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Acquisitions and Cataloging

- Reference/Cataloging Librarian Josh Jones researched, acquired, and cataloged new print titles for our department. Recent acquisitions focused on topics such as Leadership, Public Health, and Technology. New Books are highlighted on our website monthly.

Announcements

Email Listservs

- The next Reimagining School Readiness Workshop is March 28. March 12, 2024
- 2024 Conservation/Preservation Grant Workshop will be in May. March 13, 2024
- Library Leadership Ohio 2024 applications are due this Wednesday, March 20. March 18, 2024

Website – What's new announcements

- LSTA Conservation/Preservation Grant 2024. March 13, 2024

Choose to Read Ohio

- The Ohioana Book Festival takes place at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Main Library, on Saturday, April 20. In celebration of the 15th anniversary of Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) the festival will feature over two dozen authors and illustrators who have appeared on the CTRO booklist, plus five Floyd's Pick Book Award-winning authors/illustrators and several Floyd's Pick honor authors/illustrators. At the festival, Julia Kuo will be presented with the 2024 Floyd's Pick Book Award for *Luminous*.
- Choose to Read Ohio, a partnership initiative of the State Library of Ohio, Ohioana Library, and Ohio Center for the Book, spotlights Ohio authors and illustrators and encourages reading across Ohio. The CTRO Advisory Council makes recommendations on statewide implementation of CTRO and administers the Floyd's Pick Book Award. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer with any questions about CTRO.

Collection Tours

- Research and Catalog Services staff gave tours of the State Library of Ohio's collection. Tour attendees included staff from the Hilliard City Schools and members of the public who were getting State Library of Ohio Library Cards. These tours included the State Library of Ohio's Rare Book Rooms which include many rare and unique items such as original letters written by President George Washington, medieval manuscripts, and early federal and state documents.

Government Documents

- The State Library of Ohio is a Congressionally designated depository for U.S. Government Publications and the official Ohio government documents depository, and our Government Documents Librarian Elissa Lawrence is the Regional Depository Coordinator for Ohio. If you have questions about Government Documents, feel free to contact Elissa with questions at elawrence@library.ohio.gov.

Guiding Ohio Online

- The application period is now closed for the upcoming 2024-2025 Guiding Ohio Online (GOO) program year. Applications are currently under review; applicants recommended for funding will be brought before the State Library Board at their May 2024 meeting. Awardees will begin the grant period on July 1.
  - The GOO grant initiative provides funds for libraries serving rural populations to hire a dedicated technology trainer/contractor for their patrons and staff.
- If you have any questions regarding the funding or budget of Guiding Ohio Online, please contact the LSTA Office at **LSTA@library.ohio.gov**.

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- If you have any questions regarding Guiding Ohio Online trainers (hiring, best practices, etc.) please contact Anne Kennedy, Technology Consultant, at akennedy@library.ohio.gov or by calling 614-466-1710.

Library Leadership Ohio (LLO)
- Library Leadership Ohio (LLO)—a partnership between the State Library of Ohio and OhioNet—will take place July 23-25, 2024, at the Cherry Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Newark, Ohio. LLO is an individual-based, in-person, residential library leadership program for Ohio library staff at all position levels and library types.
  - The application period for LLO is now closed. Applications are currently under review, and those selected to participate will be informed in mid- to late-May.
  - If you have any questions regarding Library Leadership Ohio, please contact Erin Kelsey, Library Consultant, at ekelsey@library.ohio.gov.

List of New Acquisitions

- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library's collection for March is available on our website.

LSTA
- The application period for this year's Summer Library Program (SLP) LSTA grant closed on Tuesday, February 20. The SLP grant program allows eligible libraries the opportunity to request up to $2,000 to enhance their summer program offerings.
  - Applicants were reviewed, and following institutions were awarded grants:
    - Andover Public Library
    - Avon Lake Public Library
    - Bexley Public Library
    - Burton Public Library
    - Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library
    - Clermont County Public Library
    - Community Library
    - Coshocton County District Library
    - Cuyahoga Falls Library
    - Delphos Public Library
    - Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library
    - Elyria Public Library
    - Fairfield County District Library-Northwest Branch
    - Galion Public Library Association
    - Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County
    - Girard Free Library
    - Highland County District Library - Hillsboro
    - Indian Trail Elementary, Canal Winchester Local Schools

