

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, June 30, 2024

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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 economics, education, and public policy.
- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney uploaded a list and images of covers of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library's collection for June. The list is available on our [website](#).

Announcements

Email Listservs

- Tracy Grimm to Retire. June 24, 2024
- Register to attend Ryan Dowd's next live training webinar – Understanding Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Veterans. June 13, 2024

Website – What's new announcements



- [Tracy Grimm Retires](#). June 24, 2024

Child and Adult Care Food Program / At-risk Afterschool Meals

- Many libraries in Ohio and around the USA participate in At-risk Afterschool Meals/Snacks (a part of the Child and Adult Care Food Program or CACFP). This is 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, CACFP 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

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- Positioning of the library as an important stakeholder in community well-being and positive child outcomes
- Potential increased attendance at library programming
- If you are already an CACFP site or have been in the past, work with your current/previous sponsor to participate.
- If you want to become an CACFP site, see No Kid Hungry's [Summer and Afterschool Meals in Libraries](#) resource guide for basic information. The [Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, Office of Integrated Student Supports](#) can help you identify a CACFP sponsor. [Children's Hunger Alliance](#) can serve as sponsor for eligible sites across Ohio.
- Contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with questions about CACFP and food distribution through libraries.

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 was on display through June 11, 2024. Items from the State Library of Ohio's collections were used to tell the story of gardening in early America to today. State and federal documents, popular publications, books, and prints of digitized materials depicted both what has remained constant and what has changed in gardening for the family kitchen, landscapes, and farming.
 - View Facebook posts on the display on the Ohio Statehouse page:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/Y2hnUj3GqZVCKnV8/>
<https://www.facebook.com/share/4qYpBSAvxbSbkjpW/>

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 and GPO Depository Library Council member. If you have questions about Government Documents, feel free to contact Elissa with questions at elawrence@library.ohio.gov.

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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, 2024 – 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.

LSTA

- 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 group of items within their collections.
- Significant progress has been made towards the relaunch of the State Library's LSTA Open Grant initiative. Open Grants will once again be available to applicants on or before August 1, 2024.
- A [new page on the State Library of Ohio's website](#) is now available to help libraries meet the requirement to provide a UEI when they're awarded LSTA funds. A UEI is unique 12-character alphanumeric value or identifier assigned to a specific entity. UEIs are issued by the federal government and are used to track how federal grant funds are allocated and expended. This new page provides tips and resources to help libraries navigate the process of obtaining a UEI.
- Questions regarding the LSTA program should be addressed to Jeff Regensburger, Library Consultant/LSTA Coordinator, at: LSTA@library.ohio.gov.

Medical Library Association Certification

- Research and Catalog Services Librarians Josh Jones, Stephanie Michaels, and Phil Wilke hold the Consumer Health Information Specialist certification from the Medical Library Association and provided trustworthy consumer health information to patrons this month.

Meetings

- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney coordinated the Library PR Communications & Marketing Interest Group quarterly virtual meeting on June 13, 2024. She led a discussion on Generative A.I. in Library Communications & Marketing. 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.

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 predications 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 June, OCAI has over 800 users in 88 of 88 Ohio counties!
- Erin Kelsey and TeachingBooks staff continue to host a slate of [thematic webinars and workshops](#), teaching users how to enhance their youth-focused library collections.
- Additionally, Erin Kelsey and TeachingBooks staff continue to host drop-in [Office Hours](#), where interested parties can ask a quick question or learn more about the initiative.
 - Drop-in Office Hours are from 11 a.m. to Noon (EST); upcoming schedule, TBD.

