

Monthly Report, September 30, 2024

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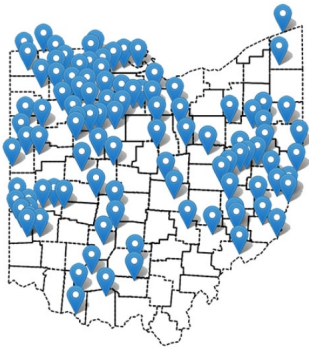
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Updates from the State Librarian

- The search for the next State Librarian is ongoing. The State Library Board has tentatively planned to conduct on-site interviews with selected candidates during the week of October 14.
- Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) met with representatives from the National Library Service and the Library of Congress to learn more about the proposed changes in Talking Book Service to minors. COSLA expressed many concerns, but the proposed changes went into effect, as planned, on October 1. NLS now requires borrowers under the age of 18 to have parental consent to access Talking Book materials. Consent will be given at the time of application.
- The State Library's Budget Request for the 2026-2027 Biennium was submitted by the deadline of September 27. The Budget Request is currently undergoing a technical review by analysts at the Office of Budget and Management.

Announcements

Website – What's new announcements



- [Marvin Memorial Library Joins SEO Library Consortium as 100th Member](#),
September 12, 2024

Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Awards

- Voting for the 2024 Buckeye Book Awards is open September 1 through November 10 at bcbookaward.info. All Ohio students in grades K-12 are eligible to vote.
- Students can also nominate titles for the 2025 awards. Eligible books are first published in 2023 or 2024 and not part of a series that has previously won the award. Nominations run through March 10, 2025. See the [Buckeye Book Awards](#) website for details.
- The Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Award program, Ohio's readers' choice book award, was established in 1981 and is a collaborative project of the Ohio Educational Library Media Association, Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts, Ohio Library Council, Ohio Literacy Association, Kent State University School of Information, and State Library of Ohio. Contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with any questions.



Building Equity-Based Summers

- For the third year, Ohio is participating in the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant-funded national initiative **Building Equity-Based Summers Through Libraries & Communities (BEBS)**.
- BEBS will empower library staff to weave equity into their summer library programs. The goals of BEBS are:
 - To provide a shared language of equity
 - To provide library staff with the knowledge and confidence to create equitable summer programs and services
 - To promote equity across the communities served by their library
- The 2024-25 BEBS Ohio cohort, representing six Ohio public libraries and the State Library of Ohio, will be meeting from October 2024 – January 2025.
- To learn more about BEBS, see <https://equitybasedsummers.org/> or contact [Katy Hite](#) or [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#).

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 & 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.

Events

- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney hosted State Library PR Communications & Marketing Interest Group quarterly meeting on September 5, 2024. Participants shared current and upcoming projects promoting library services and initiatives in their respective states.

Exhibits and Displays

- The State Library will host the National Library of Medicine (NLM) [Making a World Difference: Stories About Global Health](#) traveling exhibit from March 11 to April 19, 2025. *Making a World of Difference: Stories about Global Health* examines stories of the people who are working on a wide range of issues—from community health to conflict, disease to discrimination—to improve health in their areas and beyond.

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 with at questions at elawrence@library.ohio.gov.

Know Your Flow Ohio

- The State Library of Ohio, in partnership with the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Region 6, is pleased to announce the [Know Your Flow Ohio \(KYFO\) Grant](#) program. The purpose of the KYFO Grant is to help public libraries address period poverty for patrons within their communities.
 - Fifteen public libraries will be awarded the grant. Each library selected will receive one menstrual product dispenser along with menstrual hygiene supplies from Aunt Flow. As part of this special grant program, these libraries will also receive \$1,000 to acquire additional Aunt Flow supplies and create health programs focused on menstrual hygiene, education, and menopausal health information. Libraries are encouraged to collaborate with local public health districts, universities, clinics, and other healthcare providers to organize presentations, panels, programs, or outreach events. Educational resources can be found at [KnowYourFlow.Info](#), a platform created by the [NNLM Region 6](#) and Aunt Flow to enhance awareness of menstrual health.
- [Applications](#) are due November 17, 2024, and must be completed in one sitting.
- The Know Your Flow Ohio grant program is supported in-part with federal funding awarded to the State Library from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and in partnership with Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Region 6.
- For more information about Know Your Flow, please contact our Adult Services Consultant [Katy Hite](#).

