Monthly Report, May 31, 2024
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https://library.ohio.gov/about/publications/state-librarian-reports

Acquisitions and Cataloging

- Reference/Cataloging Librarian Josh Jones researched, acquired, and cataloged new print titles for the library. Recent acquisitions focused on topics such as education, public policy, publishing, and rehabilitation.
- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library's collection for May is available on our website.

Announcements

Email Listservs

- Beverly Cain Appointed Interim State Library. May 2, 2024
- Register for Ryan Dowd's next live training webinar - Understanding Addiction: A conversation with Dr. Nicholaus Christian. May 4, 2024
- Announcing the 2024 Library Leadership Ohio Cohort. May15, 2024
- State Library of Ohio Board Awards $2,080,778 in federal LSTA Grants. May 28, 2024

Website – What's new announcements

- Phil Willke completes NEO-RLS Leadership Academy. May 2, 2024

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- [2024 Library Leadership Ohio Cohort](#). May 15, 2024

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Collection Tours

- This month, Research and Catalog Services staff gave many tours of the State Library of Ohio's collection. Tour attendees included members of the Ohio Preservation Council and Ohio Public Library Directors, including the Director of the Ashland Public Library. 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.

Exhibit

- A State Library of [Ohio Gardening in America: From the Founding Fathers to Today](#) exhibit was installed in the North Hallway of the Ohio Statehouse on May 10 and will be on display through June 10, 2024.
  - Items from the State Library of Ohio's collections tell the story of gardening in early America to today. State and federal documents, popular publications, books, and prints of digitized materials depict both what has remained constant and what has changed in gardening for the family kitchen, landscapes, and farming. Gardens have played a vital role throughout our history.
  - Gardening today is influenced by both tradition and change. Plant selection, growing practices, land management, environmental awareness, and trends in nutrition enable growers to make informed decisions for home and community gardens, as well as large agricultural operations.
  - View Facebook posts on the display on the Ohio Statehouse page:
    https://www.facebook.com/share/Y2hnUj3GqZVCKnV8/
    https://www.facebook.com/share/4qYpBSAvxbSbkjpW/

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Government Documents
- On May 24, Government Documents Librarian/Regional Depository Coordinator Elissa Lawrence attended her introductory meeting for participation on the Depository Library Council (DLC). Elissa was appointed to the Depository Library Council (DLC) by U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO) Director Hugh Nathanial Halpern. DLC members advise the GPO Director on policy matters relating to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and access to U.S. Government information. Elissa will serve on the council from June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2027.
- 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
- On Thursday, May 16, the State Library Board awarded $311,856 in LSTA funds for 17 Ohio libraries to participate in Guiding Ohio Online (GOO). The GOO program provides support to libraries serving rural populations to hire a dedicated technology trainer/contractor for their patrons and staff. The grant project term will run July 1, 2034 – June 30, 2025. Grant funding was awarded to the following libraries:
  - Andover Public Library
  - Columbiana Public Library
  - Delphos Public Library
  - Dorcas Carey Public Library
  - Fairfield County District Library
  - Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County
  - Kingsville Public Library
  - Licking County Library
  - Madison Public Library
  - Mechanicsburg Public Library
  - Newton Falls Public Library
  - North Canton Public Library
  - St. Marys Community Public Library
  - St. Clairsville Public Library
  - Troy-Miami County Public Library
  - The Wagnalls Memorial Library
  - Way Public Library
- If you have any questions regarding the funding or budget of Guiding Ohio Online, please contact the LSTA Office at LSTA@library.ohio.gov.
- 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 have been reviewed, and the following members of the Ohio library community have been selected to participate in the 2024 LLO cohort:
    - Misty Alvaro, Columbus Metropolitan Library
    - Kaitlin Booth, Cuyahoga County Public Library
    - Lauren Burris, Guernsey County District Public Library
    - Kathryn Cooley, Westlake Porter Public Library