Ohio Digital Library

- In the month of June, ODL patrons checked out 841,682 items. The total for 2024 stands at 5,133,810 checkouts.
 - The most popular magazine title in May was *The New Yorker* and the most popular non-magazine title in June was [Over the Edge](#), a thriller that is perfect for fans of CJ Box and Anne Hillerman.
- 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 their 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 June 2024, 3,895 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]

- **Save the date!** The State Library of Ohio will host ODNFest 2024 on **October 3, 2024**. This in-person event will take place at the State Library in Columbus, Ohio. More details and registration link to come.
- 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

- [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:
 - Photographs, maps, drawings, and paintings
 - Manuscripts, letters, diaries, and journals
 - Archaeological artifacts, natural history specimens and historical objects
 - Newspapers, books, and e-publications
 - Audio and video
- Materials are selected for inclusion on Ohio Memory based on their historical significance, scanning potential, complementary value, ownership, and copyright.
- On June 12, staff from the Ohio History Connection and the State Library met and held their quarterly meeting to discuss the Ohio Memory Project Program. The group discussed the growth and success of the program, gave institutional updates, and discussed upcoming trainings.
- 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 mid-July for Early Literacy 101 workshops in Newark on August 22 and Upper Arlington on September 4. Registration will open in early August for a workshop in Medina on October 7. [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

- In 1994, the State Library of Ohio became a founding member of OhioLINK, and our partnership continues.
- State Library staff members attended multiple OhioLINK meetings including the LSP Information Technology Update, LSP Working Groups update, LSP Vanguard Libraries panel, Library Advisory Council meeting, Ex Libris' introduction to their Define Phase meeting, Cooperative Information Resource Management Team Meeting, and the Open Director's Meeting.
- Project Leads Director of Library Operations 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.

Reference Services

- In June, 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 Developmental Disabilities
 - Office of the Ohio Public Defender
 - Ohio Attorney General
 - Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
 - Ohio Department of Commerce
 - Ohio Department of Health
 - Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
 - Ohio Department of Public Safety
 - Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
 - Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services
 - Ohio Secretary of State
 - Industrial Commission of Ohio
- Research and Catalog services staff also provided reference services to businesses, the public and universities.

Reference Statistics

- Reference staff answered 98 reference questions in June totaling 1217 minutes of reference research.

Reimagining School Readiness

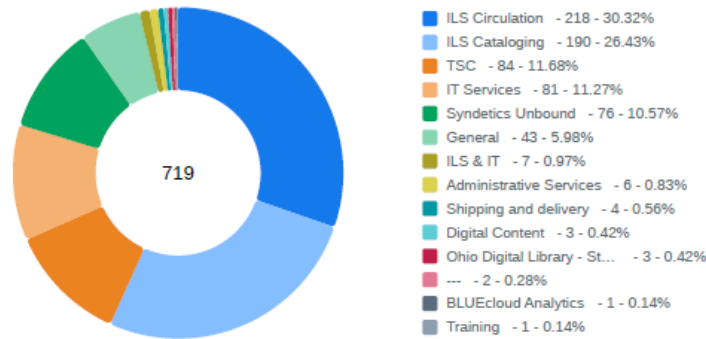
- The State Library of Ohio is proud to support the [Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit](#), a suite of research-backed resources created for library staff to help families prepare children ages birth to 8 years for success in school and in life. The toolkit was developed by the [Bay Area Discovery 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—**1,114,971**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—**8,398**
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**557**
- Total number of support tickets created for the previous month—**719**
- Support tickets logged with Integrated Library Software (ILS) vendor SirsiDynix—**5**

Total Tickets by Month



- **Phone Support**
 - **853** Total calls
 - **292** Incoming
 - **299** Outgoing
 - **262** Internal staff calls
 - **45 hrs. 11 min.** total call duration
- **Remote Customer Support On-Demand Access**
 - **15** on-demand remote sessions
- **SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMoble) Stats**
 - **3,237** new devices
 - **27,605** holds placed
 - **76,444** app launches
 - **81,236** total searches

