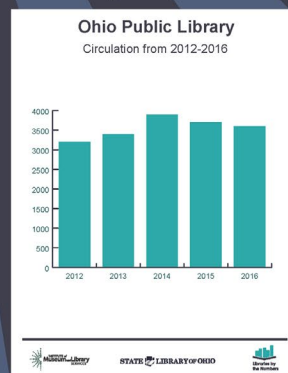
Premade Templates



Custom Infographics



Multi-year Trends



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

Cleveland Public Library

28 library sites

546.66 staff members



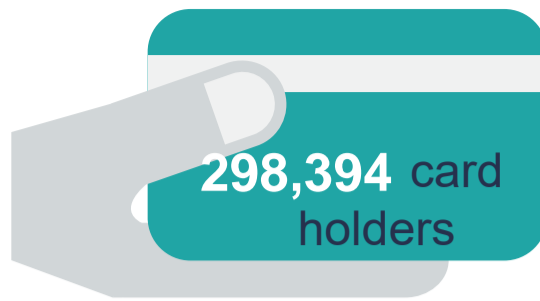
71,526
annual hours
of service



736
Computers

Each used approximately
923 times per year

Card Holders



298,394 card
holders



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

Circulation



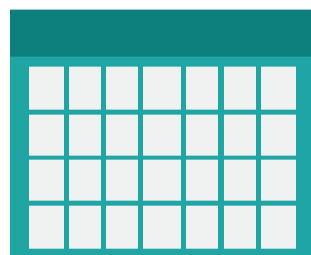
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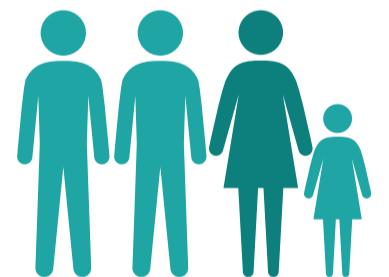
5,951,919
items checked out

Averaging nearly **14**
items per person

Programs



Number of
Programs
19,938



Program
Attendance
328,112

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Columbus Metropolitan Library

23 library sites

647.63 staff members



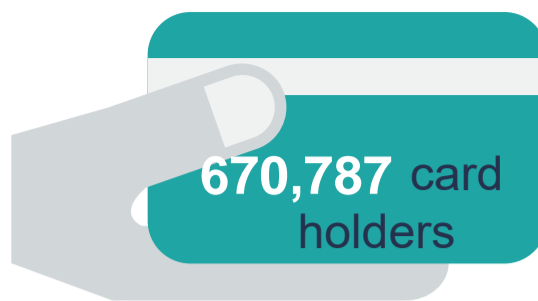
78,336
annual hours
of service



1189
Computers

Each used approximately
1,208 times per year

Card Holders



Serving a population
of **850,548** Ohioans



Circulation

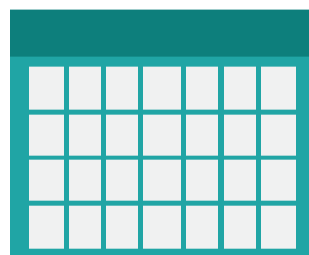


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Averaging nearly **17**
items per person

Programs



Number of
Programs
8,662



Program
Attendance
243,441

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Mary Lou Johnson- Hardin County Public Library

1 library sites

11.55 staff members



3,120
annual hours
of service



17
Computers

Each used approximately
558 times per year

Card Holders



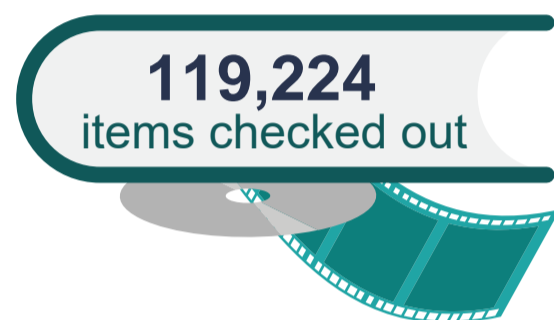
Serving a population
of **11,943** Ohioans