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- Lily Dawson, Worthington Libraries
- Sara Douglas, Portage County District Library
- Erin Duncan, Lorain Public Library System
- Mark Eddy, Case Western Reserve University
- Corey Ferguson, MidPointe Library System
- Madeleine Fix, The Ohio State University
- Meredith Fletcher, Pickerington Public Library
- Stacy Gall, OhioHealth Library Services
- Kimberly Garrett, Warren-Trumbull County Public Library
- Karen Gedeon, Cuyahoga Falls City Schools
- Andrea Green, Pickaway County Library
- Dani Gustavich, Dayton Metro Library
- ZJ Hepp, Clark County Public Library
- Kayla Hlad, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Jessica Hoffer, Toledo Lucas County Public Library
- Christopher Horvath, Medina County District Library
- April King, Gnadenhutten Public Library
- Amelia Klein, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Library
- Young Koo, Cuyahoga County Public Library
- Ada Myers, Guernsey County District Public Library
- Lindsay Platt, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County
- Jennifer Riley-Johnson, MidPointe Library System
- Laura Sheets, Bowling Green State University
- Christopher Smith, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
- Christina Stump, Bucyrus Public Library
- Celeste Swanson, The Lane Libraries
- Odelia Thigpen, Mansfield Richland County Public Library
  - If you have any questions regarding Library Leadership Ohio, please contact Erin Kelsey, Library Consultant, at ekelsey@library.ohio.gov.

LSTA

- At the May 16 State Library Board meeting, The Ohio State University was awarded $1,534,922 in LSTA funds for Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO) to purchase one year of statewide online access for the Ohio Web Library core set of subscription-based library databases. The Ohio Web Library core set of databases are available to all Ohio residents through their local public, school, or academic library.
  - LCO negotiates five-year contracts with the database vendors but requests annual renewal of the LSTA funding. This grant is for the second year of the contract which begins July 1, 2024. The five-year contract ensures optimal pricing from vendors. The annual renewal of LSTA funding demonstrates the partners' commitment to consistently evaluate purchased resources. In addition to the $1,534,922 in federal LSTA funding for Libraries Connect Ohio, Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) will contribute $1,000,000; Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) will fund $1,000,000; and INFOhio (Ohio's PreK-12 Digital Library) will provide $500,000 to purchase the databases.
  - These databases are available to all Ohioans through the Ohio Web Library or their library's website and include the following:
    - The EBSCO core collection contains thousands of full-text magazine and journal titles organized into a variety of sub-collections.
    - The World Book package includes the most popular World Book products.
    - Oxford Research Encyclopedias (from Oxford University Press) includes more than 3,000 long-form articles from 25 subject-based, authoritative resources of reference in a wide array of academic fields, including the humanities, social sciences, and sciences.

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- Very Short Introductions (from Oxford University Press) provides quick, authoritative, and accessible overviews of a subject.
- At the May 16 State Library Board meeting, the Cleveland Public Library was awarded $234,000 in federal LSTA funds to supplement state funding for the operation of the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (OLBPD) from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.
- The State Library of Ohio's LSTA Conservation and Preservation grant application period opened May 9 and runs through August 15, 2024. Prospective applicants were required to attend a special conservation and preservation workshop hosted by the State Library on Wednesday, May 8.
  - Libraries awarded funding will have from November 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025, to complete their projects.
  - The Conservation and Preservation grant is offered with the support of the Ohio Preservation Council and provides qualifying libraries up to $4,999 to conserve a single item or small, discrete groups of items within their collections.
- 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 June. No Open Grants were awarded in May.
- Jeff Regensburger served as a peer reviewer for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), using his skills and expertise to score 10 grant proposals submitted to IMLS as part of their Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant program.
- Questions regarding the LSTA program should be addressed to Jeff Regensburger, Library Consultant/LSTA Coordinator, at: LSTA@library.ohio.gov.

Medial Library Association Certification
- 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.

Meetings
- On May 21, Research and Catalog Services Manager Ryan Burley met with the Director of the Supreme Court of Ohio Library Erin Walsh. Ryan received a tour of the facility, met the staff, and learned more about the services offered by the Supreme Court Library.
- On May 7, Manager of Circulation & Special Services Tracy Grimm, Ryan Burley, Library Assistant Jarrett Bates, and Library Assistant Patrick Betts met with OCLC Product Manager Tony Melvin for a WorldShare ILL refresh. State Library staff worked with Tony to update our ILL system and learn more about the product.