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- Jackson City Library
- Kingsville Public Library
- Lakewood Public Library
- Lepper Library
- Licking County Library
- Logan-Hocking County District Library
- McComb Public Library
- Meigs County District Public Library
- MLJ Hardin County District Library
- Muskingum County Library System
- New London Public Library
- Oak Hill Public Library
- Perry Cook Memorial Public Library
- Perry Local Schools Libraries
- Pickaway County District Public Library
- Plain City Public Library
- Ritter Public Library
- Sandusky Library
- Selover Public Library
- Seneca East Public Library
- Southwest Public Libraries
- St Paris Public Library
- St. Marys Community Public Library
- Wagnalls Memorial
- Wickliffe Public Library
- Wright Memorial Public Library

- The planned relaunch of the State Library of Ohio's [LSTA Conservation and Preservation grant](#) is underway. State Library staff have been working with members of the Ohio Preservation Council to make this grant available in 2024. The Conservation and Preservation grant provides qualifying libraries up to $4,999 to conserve a single item or preserve a small, discrete group of items within their collections.
  - To apply for this grant, applicants must attend a required workshop, scheduled for May 8, 2024. The workshop is hybrid in nature, so interested parties may attend online, or in person at the State Library. [Click here to register](#).
  - The grant application will open on May 9. Applications will be due by August 15, 2024. Libraries awarded funding will have from November 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025, to complete their projects.
- Submissions for The State Library of Ohio's LSTA Open Grant program remain closed. The application is currently undergoing revisions and will be reopened in April. No Open Grants were awarded in March.
- Questions regarding the LSTA program should be addressed to Jeff Regensburger, Library Consultant/LSTA Coordinator, at: LSTA@library.ohio.gov.

Meetings
- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney coordinated the Library PR Communications & Marketing Interest Group quarterly virtual meeting on March 14. This interest group is a community of practice hosted by the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA). Members of the group shared processes and strategies for increasing awareness and use of reference services and collections. The purpose of this community of practice is to provide a forum to exchange best practices and discuss trends, challenges, and initiatives in public relations, communications, and marketing for state libraries and the libraries they serve.
- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney presented a Marketing & Communications department overview at the State Library Board meeting on March 21.

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NASA@ My Library and Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL)
- The State Library of Ohio is currently circulating four kits designed to facilitate Libraries' Space Science Programming.
  - The Younger Audience kit provides activities geared at younger audiences such as elementary age students. The Kit includes a Sunspotter, Mini Sunoculars and an activity based on the book MoonBear's Shadow.
  - The Multi-Generational Programming kit is designed to help your library provide programs for all age groups. The Kit includes 2 large Sunoculars, a sun telescope, and activity materials about the sun.
  - The Sun-Earth-Moon Connections Kit focuses on activities and experiences that better help patrons understand their place in space, and how the Sun and Moon impact our planet. Major content areas in this kit include: modeling both lunar and solar eclipses with easy to use tools, detecting ultraviolet light in a creative way, using sorting cards to explore concepts relating to size, distance, and temperature, and an experiential activity that allows for a greater understanding of the vast scale of our Solar System.
  - The Be a NASA Detective: Expanding Your Senses Kit focuses on activities and experiences that help patrons be more comfortable using tools of science, and making predictions based on their observations. This kit focuses on things we cannot see with our normal vision on sense with our normal senses.
- Kit reservations may be made on the State Library's website.
- Questions about the NASA@ My Library programs can be directed to Penelope Shumaker, pshumaker@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative
- The Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative (OCAI) is an original, self-paced, collection analysis tool for considering collections that empower children and young adult readers by respecting and appreciating what makes them different and the same. OCAI is a collaborative project of the State Library of Ohio and TeachingBooks.net. The project is funded in whole or in part with Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds, granted to the State Library of Ohio. Register for access here!
- Notable highlights from this impactful initiative:
  - Free for staff working in all types of Ohio libraries! It is available at no cost to you.
  - There are no time constraints for completing this program. Set your own goals and progress at your own pace.
  - Personalized support. You have access to a dedicated, full-time specialist for assistance at any time.
  - Unlimited access to a Collection Analysis Toolkit. This toolkit complements the collection development work you already have in place.
  - Unlimited access to a vetted collection of materials about children's & young adult books and authors.
  - Identifiable action steps. You will receive a custom Implementation Plan that outlines your collection development decisions and next steps.
- Click here to check out recorded workshops and webinars related to the Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative to learn more.
- Through March, OCAI has over 750 users in 88 of 88 Ohio counties!
- Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone (TeachingBooks) continue to host a slate of thematic webinars and workshops, teaching users how to enhance their youth-focused library collections.
  - On March 14, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone presented the workshop, "Analyze and Enhance Your Summer Reading Lists."
  - On March 21, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone presented the workshop, "Simplifying Audits of Large Collections."
- Additionally, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone (TeachingBooks) continue to host drop-in Office Hours, where interested parties can ask a quick question or learn more about the initiative.