List of New Acquisitions



- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library's collection for September is available on our [website](#).



LSTA

- The State Library of Ohio's **LSTA Competitive Grant** application window opened on Wednesday, September 4. Applications will be accepted through Sunday, November 3, with awards being announced in December. The LSTA Competitive Grant offers eligible libraries the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000.00 in LSTA funds for projects that address one of three possible focus areas: Literacy, Library as Community Anchor, and Outreach and Engagement. Draft proposals may be submitted until the close of business on Friday, October 18. More information on the State Library of Ohio's LSTA Competitive Grant can be found here: <https://library.ohio.gov/libraries/grants/competitive-grants>.
- The State Library of Ohio's **LSTA Open Grant** initiative was relaunched on August 2. The Open Grant application has been moved to a wholly online format with a new, streamlined set of application questions. It also directs applicants to submit proposals that align with the goals set out in the State Library's LSTA Five-Year Plan. The LSTA Open Grant program is designed to offer flexibility, while supporting libraries as they address a specific need within their community. Project proposals for up to \$4,999.00 may be submitted by eligible applicants at any time throughout the year. For more information visit: <https://library.ohio.gov/libraries/grants/open-grant>.
- The State Library of Ohio's LSTA Conservation and Preservation Grant application period closed on August 15, 2024. Prospective applicants were required to attend a special conservation and preservation workshop hosted by the State Library on Wednesday, May 8.
 - Applications are currently under review by a team comprised of State Library of Ohio staff members and Ohio Preservation Council members.
 - Libraries awarded funding will be notified in early-October; those libraries 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 \$4,999.00 to conserve a single item or small, discrete group of items within their collections.
- Questions regarding the LSTA program should be addressed to Jeff Regensburger, Library Consultant/LSTA Coordinator, at: LSTA@library.ohio.gov.

Meeting Rooms

- The State Library of Ohio provides meeting rooms that can be booked by State of Ohio agencies and members of the library community. In September, 558 hours of meetings were held in our seven meeting spaces by groups including Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Board of Nursing, Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, and many more.
- Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our meeting rooms.

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 and 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 September, 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. Upcoming webinars and workshops include:
 - **Dive Back Into the Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative**
 - Diving back into analyzing your collections or looking for a refresher on the available tools? In this workshop, we will review how to generate Collection Analysis Reports and explore how you can use the data to inform your collection development decisions. Learn about tools to help identify, evaluate, and bring to life a diverse range of books for children and teens. Live participants will have the opportunity to workshop their own collection spreadsheets and gather immediate insights.
 - Audience: Libraries & PK-12 | All Educators, Library Staff, and Administrators
 - When: Tuesday, October 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m. EST
 - [Registration Link](#)
 - **Impactful Book Selection with Collection Analysis and Book Resume**
 - Collection Analysis Reports give you insights into diversity, recency, fiction/non-fiction, and more, but TeachingBooks can also help you identify titles to augment those collections. Learn how Book Resumes can assist with book selection, providing full professional reviews, awards details, metadata, and more – all in one place. Leave this session equipped with tools that offer a time-saving and transparent process for documenting collection development decisions.
 - Audience: Libraries & PK-12 | All Educators, Library Staff, and Administrators
 - When: Tuesday, October 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m. EST
 - [Registration Link](#)