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.

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- o 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:
  - o Free for staff working in all types of Ohio libraries! It is available at no cost to you.
  - o There are no time constraints for completing this program. Set your own goals and progress at your own pace.
  - o Personalized support. You have access to a dedicated, full-time specialist for assistance at any time.
  - o Unlimited access to a Collection Analysis Toolkit. This toolkit complements the collection development work you already have in place.
  - o Unlimited access to a vetted collection of materials about children's & young adult books and authors.
  - o 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 May, OCAI has over 800 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.
  - o "Recap: The Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative" workshop was held on May 9.
- 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.
  - o Drop-in Office Hours are from 11 a.m. to Noon (EST). Upcoming schedule, TBD.

Ohio Digital Library
- In the month of May, ODL patrons checked out 841,776 items. The total for 2024 stands at 4,292,128 checkouts.
- The most popular magazine title in May was *The New Yorker* and most popular non-magazine title was *Twisted Love*, a viral TikTok romance sensation.
- 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 May 2024, 3,564 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.

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- Questions on DPLA or the Ohio Digital Network should be addressed to Penelope Shumaker, pshumaker@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Memory
- 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.
- Research and Catalog Services Librarian Stephanie Michaels researched and wrote the Ohio Memory blog post: **A Swallowtail What? The History of Ohio's State Flag**.
- If you have questions about this program, you can contact our Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch at strausch@library.ohio.gov.

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 will open in July for late summer/early fall Early Literacy 101 workshops in Newark, Upper Arlington, and Medina. Learn more about the Early Literacy 101 workshop.
- **Storytime Foundations**, a statewide library conference created by Ohio Ready to Read and devoted to storytime practice, took place on April 30 at the State Library of Ohio with 100+ library practitioners in attendance. The event was based on the Five Practices from the Every Child Ready to Read® initiative. Keynote speakers Dr. Laura Justice (Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy, Ohio State University) and Dr. Katie Campana (School of Information, Kent State University) contextualized public library workers' important work in support of young children and their families. Librarian-led breakout sessions explored storytime applications of the Five Practices. Access conference materials and further information here.
- 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
- In 1994, the State Library of Ohio became a founding member of OhioLINK and our partnership continues.
- This month, Research and Catalog Services Manager Ryan Burley and several other State Library Staff members attended multiple OhioLINK meetings including the *OhioLINK Summit: A year in Review, LSP Migration: Continuity Planning for Services and Resources, OhioLINK LSP Migration Timeline Update, OhioLINK Open Director's meeting,* and *the Director's LSP update.*
- Project Leads Ryan Burley and IT Library Systems Analyst David Green continue to work on the OhioLINK LSP migration project by attending weekly meetings with over 110 Library staff from OhioLINK's 117 libraries. The State Library has recently completed and submitted their migration forms for this project.

- On May 30, Ryan and David led the State Library of Ohio's Ex Libris Migration Team meeting. This group is managing our 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 including 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.

Presentations

- A selection of presentations given by LPD staff in the past month include:
  - Janet Ingraham Dwyer cofacilitated an [Early Literacy 101 workshop](#) at Wood County District Public Library on May 10 with Barbara Scott from Bucyrus Public Library.
  - Jeff Regensburger gave a presentation on LSTA grants to the Ohio Preservation Council at their quarterly meeting.
  - Jeff provided a presentation on the LSTA grant program as part of the Ohio Digital Interest Group's (OhioDIG) meeting, held at the Ohio History Connection.
  - As part of the Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Directors meeting, members of the State Library's Library Programs & Development division (Janet, Erin Kelsey, Anne Kennedy, Jeff, Penelope Shumaker, and Evan Struble) provided an overview of its services to attendees.
  - As part of the Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Directors meeting, Anne provided attendees with a deep-dive presentation on the Ohio Digital Library, speaking to its continued growth, and sharing several data points of interest.
  - As co-chair, of the SOA (Society of Ohio Archivists) JEDAI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Accessibility, and Inclusion) Committee, Penelope facilitated the *Engagement Discussion: What Brings You to SOA?* Along with the JEDAI's other co-chair Nicole Sutton (Columbus Metropolitan Library), at the SOA Annual Meeting on May 18, 2024.
  - Evan gave a presentation on what the State Library is and does as part of the Ohio Library Council's New Directors workshop.