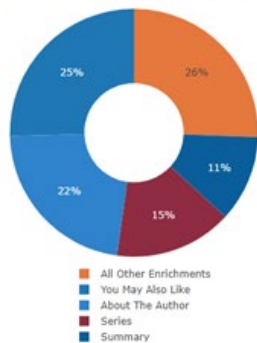


- **Click and Collect Curbside service with the Consortium Libraries App**
 - **31** service locations actively using Click and Collect “Curbside Pickup” to serve their patrons
 - **133** Page Loads – number of times the “Curbside Pickup” button was engaged
 - **56** Patrons arrived and completed their session
- **Consortium Service Highlights**
 - On June 2, Nicole Brown, Brenda Michel, and Jay Miley met with SirsiDynix to review the Final System Configuration for Marvin Memorial Library.
 - On June 6, the SEO IT Team met with representatives from EBSCO to review the EBSCO Discovery Service.
 - On June 6, Paula hosted a Patron Point training session with Guernsey County District Library staff.
 - On June 6, SEO IT met with the SLAAIT group for an interview on AI usage in our organization.
 - On June 10, SEO staff attended the monthly SirsiDynix Sure Sailing meeting with Kat Stephens, Library Software Consulting Team Lead.
 - On June 10, Jay met with staff from LeanOhio to discuss mapping to their new Learning Management System.
 - On June 11, SEO IT met with Flycast Partners to discuss the Freshdesk software licensing.
 - On June 13, Paula hosted a Patron Point training with staff from Louisville Public Library.
 - On June 20, Heather Miller attended the “Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges” seminar in Cuyahoga Falls, OH.
 - On June 21, Paula hosted a Patron Point training session with St. Clairsville Public Library staff.
 - On June 25, Heather connected with the Director of Marvin Memorial Library to discuss upcoming training.
 - On June 25, SEO held Open Office Hours covering Talpa AI for the online catalog with 11-member library staff attending.
 - On June 26, Nicole, Brenda, and Jay met with the SirsiDynix to discuss data for the Marvin Memorial Library migration.
 - On June 26, Heather connected with the Director from Liberty Center Public Library.
 - On June 27, Heather and Jay met with the library director and staff at Brumback Library.
- **Niche Academy Stats**
 - Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views – **458**
 - Online Catalog Tutorials views – **345**
 - ASL Storytime – **9**
- **Syndetics Unbound Statistics**
 - **Enterprise Catalog**
 - **11,302,210** cover images loaded in online catalog searches.
 - Syndetics Unbound enriched **97,915 (95%)** out of **102,336** pages loaded.
 - **38,996** patron interactions with enriched content.

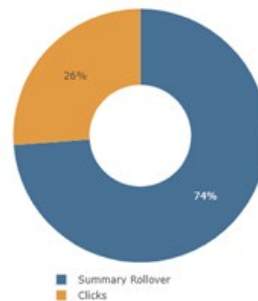
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o Patron Interactions:

Enrichments With Most Interactions



Kinds of Interactions



- o 76 display widgets updated.
 - o 291,396 widgets loaded
 - o Patrons have interacted with display widgets 9,132 times.
- PatronPoint Notices sent to consortium patrons
 - o 107,293 email notices sent
 - o 85,996 SMS notices sent
 - o 193,289 unique patrons notified
 - Offsite Storage
 - o 7,505 items are housed at SEO for offsite storage.
 - o 75 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 Ryan Burley at rburley@library.ohio.gov with any questions concerning the Talking Book Program.

Staffing

- Tracy Grimm retired effective July 1, 2024, from her position as Library Administrator 1 after over 34 years of public service.
- Rebecca Hanshaw retired effective July 1, 2024, from her position as Information Technologist 2 after over 34 years of public service.

State Agency Collaboration

- On June 6, the State Library worked with Ohio Department of Development Chief Grace Snider to transfer 50 boxes of materials from the Department of Development to the State Library. Many of these items are State Documents and reports which we will incorporate into our collection.

Strategic Planning

- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
 - Milton-Union Public Library
 - 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 Library Program

- The [2023 Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation survey](#) is now open. All Ohio public libraries are asked to complete this survey after your summer program ends. Your response helps ensure high-quality resources and support for future SLPs, and documents the value and impact of summer programs at Ohio libraries. Find the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/slpeval2024
- 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](#) to request details of the above incentives (Ohio public libraries only, please) or with any questions about SLP.

