

Monthly Report, November 30, 2024

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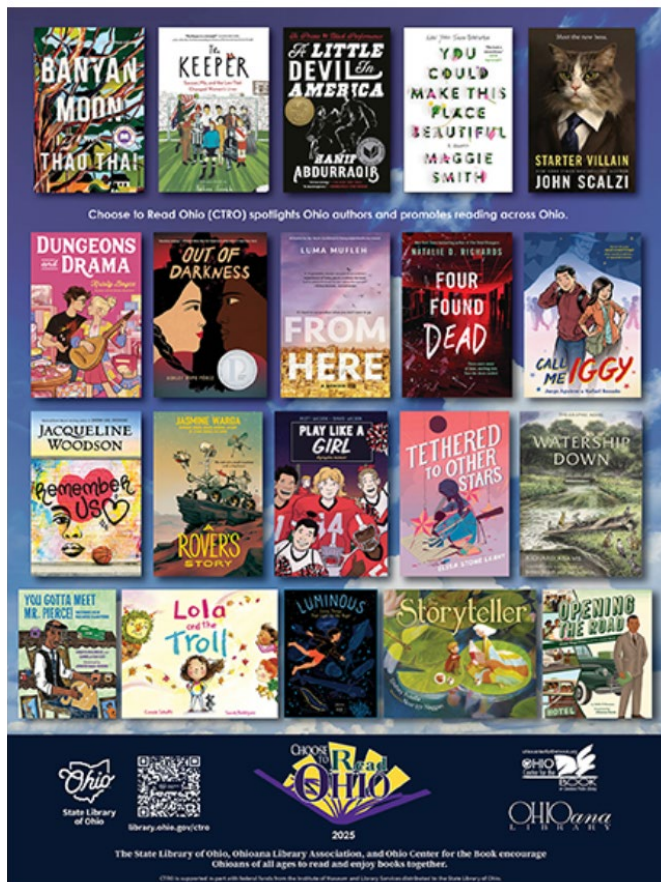
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**Updates from the State Librarian**

- The State Library hosted a meeting of State Agency librarians on October 30.
- Members of the Leadership Team from the National Library Service visited the State Library on November 14. They were impressed with the Ohio Talking Books Machine Lending operation.
- The Department of Education and Workforce has reappointed Janet Carleton to a second five-year year term on the State Library Board, commencing January 1, 2025. Janet is currently serving as President of the Board.
- The State Library will be closed on December 25, 2024, and January 1, 2025.

**Announcements**

*Website – What’s new announcements*



[20 Books Selected for the 2025 Choose to](#)

[Read Ohio Booklist](#), November 19, 2024



### Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Awards

- The winners of the 2024 Buckeye Book Awards include:
  - Grades K-2: *Stinkbird Has a Superpower* by Jill Esbaum, illustrated by Bob Shea
  - Grades 3-5: *The Wild Robot Protects* by Peter Brown
  - Grades 6-8: *The Girl in the Lake* by India Hill
  - Teen: *Four Found Dead* by Natalie D. Richards
- Students are invited to 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 is Ohio's readers' choice book award. It 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, the Kent State University School of Information, and State Library of Ohio. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) 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 6 Ohio public libraries and the State Library of Ohio, is 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 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 a 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.

## Conferences and Events



- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney hosted a State Library table at the [2024 Academic Library Association of Ohio \(ALAO\) conference](#) on Friday, November 8. Information about services to libraries and access to government information was provided to academic library attendees.
- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney attended the 10<sup>th</sup> annual [Library Marketing and Communications Conference](#) in St. Louis on November 13 – 14, 2024. The conference is designed for library staff involved in marketing, communications, public relations, social media, and outreach in academic, public, and special 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 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. The application period for this grant closed on November 17, and applications are currently being reviewed. Awardees will be notified in mid-December.
  - 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.
  - 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 November is available on our [website](#).

## LSTA

- The State Library of Ohio's LSTA Competitive Grant application window opened on Wednesday, September 4 and closed on Sunday, November 3. Applications are currently under review, with final awards being approved and 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 of Ohio's LSTA Celebrating Ohio Book Awards and Authors (COBAA) grant application window opened on Tuesday, December 3. The COBAA grant program invites Ohio libraries to apply for up to \$2000.00 in grant funds to support collection development and collection-related program initiatives for their communities. The initiative supports the purchase of books by Ohio authors as well as books recognized by Ohio-based book award programs. COBAA applications close on Sunday, January 12. Details regarding the COBAA grant can be found here: <https://library.ohio.gov/libraries/grants/cobaa>
- The State Library of Ohio's recently relaunched LSTA Open Grant initiative continues to draw interest from Ohio libraries, with a number of applications and drafts having already been submitted. The application period for this cycle of Open Grants closes on December 31, 2024. For more information on the Open Grant initiative, 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 November, 328 hours of meetings were held in our 7 meeting spaces by groups including the Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, 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!](#)
- 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 November, 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:
  - **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 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (EST) on December 17.

### Ohio Digital Library

- In the month of November, ODL patrons checked out 842,156 items. The total for 2024 stands at 9,398,620 checkouts.
  - The most popular non-magazine title in November 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 November 2024, 3,340 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 application period for the State Library's Library Juice Academy Digital Curation Cohort program closed on November 8. Applications are currently being reviewed, and those chosen for the cohort will be notified in mid-December.
  - This initiative provides 15 Ohio library staff members or cultural heritage professionals from Ohio the chance to complete coursework and earn a Digital Curation Certificate from Library Juice Academy.