Publications

- [Great Books by Ohio Authors and Illustrators](#) (PDF) is a booklist featuring all the Floyd's Pick Book Award winners and honor books from 2016-2024, and all the Choose to Read Ohio selections for young children from 2009-2024. The booklet will be used to promote CTRO and Floyd's Pick throughout the year and copies will also be available at the Ohio State Fair in the Lausche Youth Exploration Space's Library Ready Nook.

Reference Services

- 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.
  - Department of Children and Youth
  - Office of the Ohio Public Defender
  - Ohio Attorney General
  - Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
  - Ohio Department of Health
  - Ohio Department of Natural Resources
  - Ohio Department of Public Safety
  - Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
  - Ohio Legislative Service Commission
- Research and Catalog services staff also provided reference services to businesses, the public, and universities such as staff at Ashland University.

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Reference Statistics
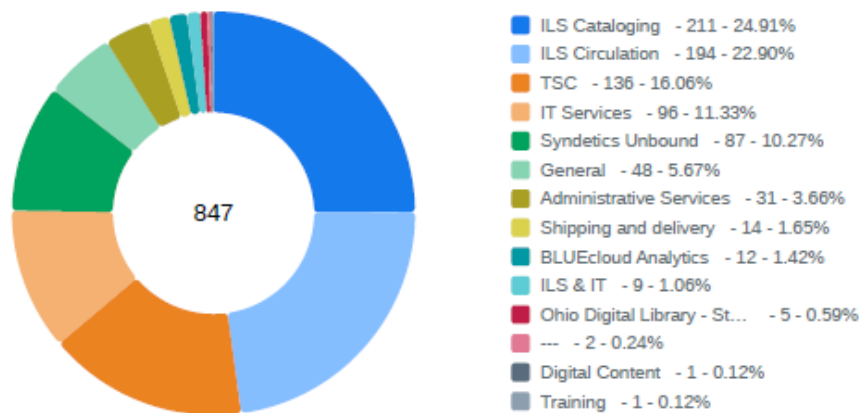- Reference staff answered 106 reference questions in May totaling 2014 minutes of reference research.

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.
- 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—**986,775**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—**6,753**
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**615**
- Total number of support tickets created for the previous month—**847**
- Support tickets logged with Integrated Library Software (ILS) vendor SirsiDynix—**10**

Total Tickets by Month

- ILS Cataloging - 211 - 24.91%
- ILS Circulation - 194 - 22.90%
- TSC - 136 - 16.06%
- IT Services - 96 - 11.33%
- Syndetics Unbound - 87 - 10.27%
- General - 48 - 5.67%
- Administrative Services - 31 - 3.66%
- Shipping and delivery - 14 - 1.65%
- BLUEcloud Analytics - 12 - 1.42%
- ILS & IT - 9 - 1.06%
- Ohio Digital Library - St... - 5 - 0.59%
- --- - 2 - 0.24%
- Digital Content - 1 - 0.12%
- Training - 1 - 0.12%

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- **Phone Support**
  - **879** Total calls
    - **355** Incoming
    - **253** Outgoing
    - **271** Internal staff calls
  - **53 hrs. 14 min.** total call duration

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

- **SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMobile) Stats**
  - **3,194** new devices
  - **25,087** holds placed
  - **71,690** app launches
  - **78,616** total searches