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- o On March 19, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone co-hosted a drop-in Office Hour.
- o Drop-in Office Hours scheduled into Spring 2024 are from 11 a.m. to Noon (EST) on the following days:
  - ▪ April 16
  - ▪ April 30

Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library
- On March 20, several State Library of Ohio staff members met with Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library to discuss Ohio Deaf History Month and possible future collaborations.

Ohio Digital Library
- In the month of March, ODL patrons checked out 862,265 items. The total for 2024 stands at 2,619,024 checkouts.
- In mid-March 2020, ODL enabled the opportunity for Ohioans to take advantage of the Overdrive Instant Digital Card. A user can sign up with his/her phone number and gain quick access to e-content via ODL. Users that sign up via the Instant Digital Card will be directed to their local library to fill out a physical library card. In March 2024, 3,942 registrations took place.
- Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at the real-time checkouts and holds.

Ohio Digital Network [Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Project]
- Penelope Shumaker is available to speak to libraries and cultural heritage institutions about DPLA and ODN. For details, contact Penelope at: pshumaker@library.ohio.gov.
- For those interested in being a part of the ODN or who want to learn more, please visit the ODN website and subscribe to the ODN listserv: https://lists.library.ohio.gov/mailman/listinfo/odn.
- Questions on DPLA or the Ohio Digital Network should be addressed to Penelope Shumaker, pshumaker@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Memory
- On March 13, Research and Catalog Services Manager Ryan Burley, Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch, Reference/Cataloging Librarian Stephanie Michaels, and Government Documents Librarian/Regional Depository Coordinator Elissa Lawrence attended an Ohio Memory Collaboration Meeting at the Ohio History Connection. State Library of Ohio and Ohio History Connection Library staff discussed updates and news about the program.
- Ohio Memory is the collaborative statewide digital library program of the Ohio History Connection and the State Library of Ohio. On this free website, you can explore digital content from over 390 cultural heritage institutions representing all 88 of Ohio's counties covering a wide range of topics from prehistory to present day.
- Ohio Memory contains over 1,600,000 digital images from a variety of primary and secondary source image types, including:
  - o Photographs, maps, drawings, and paintings
  - o Manuscripts, letters, diaries, and journals
  - o Archaeological artifacts, natural history specimens and historical objects
  - o Newspapers, books, and e-publications
  - o Audio and video
- Materials are selected for inclusion on Ohio Memory based on their historical significance, scanning potential, complementary value, ownership, and copyright.
- Reference/Cataloging Librarian Stephanie Michaels researched and wrote the Ohio Memory blog post Exploring Old Photographs: Real Photo Postcards.
- If you have questions about this program, you can contact our Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch at strausch@library.ohio.gov.

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Ohio Ready to Read
- **Early Literacy 101** is a free, full-day (6 contact hour) hands-on workshop to help library staff build a firm foundation in early literacy. Participants learn how brain development impacts how young children learn; discover effective, research-based early literacy resources and activities; and explore how storytime supports early literacy. **Registration is open for Early Literacy 101 workshops on May 10 in Bowling Green and May 21 in Akron.** Register and learn more about the Early Literacy 101 workshop.
- Ohio Ready to Read is a partnership initiative of the Ohio Library Council and State Library of Ohio that helps librarians and library workers to educate Ohio's families on the importance of early childhood literacy.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer with any questions about Ohio Ready to Read.