Tours

- Research and Catalog Services staff gave tours of the State Library of Ohio's collection. 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.

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- On June 18, State Senator William P. DeMora visited the State Library of Ohio and received a tour of Ohioana Library; our Rare Book Rooms from Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch; and a facilities and Government Documents tour from Director of Library Operations Ryan Burley.

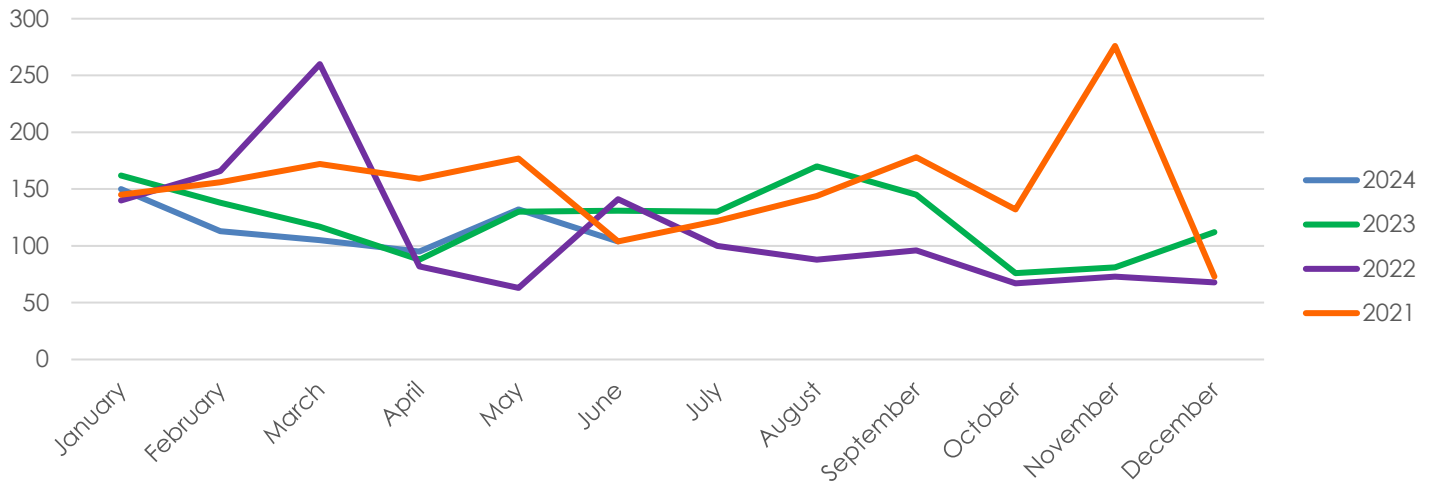


L to R:
 Kirstin Krumsee, Library Consultant – Data and Research, State Library
 Kimberlee Kiehl, Executive Director, Ohioana Library
 Beverly Cain, Interim State Librarian, State Library
 William P. DeMora, Senator, The Ohio Senate
 Ryan Burley, Director of Library Operations, State Library
 Shannon Kupfer-Trausch, Digital Initiatives Librarian, State Library

WebJunction

- There were 104 WebJunction course completions in June 2024, down from 132 in May. Individuals completing courses in June represented the following types of libraries: 91 public libraries, 10 academic libraries, and 3 did not report library type.

