



Message from the State Librarian

In June, the State Library's relocation efforts took fruit. The majority of the staff located in Columbus moved into our new downtown offices on East Chestnut Street. Throughout the month, the State Library's collection of state and federal government documents, rare books, and other items was packed into record boxes. Then those record boxes were moved to the new book depository in Gahanna. In addition, at the end of the month our Talking Book staff and transportation services staff moved. Please pardon our dust as we settle into our new locations and update workflows. Throughout it all, our staff have worked exceptionally hard to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. I am continually in awe of their dedication and tenacity.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Andy Kruger, the State Librarian.

Highlights

- The Columbus relocation is in full swing. All books destined to be moved to the Caldwell location have been sent.
- In June, Mandy attended the OhioLINK All Directors' Meeting at The Ohio State University's Thompson Library, visited the Jackson City Library, and delivered a special Ohio welcome at the Institute of Museum and Library Service's (IMLS) America250 Convening.
- A final recommendation was made to the Advisory Committee on securing a Library Services Platform (LSP) for the Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Consortium.

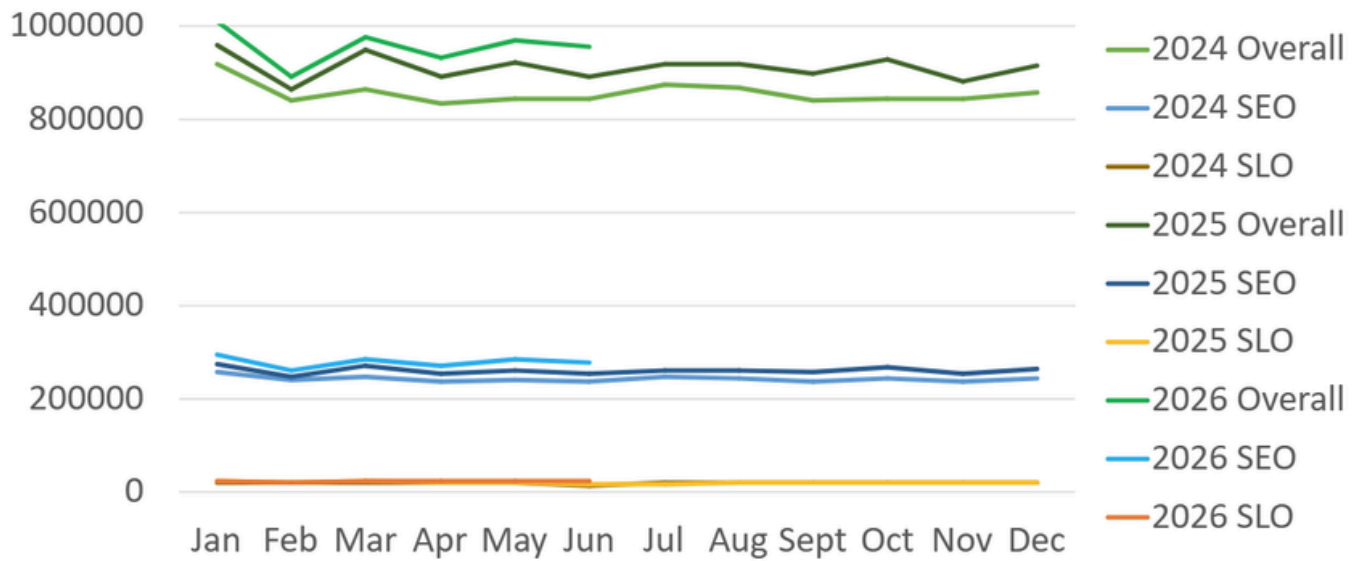


Chief Fiscal Officer Jamie Pardee hard at work in the new Gahanna book depository

