

Monthly Report, July 31, 2024

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Updates from the State Librarian

- On Wednesday, July 17, 2024, the State Library Board held its annual retreat at the Liberty Branch of the Delaware County District Library. Located at 7468 Steitz Rd. in Powell, the Liberty Branch Library was opened in March 2023, making it the newest branch in the Delaware County District Library System. Director Bryan Howard and Deputy Director Molly LaBadie were on hand to welcome the State Library Board and staff to the library and to provide a tour of the state-of-the-art facility.



- The State Library began the process of transitioning to the state's Ohio Heart of it All branding. The process began in digital publications such as the [State Library website](#) and staff email signatures. Print publications will be updated as new items are printed.
- On July 26, the State Library of Ohio received a request from the Government Accountability Office to assist them with fulfilling a mandate from Congress to look at the facility conditions and repair needs of libraries and museums. As a key part of GAO's study, they plan to administer a national survey of public libraries. To conduct this survey, GAO requested contact information for all public library outlets from each state, so the survey can be disseminated to a random, representative sample of public libraries. The State Library responded by providing information about Ohio's public libraries in GAO's requested format.
- State agencies, including the State Library of Ohio, have received budget guidance for FY 2026 – FY 2027 from the Office of Budget and Management. The State Library's deadline for submitting its budget request is September 27, 2024.
- The position posting for the next State Librarian of Ohio went live on July 31. Deadline for applications is September 10. The search is being managed by Organizational Architecture.

Announcements

- *Website – What's new announcements and library visits*



[Ryan Burley Promoted to Deputy Director of State Library Operations](#). July 3, 2024



- [Visit to Delaware County District Public Library - Liberty Branch](#), July 17, 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
 - 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.

Government Documents

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

Library Leadership Ohio (LLO)

- [Library Leadership Ohio](#) (LLO)—a partnership between the State Library of Ohio and OhioNet—took 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 2024 cohort learned about all facets of leadership, including individual character strengths, attentional agency, challenges to library collections, and being a change agent from any position—as well as many more topics.
 - If you have any questions regarding Library Leadership Ohio, please contact Erin Kelsey, Library Consultant, at ekelsey@library.ohio.gov.

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List of New Acquisitions



- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library’s collection for July is available on our website at <https://library.ohio.gov/home/news-and-events/all-news/new-books-july-2024>

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.
- Questions regarding the LSTA program should be addressed to Jeff Regensburger, Library Consultant/LSTA Coordinator, at: LSTA@library.ohio.gov.

Meetings

- In July we provided meeting room space and support for the OneOhio Recovery Foundation’s Board Retreat. The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a private non-profit organization created at the direction of Ohio’s state and local leaders to distribute 55 percent of the funds our state will receive from the pharmaceutical industry because of its role in the national opioid epidemic. Their board includes the Mayor of Zanesville, Don Mason; five-time New York Times Bestselling Author and Chief Wellness Officer at the Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Mike Roizen; Court of Common Pleas Judge David T. Matia; and many other committee leaders from around Ohio. During their visit we were able to show the board members a variety of rare documents from the State Library of Ohio’s collection.

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 Digital Library

- In the month of July, ODL patrons checked out 872,649 items. The total for 2024 stands at 6,006,459 checkouts.
 - The most popular magazine title in July was *The New Yorker* and the most popular non-magazine title in July was *Hillbilly Elegy (audiobook)*.
- 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 July 2024, 3,900 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.
- After the June ingest, 42 Ohio institutions have contributed over 408,000 records to DPLA through ODN. New contributors include America's Packard Museum and Columbus State Community College.
- 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.
- In July, Research and Catalog Services Librarian Stephanie Michaels wrote and researched the Ohio Memory Blog Post entitled [Benjamin Hanby: A Life in Music](#).
- If you have questions about this program, you can contact our Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch at trausch@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. [Learn more about the Early Literacy 101 workshop.](#)
- Registration is open for three Early Literacy 101 workshops:
 - [Thursday, August 22 at the Downtown Newark Library](#), Licking County Library, 101 W. Main St., Newark (east central Ohio)
 - [Wednesday, September 4 at the Tremont Road Branch](#), Upper Arlington Public Library, 2800 Tremont Rd, Upper Arlington (central Ohio)
 - [Monday, October 7 at the Medina Library](#), Medina County District Library, 210 South Broadway St., Medina (northeast Ohio)
- 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.

Presentations

- As part of the State Library Board Retreat, Erin Kelsey and Katy Hite gave a presentation on the State Library's strategic planning services and engaged the Board in a goal-setting activity.
- As part of the State Library Board Retreat, Anne Kennedy, along with Jay Miley, provided the Board an overview of the Ohio Digital Library—its history, as well as its record-breaking circulation stats over the years.