Circulation

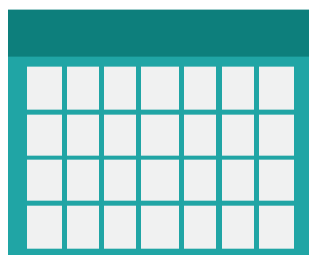


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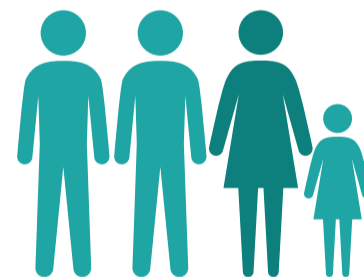


Averaging nearly **9**
items per person

Programs



Number of
Programs
1,189



Program
Attendance
13,777

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Way Public Library

1 library sites

27.19 staff members

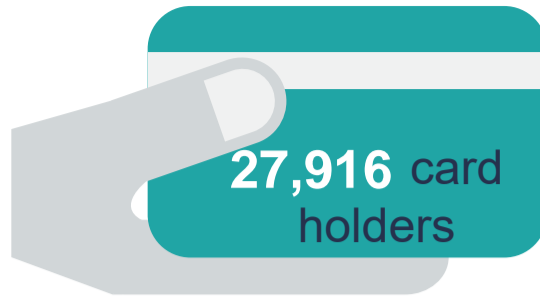


3,536 annual hours of service



Each used approximately 380 times per year

Card Holders



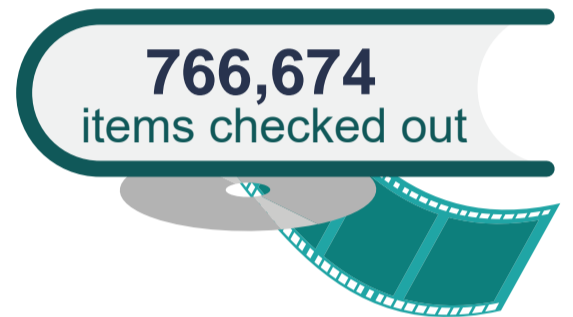
Serving a population of 20,623 Ohioans



Circulation

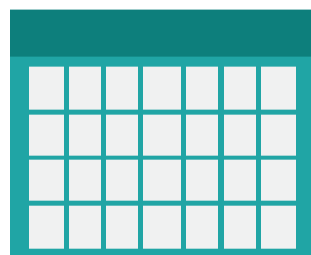


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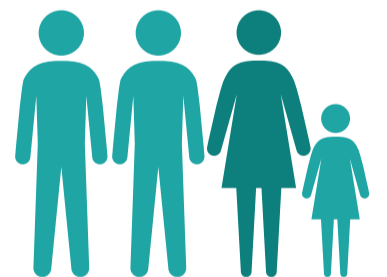


Averaging nearly 37 items per person

Programs



Number of Programs
727



Program Attendance
20,293

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Westerville Public Library

1 library sites

79.48 staff members

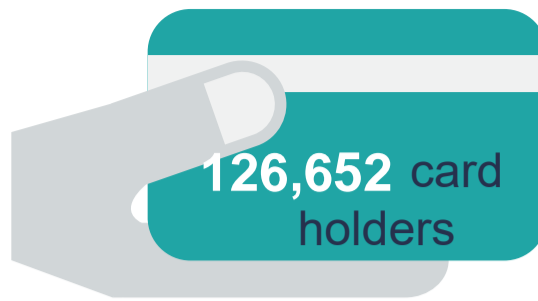


3,692
annual hours
of service



Each used approximately
3,121 times per year

Card Holders



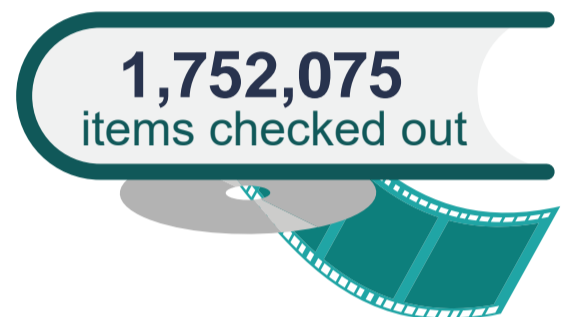
Serving a population
of **90,764** Ohioans