OhioLINK
- On March 8, Research and Catalog Services Manager Ryan Burley represented the State Library of Ohio at OhioLINK's Library Advisory Council Meeting. The Library Advisory Council reviews and approves all policies for carrying out the OhioLINK program as proposed by their three standing committees. They discuss and approve major funding measures and participate in strategic planning.
- On March 14, the State Library of Ohio held its first Ex Libris Migration Team meeting. This group is managing OhioLINK's transition from the ILS Sierra to the new LSP Ex Libris' Alma for the State Library. This team is a cross departmental and cross organizational group made up of Project Leads Research and Catalog Services Manager Ryan Burley and IT Library Systems Analyst David Green. They are joined by Manager, Circulation & Special Services Tracy Grimm, IT Software Development Specialist Peter Kukla, Reference/Cataloging Librarian Josh Jones, Electronic Resources Librarian Phil Willke, Library Assistant Jarrett Bates, Bureau of Worker's Compensation Librarian Amelia Klein, and Ohioana Librarian Courtney Brown.

Partnerships with State Agencies
- On March 15, Library Services staff met with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's Ohio Central School System Director and Library Administrator to discuss database options for their adult learners.
- We also continued our partnership with the Ohio Supreme Court assisting them with the digitization of their historic materials.

Presentations
- As part of NORWELD's Summer Library Program workshop, Evan Struble gave a presentation on the history of the State Library's support of summer reading initiatives and included remarks about current programs of interest pertaining to libraries' SLPs.
- Jeff Regensburger presented information on the State Library of Ohio's Summer Library Program (SLP) grant initiative during the online SERLS SLP Workshop.
- Janet Ingraham Dwyer provided a presentation at the SERLS SLP Workshop on 3/7.

Professional Activities
- Research and Catalog Services Librarians Josh Jones, Stephanie Michaels, and Phil Willke hold the Consumer Health Information Specialist certification from the Medical Library Association and provide trustworthy consumer health information to patrons.

![State Library of Ohio logo]

Publications

- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney designed and published the 2023 Annual Report for the State Library of Ohio. The report is available to view as a PDF or digital magazine.

- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney designed and published the 2024 Floyd's Pick Book poster as JPGs (8.5" x 11" and 14" x 18"). The poster is available on our website.

Reference Services to State Government

- Research and Catalog services staff provided reference assistance to the following state agencies. This included finding and providing articles, finding government documents, answering reference questions, assisting with electronic resources, etc.
  - Office of the Ohio Public Defender
  - Ohio Attorney General
  - Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
  - Ohio Department of Administrative Services
  - Ohio Department of Children and Youth
  - Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
  - Ohio Department of Natural Resources
  - Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction
  - Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
  - Ohio School for the Deaf
  - Ohio Supreme Court

Reference Statistics

- Reference staff answered 149 questions in March totaling 2254 minutes of reference research.

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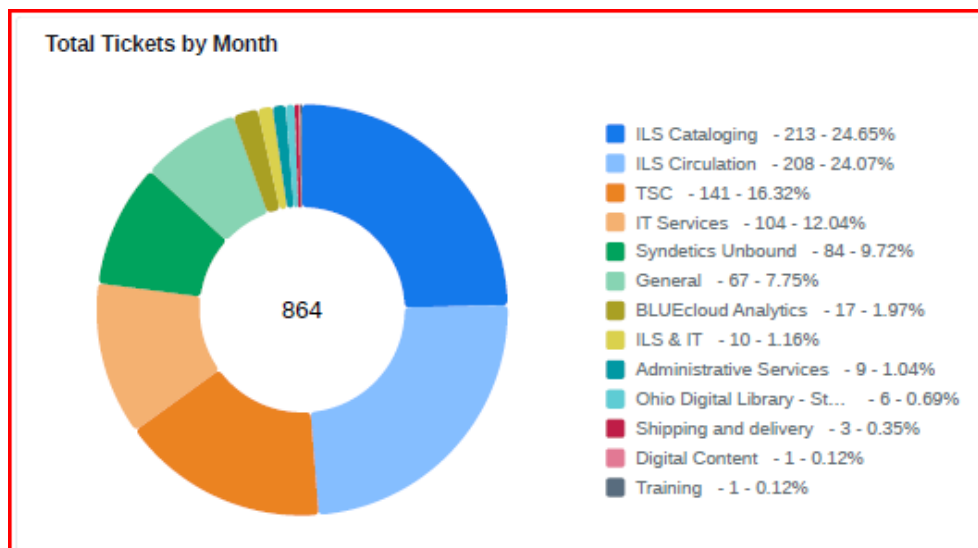**Reimagining School Readiness**
- The State Library of Ohio is proud to support the [Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit](#), a suite of research-backed resources created for library staff to help families prepare children ages birth to 8 years for success in school and in life. The toolkit was developed by the [Bay Area Discovery Museum](#) in collaboration with the California State Library and the Pacific Library Partnership.
- Penelope Shumaker, Celeste Swanson, Pam Brockway, & Julia Shaheen facilitated a Reimagining School Readiness Workshop on March 28, 2024, at the State Library of Ohio. Twenty-five librarians attended from across the state.
- Registration is now open for a Reimagining School Readiness Workshop at Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library to be held on April 23, 2024. More information and registration can be found [here](#).
- Please keep an eye on the various library listservs and traditional communication channels for additional workshop announcements and registration openings
  - These workshops cover such topics as:
    - key findings from current cognitive and developmental psychology research
    - the implications of those findings for library staff's daily work
    - practical ready-to-implement ideas for activities
    - resources for staff training and for parents/caregivers
  - If your library is interested in hosting a Reimagining School Readiness training for your staff, contact Penelope Shumaker, pshumaker@library.ohio.gov
- Additional information about this initiative can be found [here](#). Questions regarding Reimagining School Readiness should be addressed to Penelope Shumaker (pshumaker@library.ohio.gov).