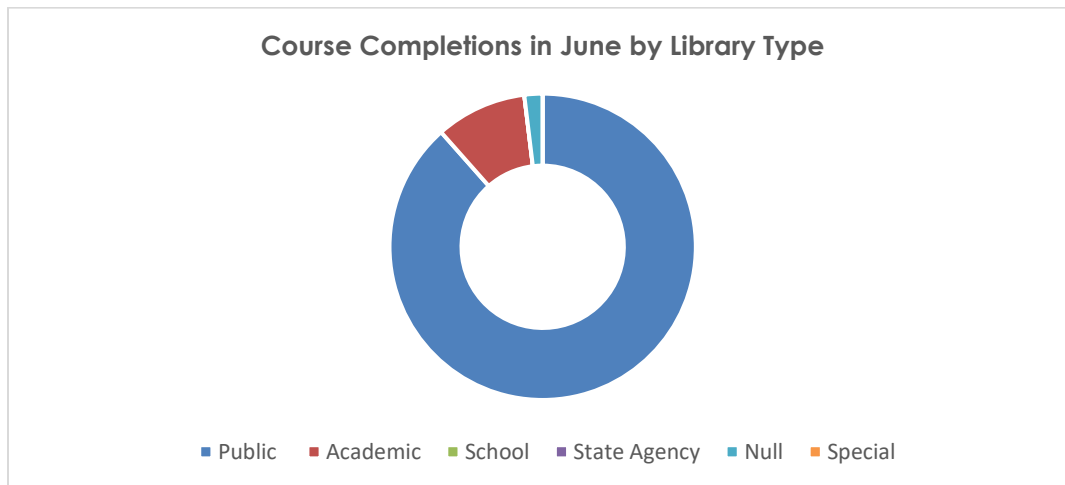
2021-2024 Number of Completed Courses in Months & Years
 The numbers represent courses completed not individuals.



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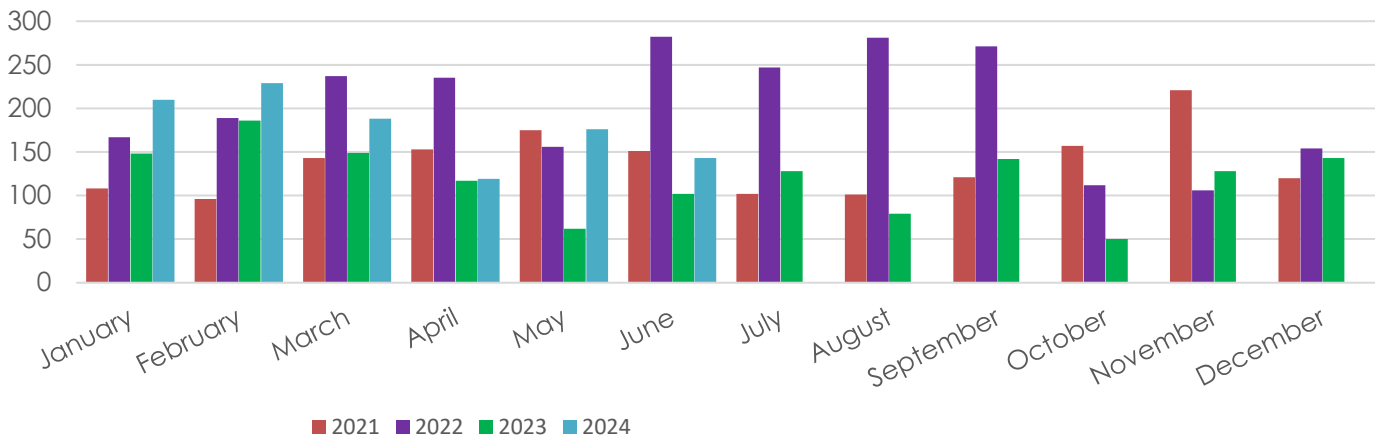
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Months	2024	2023	2022	2021	Grand Total
January	150	162	140	145	597
February	113	138	166	156	573
March	105	117	260	172	654
April	95	88	82	159	424
May	132	130	63	177	502
June	104	131	141	104	480
July		130	100	122	352
August		170	88	144	402
September		145	96	178	419
October		76	67	132	275
November		81	73	276	430
December		112	68	73	253
Grand Total	699	1480	1344	1838	5361



2021-2024 Number of Active Users in WebJunction Courses

Number of unique logins accessing course within each month



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