Circulation

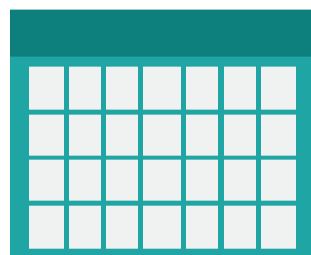


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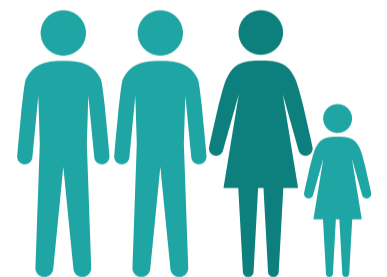


Averaging nearly **19**
items per person

Programs



Number of
Programs
1,729



Program
Attendance
65,403

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CARES Act Grants for Ohio's Libraries

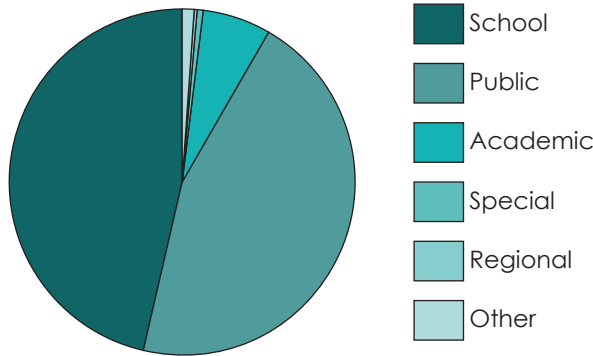
In the summer of 2020, the State Library of Ohio received federal CARES Act grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to support libraries across the state. In addition to supporting statewide services, the State Library offered \$3,000 mini grants to public, academic, school and 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**.

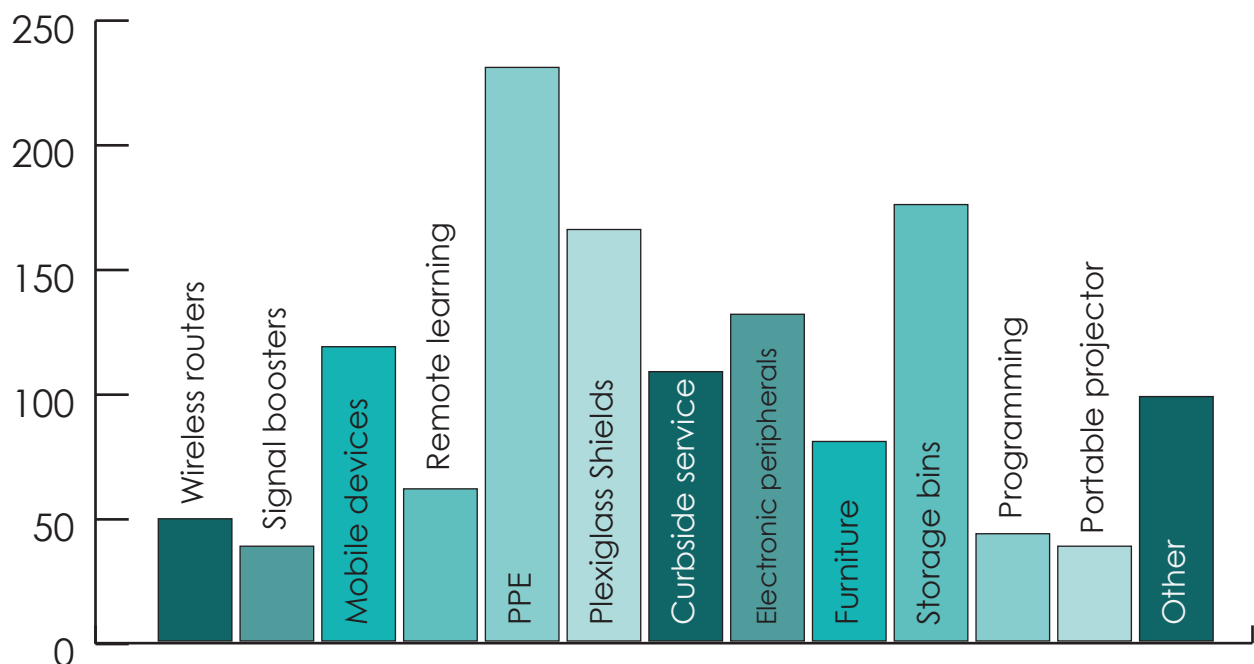
Over **500** libraries across Ohio applied for the CARES Act mini grants.