SEO Service Center
- Total automation consortium circulation for the past 30 days—**1,099,017**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—**7,120**
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**743**
- In-house periodicals filled—**12**
- Total number of support tickets created for the previous month—**864**
- Support tickets logged with Integrated Library Software (ILS) vendor SirsiDynix—**14**

Total Tickets by Month — 864

- ILS Cataloging - 213 - 24.65%
- ILS Circulation - 208 - 24.07%
- TSC - 141 - 16.32%
- IT Services - 104 - 12.04%
- Syndetics Unbound - 84 - 9.72%
- General - 67 - 7.75%
- BLUEcloud Analytics - 17 - 1.97%
- ILS & IT - 10 - 1.16%
- Administrative Services - 9 - 1.04%
- Ohio Digital Library - St... - 6 - 0.69%
- Shipping and delivery - 3 - 0.35%
- Digital Content - 1 - 0.12%
- Training - 1 - 0.12%

- **Phone Support**
  - **1,059** Total calls
    - **404** Incoming
    - **334** Outgoing

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- **321** Internal staff calls
  - o **62 hrs. 20 min.** total call duration

- **Remote Customer Support On-Demand Access**
  - o **16** on-demand remote sessions

- **SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMobile) Stats**
  - o **3,319** new devices
  - o **25,793** holds placed
  - o **76,141** app launches
  - o **77,773** total searches

- **Click and Collect Curbside service with the Consortium Libraries App**
  - o **28** service locations actively using Click and Collect "Curbside Pickup" to serve their patrons
  - o **119** Page Loads – number of times the "Curbside Pickup" button was engaged
  - o **37** Patrons arrived and completed their session

- **Consortium Service Highlights**
  - o On March 7, John Stewart attended Libraries and AI: Principles, Practices and Plans
  - o On March 6-8, Ron Woods, Michael Postlethwait, and Jay Miley attended the Customers of SirsiDynix User Group Conference in Provo, Utah.
  - o On March 8, Paula Clark met with Amie Hatfield, Homer Public Library, to demonstrate the Patron Point Marketing Platform.
  - o On March 8, the SEO migration team attended Brumback Library Training #1 via Teams.
  - o On March 9, Michael Postlethwait, Heather Miller, and Jay Miley attended the monthly SirsiDynix Sure Sailing meeting with Kat Stephens, Library Software Consulting Team Lead.
  - o On March 12, the SEO migration team attended the Brumback Library recap meeting.
  - o On March 12, Jay Miley met with Ashleigh Matos from WhoFi to discuss Question Sets.
  - o On March 13, Paula Clark met with staff from Logan County Libraries to demonstrate the Patron Point Marketing Platform.
  - o On March 13, Heather Miller attended a Niche Academy Webinar.
  - o The SEO and OPLIN Monthly project update meeting was March 14.
  - o On March 14, the SEO migration team attended Brumback Library Training #2 via Teams.
  - o On March 14, Jay Miley attended a check-in meeting with Gene Shimshock, COO of Patron Point.
  - o On March 15, the SEO migration team attended the Brumback Library recap meeting #2.
  - o On March 15, Heather Miller connected with Jeromy Wilson from Niche Academy.
  - o On March 19, Heather Miller met with the Director at Canal Fulton Public Library.
  - o On March 19, SEO Management and IT met with the SirsiDynix Library Relations Manager to discuss service-related issues.
  - o On March 26, John Stewart, Jay Miley, and Heather Miller attended the in-person Managers Meeting in Columbus.
  - o On March 26, Jay Miley and John Stewart attended the OhioLINK/Search Ohio Resource Sharing Meeting.
  - o On March 27, Heather Miller connected with the Ashland Public Library Director.
  - o On March 28, the SEO migration team attended Brumback Library Training #3 via Teams.
  - o On March 29, Wendy Knapp and Heather Miller met with Kent State University representatives.
  - o On March 29, Michael Postlethwait, Ron Woods, and Heather Miller finalized the SEO 2023 Annual Report.