- **Simplifying Audits of Large Collections**
 - With new tools from the State Library, it's never been easier to analyze thousands of titles at once! This practical session focuses on efficiently uploading your large collections to TeachingBooks' Collection Analysis Tool. The session is tailored to library staff and educators seeking to enhance their collections without the time commitment of a months-long auditing endeavor. All registrants will receive access to valuable resources and action plans that document their collection development decisions.
 - Audience: Libraries & PK-12 | All Educators, Library Staff, and Administrators
 - When: Tuesday, November 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m. EST
 - [Registration Link](#)
- **The Power of Teaching Books' Resources**
 - Explore the rich offerings of TeachingBooks in this engaging workshop. Learn how to seamlessly integrate resources into your existing library or classroom setting, with diverse and authentic titles across genres. Whether you're a librarian or educator, discover valuable insights on building Custom Reading Lists and utilizing TeachingBooks to address specific needs within your collection. Participants come away with a list full of authentic resources that bring titles to life, as well as a plan that equips them to implement their collection decisions.
 - Audience: Libraries & PK-12 | All Educators, Library Staff, and Administrators
 - When: Tuesday, December 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. EST
 - [Registration Link](#)
- 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 Noon to 1 p.m. (EST) on October 29 and December 3.
 - Drop in Office Hours are from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (EST) on October 15, November 19, and December 17.

Ohio Digital Library

- In the month of September, ODL patrons checked out 839,242 items. The total for 2024 stands at 7,712,549 checkouts.
 - The most popular non-magazine title in September was *The Clinic*, by Cate Quinn—a twisty thriller set in a remote luxury rehab clinic on the Pacific Northwest coast. The most popular magazine title was *The New Yorker*.
- 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 September 2024, 3,653 registrations took place.
- Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at [the real-time checkouts and holds](#).

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.
- If you have questions about this program, you can contact our Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch at trausch@library.ohio.gov.

Presentations

- To help Guiding Ohio Online LSTA grant recipients navigate a new online process for submitting quarterly financial reports, Anne Kennedy, Jeff Regensburger, Erin Kelsey, and David Green presented two orientation sessions, detailing changes in this workflow for sub-grantees.
- Erin Kelsey, along with Nick Glass of TeachingBooks, LLC, presented at the School Library Journal Public Library Youth Services Leadership Summit, held at the Parma-Snow Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Erin and Nick re-introduced and demonstrated the Ohio Collections Analysis Initiative toolkit to attendees.
- Janet Ingraham Dwyer, along with Carrie Burrier of Akron-Summit County Public Library, presented an Early Literacy 101 workshop on September 4, held at the Upper Arlington Public Library.
- Evan Struble presented State Library updates as part of the September NORWELD Directors Roundtable.

Reference Services

- In September, we provided reference and research assistance to state agencies, businesses, universities, and the public. Here are some of the organizations that we served this month:
 - Office of the Ohio Public Defender
 - Ohio Attorney General
 - Ohio Department of Education
 - Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
 - Ohio Department of Public Safety
 - Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
 - Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
 - Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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.
- The State Library hosted a virtual Reimagining School Readiness training session on September 10. Over 20 library staff members from across the state attended the training that was presented by the Reimagining School Readiness trainers: Celeste Swanson (Lane Libraries), Pam Brockway (Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County), Julia Shaheen (Stark Library), and Penelope Shumaker.
- Please keep an eye on the various library listservs and traditional communication channels for additional workshop announcements and registration openings.

