

Monthly Report, October 31, 2024

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### Updates from the State Librarian

- October was all about the search for the next State Librarian of Ohio. On October 28, after a series of interviews and presentations by candidates, the State Library Board appointed Mandy Knapp as State Librarian, effective December 31, 2024. Mandy brings extensive experience working in public libraries, academic libraries, prior experience at the State Library, and OPLIN, to her new role. She is currently the Manager of the Uptown Branch of the Westerville Public Library, where she is helping to lead the library's migration to the CLC consortium.
- We are investigating the possibility of relocating to a space more suited to the current and future needs of the State Library. To that end, a site visit was made to the Smith Building (connected to the Conference Center) on the OCLC Campus in Dublin. There are many positives about this space, but unfortunately, it is not well suited to the needs of the State Library.

### Announcements

*Website - What's new announcements*



- [Know Your Flow Ohio - A New LSTA Grant](#), October 1, 2024



- [Continuing Education Cohort Opportunity in Digital Collections for 2025](#), October 08, 2024



- [Mandy Knapp Appointed Executive Director/State Librarian of Ohio](#), October 28, 2024



- [Fifteen Institutions Awarded LSTA Conservation and Preservation Grants](#), October 29, 2024

Events





- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney hosted a State Library table at the 2024 Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA) conference on October 3-4. Information about services to libraries and access to government information was provided to the school library attendees.

### 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](mailto: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](#).
- On October 15, Katy Hite and Evan Struble hosted an online “open office hour”-style conversation for Know Your Flow Ohio, allowing potential applicants to ask questions and share ideas regarding this grant opportunity.

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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 October is available on our [website](#).

## LSTA

- The State Library of Ohio's LSTA Conservation and Preservation Grant award recipients have been selected and announced. Fifteen (15) libraries were recommended to receive a total of \$68,386.00 in LSTA funds for a wide range of preservation projects. Funded projects will include a collection of over 40 Civil War letters, a variety of documents related to the Wright brothers and their family, a scrapbook documenting the later years of Cincinnati painter Elizabeth Nourse, and a set of sculptures (*Black Family of Man*) by Cleveland artist Alan T. Purcell. A full list of awarded institutions and their projects can be found here: <https://library.ohio.gov/home/news-and-events/all-news/15-receive-lsta-cons-pres-grants>. Those 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 \$4,999.00 to conserve a single item or small, discrete group of items within their collections.
- The State Library of Ohio's LSTA Competitive Grant application window closed on November 3 with awards to be 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. 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 Ohio's LSTA Open Grant initiative has been relaunched and moved to a wholly online format with a new, streamlined set of application questions. It also directs applicants 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 \$4999.00 may be submitted by eligible applicants at any time throughout the year. For more information visit: <https://library.ohio.gov/libraries/grants/open-grant>.
- Questions regarding the LSTA program should be addressed to Jeff Regensburger, Library Consultant/LSTA Coordinator, at: [LSTA@library.ohio.gov](mailto: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 October 515 hours of meetings were held in our 7 meeting spaces by groups including the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, Ohio Department of Health, 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!](#)
- [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:
  - **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 December 3.
  - Drop in Office Hours are from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (EST) on November 19 and December 17.

### Ohio Digital Library

- In the month of October, ODL patrons checked out 843,915 items. The total for 2024 stands at 8,556,464 checkouts.
  - The most popular non-magazine title in October was *Pretty Girls*, by Karin Slaughter—a perpetually-popular thriller. 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 October 2024, 3,402 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]

- The State Library of Ohio hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> annual ODNFest on October 3, 2024. ODNFest is an opportunity for library and museum digitization professionals to gather to explore current and relevant digitization topics. The ODNFest name comes from the Ohio Digital Network (ODN), Ohio's Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) service hub. Over 40 library professionals attended ODNFest.
  - The [ODNFest 24 Agenda](#) included four presentations:
    - [Not Just a Technical Problem: Building a Collaborative Digital Preservation Network in Michigan](#) – Dr. Chelsea Denault, Michigan Digital Preservation Network
    - [Environmental Sustainability and Digital Preservation](#) – Danielle Taylor, Indiana University
    - [Questioning Ethical Access: Conversations with Practitioners](#) – Virginia Dressler, Kent State University
    - [Alternative and Local Press: The Pulse of a Culture](#) – Aaron O'Donovan, Columbus Metropolitan Library
  - In addition to these four presentations, there were four poster presentations:
    - Have you tried it? Describing Born Digital Materials in Archival Finding Aids – Lisa Woods, The Ohio State University Medical Heritage Center
    - Through His Lens: The Edward B. Taylor Collection – Rachel Bussert and Karen Brame, Dayton Metro Library



- Starting from Scratch: Creating a New Digitization Project in the Defiance College Archives – Kate Davis, Rachael Beardsley, and Matthew Craig, Defiance College
- Uncovering Little Cities of Black Diamonds: Naming Coal Mining Communities in the Frank Buhla Collection – Janet Carleton, Ohio University



**ODNFest Presenters: Front Row Left- Right: Rachael Bussert, Matthew Craig, Danielle Taylor, Chelsea Denault, Janet Carlton; Back Row Left-Right: Racheal Beardsley, Kate Davis, Karen Brame, Virginia Dressler, Aaron O'Donovan, Lisa Wood**

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- If you have questions about this program, you can contact our Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch at [strausch@library.ohio.gov](mailto:strausch@library.ohio.gov).