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- **Niche Academy Stats**
  - Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views – **766**
  - Online Catalog Tutorials views – **386**
  - Technical Services Committee – **57**
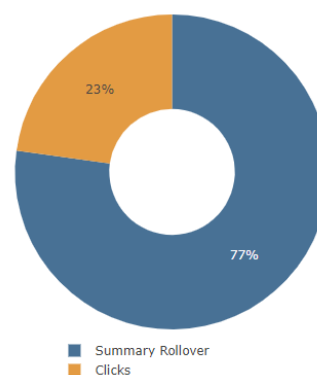 - ASL Storytime – **6**

- **Syndetics Unbound Statistics**
  - **Enterprise Catalog**
    - **11,743,998** cover images loaded in online catalog searches.
    - Syndetics Unbound enriched **99,701** (**95%**) out of **99,701** pages loaded.
    - **44,323** patron interactions with enriched content.

Enrichments With Most Interactions
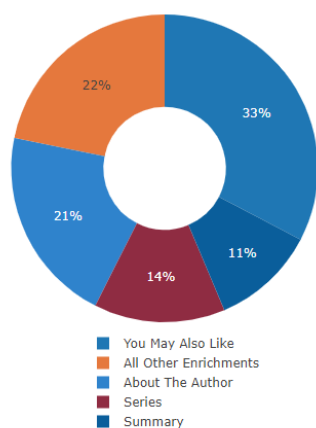
Kinds of Interactions

- **84** display widgets updated.
- **69,373** widgets loaded
- Patrons have interacted with display widgets **10,953** times.

- **PatronPoint Notices sent to consortium patrons**
  - **116,873** email notices sent
  - **88,202** SMS notices sent
  - **49,884** unique patrons notified

- **Offsite Storage**
  - **7,373** items are housed at SEO for offsite storage.
  - **67** items were sent to fill holds for consortium members

Services for the Blind and Print Disabled
- Library service for the blind and print disabled in the United States is delivered through a network of libraries and agencies coordinated by the **Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS).** In partnership with the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (OLBPD) at the Cleveland Public Library, the State Library of Ohio serves as the machine lending agency for the state providing playback equipment to eligible blind, visually impaired and print disabled residents. To help in this effort, we have machine sub-lending agencies, local public libraries, or social service organizations to help assist eligible residents in their areas.
- Contact Tracy Grimm at tgrimm@library.ohio.gov with any questions concerning the Talking Book Program.

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Staffing
- Jarrett Bates joined the State Library of Ohio on March 18 as a Library Assistant 2 in the Circulation and Special Services Department. Jarrett comes to us from the Upper Arlington Public Library, where he worked for five years in their Circulation Department. He is also a recent graduate of The Ohio State University.

Strategic Planning
- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
    - Milton-Union Public Library
    - Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library
    - Williams County Public Library
    - Alexandria Public Library
    - Pemberville Public Library
- If you have questions about the State Library's strategic planning services, or would like to be placed on the waiting list for this service, please contact Evan Struble at estruble@library.ohio.gov.