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

- **Consortium Service Highlights**
  - On May 1, Jay Miley attended the SEO Return on Investment presentation by students from Baldwin-Wallace University.
  - On May 1, Paula Clark held a Patron Point discussion with Guernsey County District Library.
  - On May 2, Paula hosted a Patron Point training with staff from Findlay-Hancock County Library.
  - On May 6, Heather Miller met with Marsha McDevitt-Stredney from SLO to discuss SEO 100th library celebration.
  - On May 6, Paula had a discussion with staff from Findlay-Hancock County Library to discuss adding a Friends of the Library segment.
  - On May 7, Paula met with staff from the Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County to review building a newsletter in Patron Point.
  - On May 7, Paula met with staff from North Baltimore Public Library to review creating an e-mail template in Patron Point
  - On May 8, staff from the Athens Public Library visited the SEO Service Center.
  - On May 9, Jay attended a check-in meeting with Gene Shimshock, COO of Patron Point.
  - On May 9, Heather met with the Director and staff at Ridgemont Public Library.
  - On May 13, SEO staff attended the monthly SirsiDynix Sure Sailing meeting with Kat Stephens, Library Software Consulting Team Lead.
  - On May 13, Michael Postlethwait and Jay met with James Campbell from the RAILs Consortium.
  - On May 14, Jay and Heather met with Heidi S. and Ericka H. from Licking County Library for a training session.
  - On May 15, Paula met with staff from the St. Clairsville Public Library for a demonstration of the Patron Point marketing platform.
  - On May 16, Paula worked with staff from Guernsey County District Library to review their newsletter settings in Patron Point.
  - On May 17, Jay attended the spring NOTSL meeting.
  - On May 17, Heather met with Jamie P. from SLO to discuss delivery services.
  - On May 20, Paula met with staff from St. Clairsville Public Library to review e-mail settings before sending their first newsletter through Patron Point.
  - On May 21, the SEO management team met with Kirby Gill, Library Relations Manager for SirsiDynix for a monthly check-in.
  - On May 23, the SEO staff hosted and presented at the SEO Director's Meeting in Columbus.
  - On May 24, Heather connected with Ken Bonney from Niche Academy.
  - On May 30, Heather met with the Director and staff from Monroeville Public Library.

- On May 31, Heather connected with Preble County library Director.
- On May 31, Heather connected with Minerva Public Library Director.
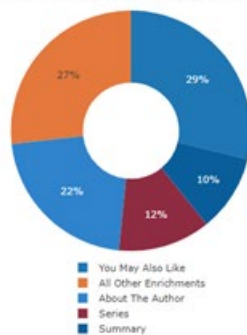
- **Niche Academy Stats**
  - Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views – 702
  - Online Catalog Tutorials views – 424
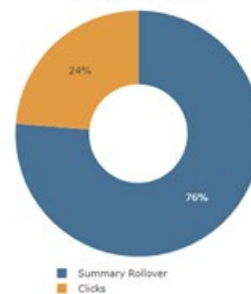 - Technical Services Committee – 102

- **Syndetics Unbound Statistics**
  - **Enterprise Catalog**
    - **11,854,764** cover images loaded in online catalog searches.
    - Syndetics Unbound enriched **96,278** (**95%**) out of **101,147** pages loaded.
    - **45,803** patron interactions with enriched content.

Enrichments With Most Interactions

Kinds of Interactions

  - **87** display widgets updated.
  - **60,094** widgets loaded
  - Patrons have interacted with display widgets **10,267** times.

- **PatronPoint Notices sent to consortium patrons**
  - **111,756** email notices sent
  - **81,782** SMS notices sent
  - **48,660** unique patrons notified

- **Offsite Storage**
  - **7,517** items are housed at SEO for offsite storage.
  - **79** 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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Strategic Planning
- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
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  - Williams County Public Library
  - Alexandria Public Library
  - Pemberville Public Library
  - Coshocton 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 Ohio State Parks. These incentives were emailed to a representative of each Ohio public library system in March.
  - 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.

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Take 5

- The **2024 Take 5** event took place at the Huber Heights Branch, Dayton Metro Library, on Friday, May 3. The event featured 2022 YALSA Innovation Award winner Grace Hammond leading a hands-on Whole Learner mini-workshop, plus an expert troubleshooting panel and small group discussion breakouts on timely topics and big-picture perspectives.
- 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 was co-sponsored by SWON Libraries.

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