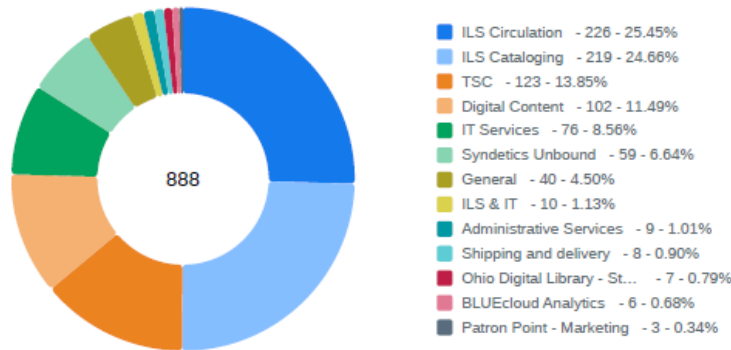


- These workshops cover such topics as:
 - key findings from current cognitive and developmental psychology research
 - the implications of those findings for library staff's daily work
 - practical ready-to-implement ideas for activities
 - resources for staff training and for parents/caregivers
- If 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—**1,025,936**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—**15,396**
- In-house periodicals filled—**5**
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**667**
- Total number of support tickets created for the previous month—**888**
- Support tickets logged with Integrated Library Software (ILS) vendor SirsiDynix—**7**

Total Tickets by Month



Consortium Service Highlights

- Marvin Memorial Library joined the SEO Library Consortium as the 100th member on September 11.
- The SEO Reports Team implemented three new cleanup routines for the SEO database.
- On September 17, Heather Miller met with the Director of Wayne Public Library.
- On September 17, Jay Miley & John Stewart met with Luke Buikema and Ashleigh Matos from WhoFi to discuss Community Calendar integration into Patron Point.
- On September 19, the migration team met with SirsiDynix to begin policy profiling for the Bucyrus, Galion, and Mt. Gilead Public Libraries' migration to the SEO Consortium.
- On September 20, The SEO Management Team met with the new director of the Mt. Gilead Public Library to review the upcoming migration.
- On September 25, the SEO Team met with Ray Biscaro, Senior Director – US and Latin American Accounts for SirsiDynix.



- On September 25, Jay Miley & Heather Miller held a Technical Services Committee meeting. From this meeting three subcommittees were formed to review the original cataloging form, the approved GMD list, and the one-page match point summaries.
- **Niche Academy Stats**
 - Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views – 821
 - Online Catalog Tutorial views – 929
 - Technical Services Committee – 3
 - ASL Storytime – 6

Services for the Blind and Print Disabled

- Library services for the blind and print disabled in the United States are 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:
 - Alexandria Public Library
 - Pemberville Public Library
 - Coshocton Public Library
 - Mansfield-Richland County 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 2025 [Collaborative Summer Library Program \(CSLP\)](#) theme will be **Art**, with the slogan “Color Our World / Colorea Nuestro Mundo” and featuring artwork by [Mike Mullan](#).
- The 2025 CSLP program manual will be provided to Ohio public libraries online this fall via access code on the CSLP website. The CSLP manual is made available to every Ohio public library building and is fully supported by federal LSTA funds administered by the State Library of Ohio. Libraries requiring CSLP manuals in paper or USB flash drive may purchase these formats from the CSLP catalog this fall. Such purchases are at the library’s discretion and are not covered by LSTA funds. The online manual will include the complete program manual, all artwork and downloadables, and additional resources not available in the static manual formats.
- Recently announced: **The 2027 CSLP program slogan will be “Mysteries Await at Your Library” (theme of Mystery / Detective / Suspense) and the 2028 theme will be Mythical Creatures.** These were selected by vote of the CSLP state reps at the CSLP annual meeting in late August, informed by library worker input via two national surveys. Thank you to the 385 Ohio library workers who completed the national survey for 2027 slogan and the 340 who completed the 2028 theme survey!



- See the [Ohio Summer Library Program website](#) for resources to support summer planning, and contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with any questions about SLP.

WebJunction

- In the third quarter of calendar year 2024 (July – September), six WebJunction webinars were offered and there were 272 views from Ohio (combined all webinars, live and recorded viewings)—up from 171 views in the second quarter of 2024. The six webinars included:
 - [Why do we fall for misinformation?](#)
 - [Cultural humility in library work](#)
 - [Library customer service and adult programs for people living with dementia](#)
 - [Work It Out @ Your Library with the Wombats!](#)
 - [Crafting and maintaining effective patron policies for community success](#)
 - [Engaging Beyond Our Walls: Libraries connecting communities through outdoor games and stories](#)