Grants Distributed by Library Type

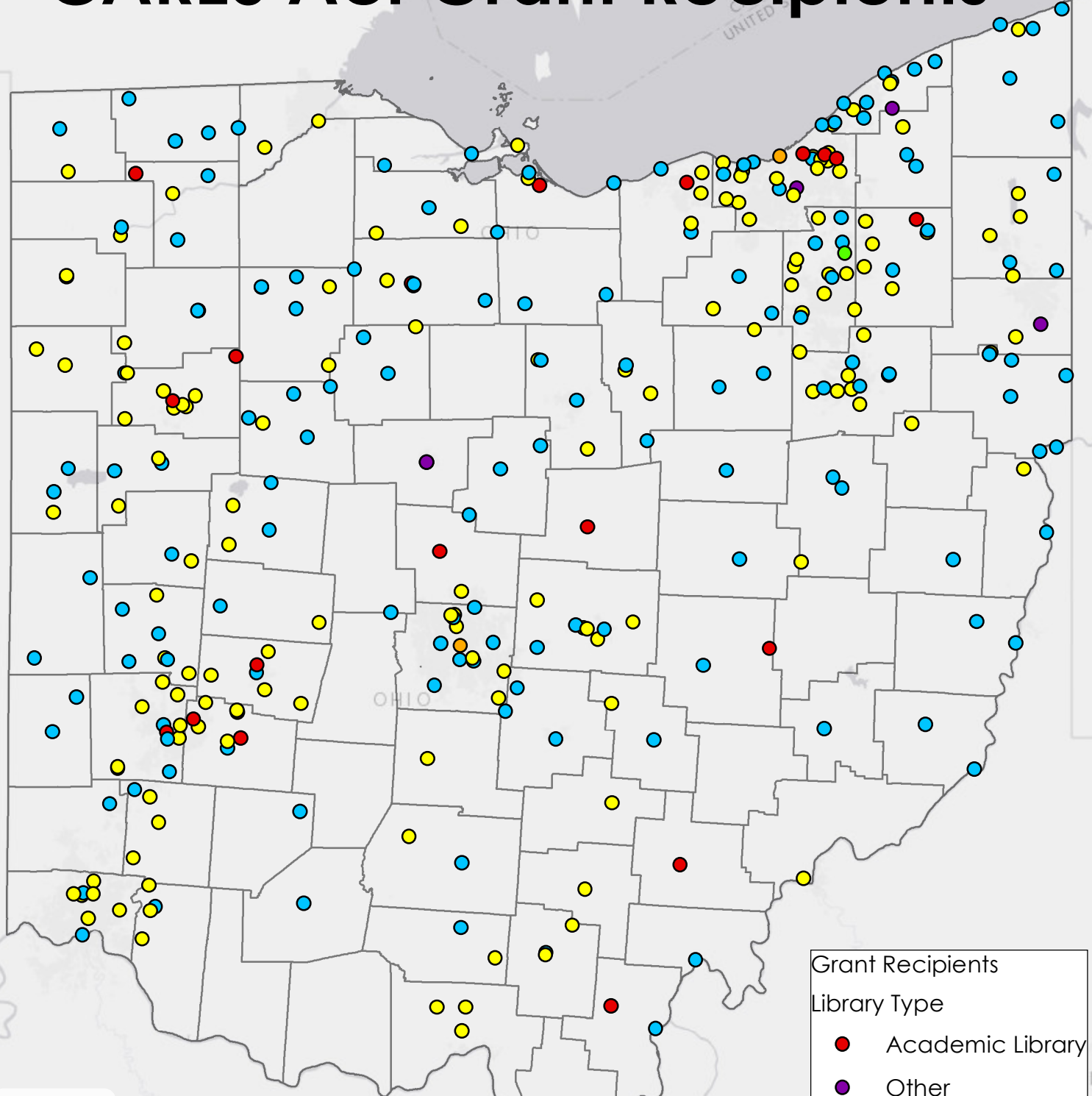


Libraries in 80 Counties Received Grant Funding

How Libraries Are Using CARES Act Funds



CARES Act Grant Recipients



Grant Recipients
Library Type

- Academic Library
- Other
- Public Library
- Regional Library
- School Library
- Special Library