### Ohio Ready to Read

- Ohio Ready to Read provides library-oriented resources on the [science of reading](#), including webinar recordings, articles, and other tools to help public librarians and library workers learn about the science of reading and ways that public libraries support reading acquisition. This resource collection is part of ORTR's [Kindergarten Readiness and Student Learning](#) guide for Ohio public libraries.
- [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 workshop](#). Workshop dates for spring 2025 will be announced in coming months.
- Contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with any questions about Ohio Ready to Read.

### Presentations

- Janet Ingraham Dwyer cofacilitated an Early Literacy 101 workshop, with Celeste Swanson from The Lane Libraries, at the Downtown Newark Branch, Licking County Library, on October 17.
- Jeff Regensburger presented a session at the OLC Management and Leadership Conference on October 25 in North Canton, Ohio.
- Penelope Shumaker presented the webinar, "Intro to Digitization," at Northeast Ohio Regional Library System on October 17.
- As part of the 2024 OELMA Conference, Erin Kelsey presented the session, "Diversifying Your Classroom Library with the Ohio Collections Analysis Initiative."

### Reference Services

- In October we provided reference and research assistance to State Agencies, Businesses, Universities and to the public. Here are some of the organizations that we served this month:
  - Ohio Attorney General
  - Ohio Auditor of State
  - Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
  - Ohio Department of Public Safety
  - Ohio Department of Transportation
  - Ohio Office of Budget and Management
  - The Supreme Court of Ohio

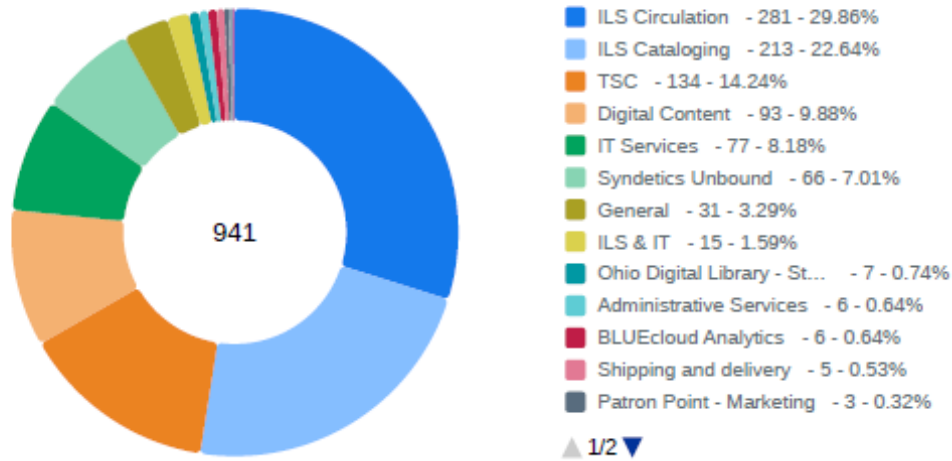




SEO Service Center

- Total automation consortium circulation for the past 30 days—**1,077,604**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—**9,019**
- In-house periodicals filled—**7**
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**542**
- Total number of support tickets created for the previous month—**941**
- Support tickets logged with Integrated Library Software (ILS) vendor SirsiDynix—**8**

Total Tickets by Month



Consortium Service Highlights

- SEO and WhoFi announced the integration of WhoFi Community Calendar and Patron Point. Libraries who use Community Calendar can opt to e-mail patrons an automatically updated list of events through Patron Point.
- The SEO Support Team began updating library calendars for 2025 closures.

Niche Academy Stats

- Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views – **581**
- Online Catalog Tutorial views – **1,057**
- 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](mailto: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
  - Briggs-Lawrence County Public Library
  - London 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](mailto: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 access code for the 2025 CSLP program manual was emailed to a summer library program point person at every Ohio public library system on October 16. 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 shop](#). Such purchases are at the library's discretion and are not covered by LSTA funds. The online manual includes the complete program manual, all artwork and downloadables, and additional resources not available in the static manual formats.
- A [preliminary 2024 Ohio Summer Library Program report](#) is now available. A fuller report, including photos, anecdotes, and analysis from Ohio librarians, will be available by year's end.
- The 2026 CSLP program slogan will be “Unearth a Story” (theme of Dinosaurs / Archaeology / Paleontology).
- 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 2024, 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.