- Enrollment costs for each participant will be covered by 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).
- 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 [trausch@library.ohio.gov](mailto:trausch@library.ohio.gov).

### Presentations

- Erin Kelsey co-led the online workshop "Simplifying Audits of Large Collections" as part of her work with the Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative.
- Katy Hite gave a presentation on the Know Your Flow Ohio Grant initiative to a meeting of the Combined Summer Library Program committee.
- As part of the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System's Membership Open House, Evan Struble presented an update on news of note from the State Library.

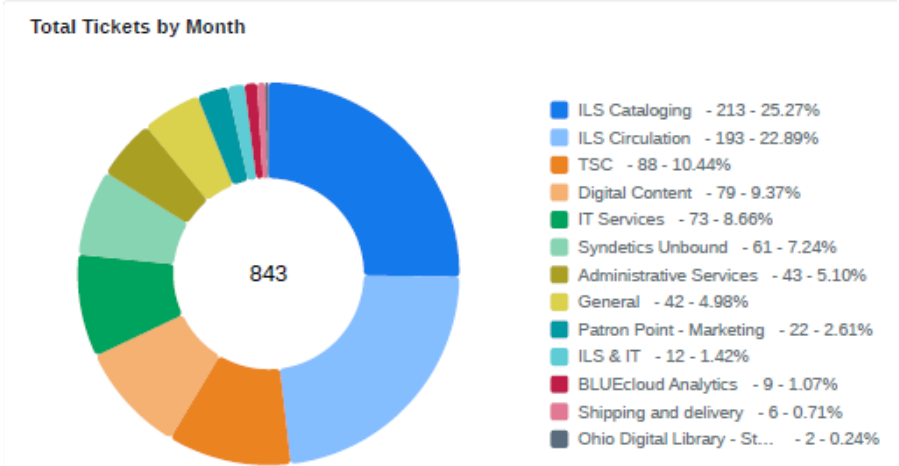
### Reference Services

- In November, 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 Bureau of Workers' Compensation
  - Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
  - Ohio Department of Health
  - Ohio Department of Natural Resources
  - Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
  - Ohio Legislative Service Commission
  - Ohio School for the Deaf
  - Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities



SEO Service Center

- Total automation consortium circulation for the past 30 days—**1,022,735**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—**5,609**
- In-house periodicals filled—**8**
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**515**
- Total number of support tickets created for the previous month—**843**
- Support tickets logged with Integrated Library Software (ILS) vendor SirsiDynix—**12**



Consortium Service Highlights

- On November 6, Jay Miley met with Ashtabula County District Library staff to discuss their new world languages collection.
- On November 7, Innovative presented a Library Management System (LMS) demonstration of Polaris for SEO directors and staff.
- On November 7, Jay Miley met with Jennifer Austin, Coshocton County District Library, to review WorldShare Record Manager and the original cataloging form.
- On November 12, ByWater Solutions presented a LMS demonstration of Koha for SEO directors and staff.
- On November 12, Heather Miller met with the Director and staff from Adams County Public Library.
- On November 13, Heather Miller met with the Director of Union Township Public Library.
- On November 13, Heather Miller met with the Director of Highland County District Library.
- On November 14, Heather Miller met with the Director and Assistant Director of Brown County Public Library.
- On November 14, the SEO Support Team hosted Open Office Hour, highlighting Cataloging Maintenance Reports.





- On November 15, SEO team members had a monthly SureSailing meeting with Kat Stephens, SirsiDynix consultant.
- On November 19, SEO team members met with Kirby Gill, SirsiDynix Library Relations Manager.
- On November 19, the SEO Migration Team had a final data call with SirsiDynix for the migration of the Bucyrus, Galion, and Mt. Gilead Public Libraries.
- On November 21, Jay Miley attended the Ohio Digital Library Advisory Meeting.
- On November 22, Ron Woods, Don Winland, and Jay Miley met with staff from the Galion Public Library to review the online catalog and options.
- On November 26, Jay Miley met with Brendan Pearce, Business Development Director, Public Libraries Division of SpringShare to discuss their Recommends product.
- **Niche Academy Stats**
  - Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views—**740**
  - Online Catalog Tutorial views—**753**
  - Technical Services Committee—5

### 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.
- The **Regional Library Systems will host summer planning workshops** around the state. For a list of SLP workshops and links to register: <https://library.ohio.gov/ohio-summer-library-program> and click on the “Workshops and Webinar Recordings” tab. Additional workshops will be added as announced.
- 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.
- See the [Ohio Summer Library Program website](#) for resources to support summer planning, and contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with any questions about SLP.

### Take 5

- The 2025 Take 5 event is in the early planning stages and is expected to take place at the Main Library Annex, Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library, on Friday, May 2. Details and registration will be posted on Ohio library listservs and to <https://library.ohio.gov/take5> in early February 2025.
- Take 5 is a day of dialogue and discovery for public library teen and youth services specialists, school librarians, and other youth advocates. Take 5 events feature active learning opportunities, speaker sessions with allies outside the library field, hands-on activities, and networking. [Learn more about Take 5.](#)