Reference Services

- In July, we provided reference and research assistance to state agencies, businesses, universities, and the public. Here are some of the organizations that we assisted this month:
 - Bricker Graydon Law Firm
 - Office of the Ohio Public Defender
 - Ohio Attorney General
 - Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
 - Ohio Department of Medicaid
 - Ohio Department of Natural Resources
 - Ohio Department of Public Safety
 - Ohio Secretary of State

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.
- Registration is now open for a Reimagining School Readiness Workshop to be held virtually on September 10, 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

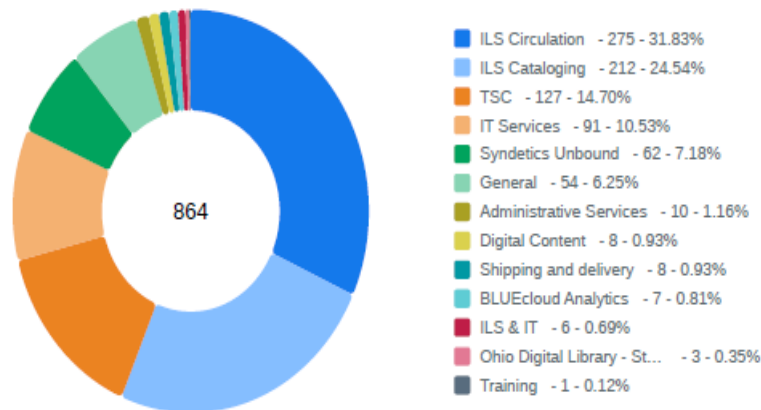


- If your library is interested in hosting a Reimagining School Readiness training for your staff, contact Penelope Shumaker, pshumaker@library.ohio.gov
- Additional information about this initiative can be found [here](#). Questions regarding Reimagining School Readiness should be addressed to Penelope Shumaker (pshumaker@library.ohio.gov).

SEO Service Center

- Total automation consortium circulation for the past 30 days—**1,151,668**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—**6,912**
- In-house periodicals filled—**13**
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**580**
- Total number of support tickets created for the previous month—**864**
- Support tickets logged with Integrated Library Software (ILS) vendor SirsiDynix—**10**

Total Tickets by Month



Consortium Service Highlights

- The SEO Customer Support Team began the process of an optional bill purge for member libraries. 2024 is the first time for the team to offer this service.
- On July 8, SEO staff attended the monthly SirsiDynix Sure Sailing meeting with Kat Stephens, Library Software Consulting Team Lead.
- On July 9, the SEO IT Team met with representatives from EBSCO and OPLIN to discuss EBSCO Discovery Service authentication.
- On July 9, Heather Miller met with the Interim Director at Preble County District Library.
- On July 12, an SEO Library Consortium Bylaws update was completed by the membership.
- On July 15, Ron Woods, Michael Postlethwait, and Jay Miley met with staff from OhioLINK to discuss Syndetics Unbound.
- On July 17, Jay Miley presented at the State Library Board Retreat about SEO’s participation in the Ohio Digital Library.
- On July 17, the [SEO Summer Newsletter](#) went out to membership.
- On July 18, the SEO Migration Team met with the directors from Bucyrus, Galion, and Mt. Gilead Public Libraries to discuss the process of migrating to the SEO Library Consortium.
- On July 19, Jay Miley attended the quarterly WhoFi meeting.

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- On July 25, Heather Miller met with the staff at Liberty Center Public Library.
- **Niche Academy Stats**
 - Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views – **258**
 - Online Catalog Tutorials views – **308**
 - ASL Storytime – **1**

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.
- Contact Ryan Burley at rburley@library.ohio.gov with any questions concerning the Talking Book Program.

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

- As summer programming is winding down, please note that the [2024 Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation survey is open until September 9](#). 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. Your response also helps document the value and impact of summer programs at Ohio libraries. Find the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/slpeval2024>
- The 2025 [Collaborative Summer Library Program](#) theme will be Art, with the slogan “Color Our World / Colorea Nuestro Mundo” and featuring artwork by [Mike Mullan](#). The 2025 programming manual access code will be distributed in fall 2024.
- See the [Ohio Summer Library Program website](#) for resources to support summer planning, and contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with any questions about SLP.

Tours

- This month we gave a tour of our Digitization Lab and our collection to the Ohio Digitization Interest Group and spoke with them about our ongoing digitization projects. We also gave a tour of our collection to COSI's External Affairs, Strategic Initiatives, and Business Development Department who were very impressed by our collection of NASA documents.

WebJunction

- WebJunction recently reported that in the second quarter of calendar year 2024 (April - June), they hosted six webinars and there were 171 views from Ohio (combining all webinars of both live and recorded viewings)—down from 254 views in the first quarter of 2024. The number of views does not reflect occurrences when more than one person gathers to view together. The six webinars included:



- [Navigating the library director hiring process: A guide for trustees and boards](#)
- [Leadership strategies for building connection and diffusing difficult situations](#)
- [Supporting healthy communities: Public library responses to the opioid crisis](#)
- [Cardholder signup policies: Access in practice](#)
- [Supporting domestic and sexual violence survivors at your library](#)
 - Recordings of all WebJunction webinars can be found in the [WebJunction Course Catalog](#).

Well Beyond 60! Expo at the 2024 Ohio State Fair



- On July 30, the State Library hosted a table at the Ohio Department of Aging's Well Beyond 60! Expo at the 2024 Ohio State Fair. Stephanie Michaels and Josh Jones from Library Services, Katy Hite from Library Programs & Development, and Marsha McDevitt-Stredney from Marketing & Communications provided information about the State Library's government documents collection, Talking Book Program, and ebooks and audiobooks available in the Ohio Digital Library collection on topics related to aging. Over 5,000 State Fair attendees visited the Expo. The State Library staff helped Expo visitors register for patron library cards and provided website links for those that wished to do it later. Many that visited the State Library table enjoyed looking through Ohio State Fair programs, including a few programs dating back to the 1930s. The visitors shared fond memories of attending the State Fair in their youth. We also received feedback about how impactful the Talking Book Program was or continues to be for them or members of their families.