Summer Food Service Program
- Many libraries in Ohio and around the USA participate in the **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**, a USDA-funded program that provides free meals and snacks to children ages 0-18 in communities with high levels of need. Besides the obvious benefits of addressing hunger and supporting vulnerable youth, SFSP participation benefits libraries through:
    - Access to new user groups, especially underserved and marginalized populations
    - Increased visibility of the library as a community asset
    - Opportunities for new partnerships
    - Positioning of the library as an important stakeholder in community well-being and positive child outcomes
    - Support for summer library programming through increased attendance
- If you are already an SFSP site or have been in the past, work with your current/previous sponsor to prepare for summer 2024.
- If you want to become an SFSP site, the Collaborative Summer Library Program offers a thorough, clear how-to guide: **Libraries and Summer Food** provides a step-by-step for libraries interested in becoming SFSP sites, or otherwise getting involved in addressing child food insecurity during the summer.
- The State Library also offers a basic guide for Ohio libraries: library.ohio.gov/summer-food.
- The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce administers the SFSP in Ohio. Contact the DEW with questions or for assistance in identifying a potential sponsor.
- A non-congregate option for rural communities allows sites in rural-designated areas to provide grab-and-go meals. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, Office of Nutrition is developing guidance about this option. More information will be shared via Ohio library listservs in coming weeks. Find out if your library is in a rural-designated area.

Summer Library Program
- Several partners are again supporting Ohio public libraries' summer programming with incentives and special offers:
    - The Ohio Renaissance Festival is providing a coupon good for 50% off gate admission for all ages. The request period for this coupon ended in mid-March.
    - The Ohio Expo Center is providing a printable voucher for free child (ages 5-18) admission to the Ohio State Fair. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is providing a certificate for all ages, good for $10 off camping/lodging at Oho State Parks. These incentives were emailed to a representative of each Ohio public library system in March.

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- o The Greater Cleveland Aquarium offers a specially discounted virtual program for libraries. Each booking of the Virtual Aquatic Escape program by an Ohio public library comes with two complimentary Aquarium admission passes that you can use as SLP prizes. Learn more and book a program. This offer is available year-round.
- See the **Ohio Summer Library Program website** for resources to support summer planning. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer with any questions about SLP.

Take 5
- The **2024 Take 5** event will take place at the Huber Heights Branch, Dayton Metro Library, on Friday, May 3. The event features 2022 YALSA Innovation Award winner Grace Hammond, leading a hands-on Whole Learner mini-workshop. The event also features an expert troubleshooting panel and small group discussion breakouts on timely topics and big-picture perspectives. Registration is just $25 including morning refreshments and box lunch. Register here.
- Take 5 is a day of dialogue and discovery for public library teen and youth services specialists, school librarians, and other youth advocates. Take 5 events feature active learning opportunities, speaker sessions with allies outside the library field, hands-on activities, and networking. Learn more about Take 5. This year's Take 5 event is co-sponsored by SWON Libraries.

WebJunction
- There were 105 WebJunction course completions in March 2024, down from 133 in February. Individuals completing courses in March represented the following types of libraries: 86 public, 9 academic, 5 school, 2 state agency, and 3 did not include identity for a library type.

2021-2024 Number of Completed Courses in Months & Years
The numbers represent courses completed not individuals.

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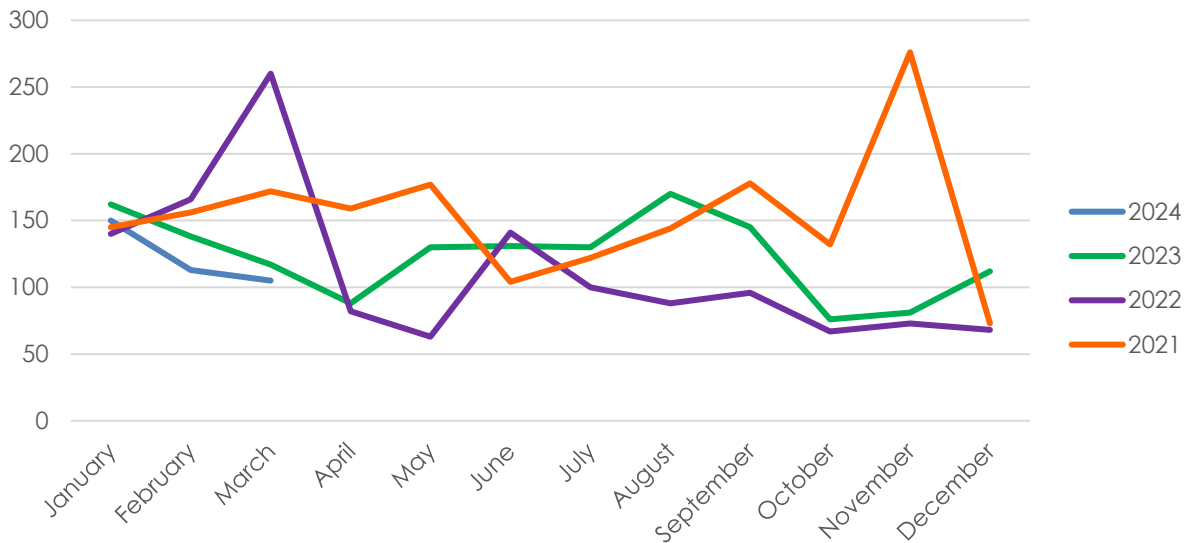
2021-2023 Number of Completed Courses in Months & Years

Months	2024	2023	2022	2021	Grand Total
January	150	162	140	145	597
February	113	138	166	156	573
March	105	117	260	172	654
April		88	82	159	329
May		130	63	177	370
June		131	141	104	376
July		130	100	122	352
August		**170**	88	144	402
September		145	96	178	419
October		76	67	132	275
November		81	73	**276**	430
December		112	68	73	253
Grand Total	368	1480	1344	1838	5030

Course Completion in March by Library Type

- ■ Public
- ■ Academic
- ■ School
- ■ State Agency
- ■ None of the above
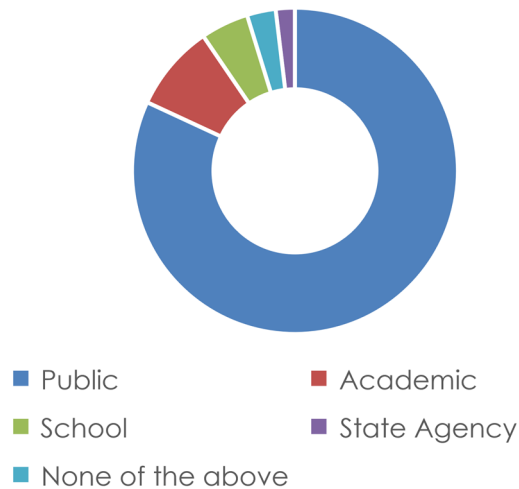
2021-2024 Number of Active Users in WebJunction Courses
Number of unique logins accessing course within each month
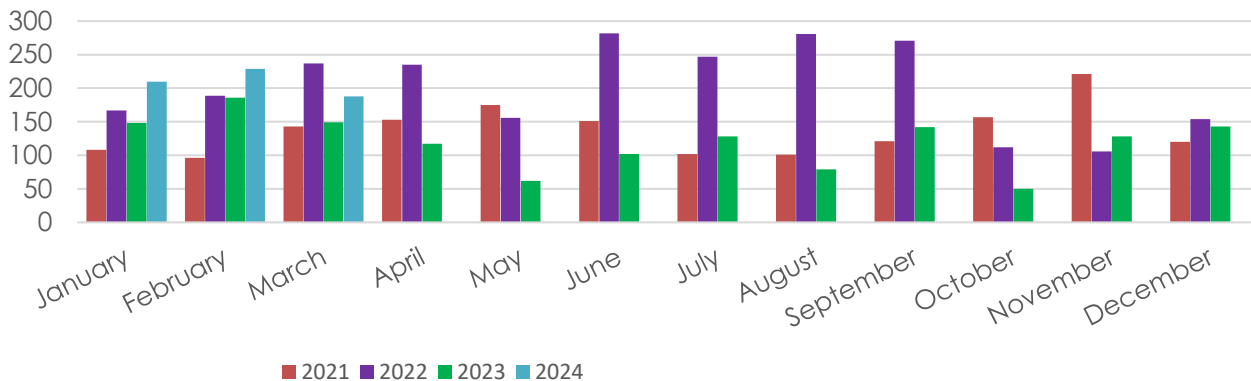
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- **WebJunction Webinar Reports** are received on a quarterly basis.
  - o In the first quarter of calendar year 2024 (January-March), five webinars were offered and there were 254 views from Ohio (combined all webinars, live and recorded viewings)—up from 230 views in the fourth quarter of 2023. The five webinars included:
    - Libraries Foster Social Connection: Responding to the Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation
    - Building Authentic Relationships with Underserved Communities
    - Switching it Up! Creating a Video Game Collection for Your Library
    - Co-Creating Library Services for Transformative Impact
    - Creating a person-centered library: Supporting patrons while avoiding burnout
  - o Recordings of WebJunction webinars can be found in the WebJunction Course Catalog.

  Note: The number of views does not reflect occurrences when more than one person gathers to view together.

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