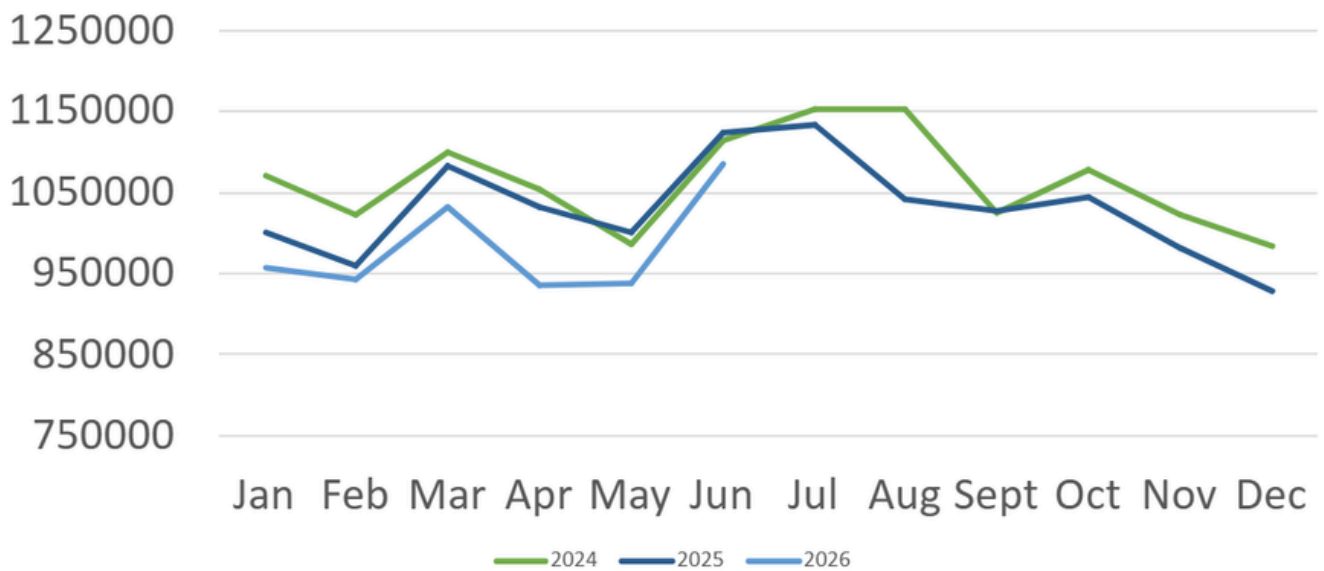


Director of Consortial Services Jay Miley and Director of the Brown Memorial Library Mary Lakes at the Amerca250 convening

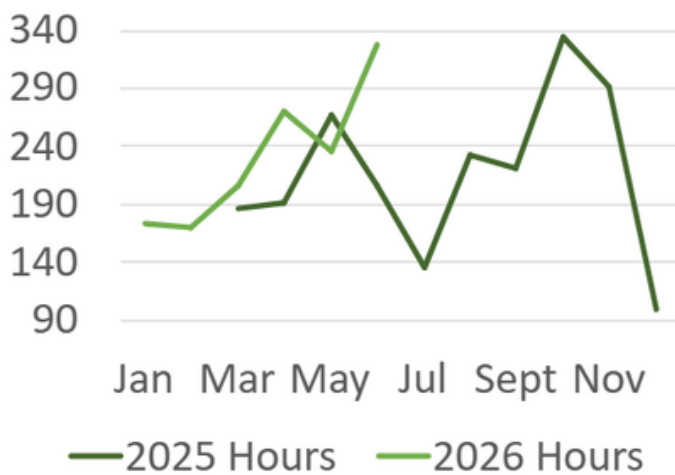
Ohio Digital Library Circulation by Month



SEO Consortium Physical Circulation by Month



Staff Training by Month



Cooperative Partnership Meetings by Month



Library Services—June 2026

New Locations!

June was a very busy month as we moved into two new locations: 1831 Deffenbaugh Court in Gahanna and 35 East Chestnut Street in Columbus. It was a collaborative effort and involved coordination between all State Library departments, EE Ward Moving, and Department of Administrative Services. By the end of June, over 1,000 pallets and around 30,000 boxes of books made their way onto the shelves of our new archival storage facility in Gahanna and all our staff and furniture made the move into 35 East Chestnut!



Document Delivery Technician Eric Schrecengost is seen here placing items on the shelves at our Gahanna location.

Talking Books

During our move, Talking Book staff worked hard to continue to provide uninterrupted delivery of Talking Book Machines to the over 10,000 users around the state of Ohio. This month we received the kind message below from the relative of a recently deceased Talking Books user:

“I wanted to thank you for this incredible service. (Our mother) was a lifelong booklover, but she reached a point where she couldn't see well enough to read print books or manage negotiating the use of audiobooks on a cell phone. However, she could manage listening to a wonderful array of audiobooks tailored to her preferences on the playback machine you provided, and this greatly enhanced the quality of the last few years of her life.”

Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to our Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch who was recently awarded the John T. Humphrey Memorial Scholarship by the National Genealogical Society!

Library Programs & Development—June 2026



Library Consultant Jeff Regensburger (left) is greeted by a welcome sign at Delphos Public Library; a young library patron (middle) is whipping up a fun recipe at the St. Paris Public Library; Elida Local Schools Librarian Mandy Henderson (right) hosts a storytime for elementary school students.

Library Consultants on the Road

State Library staff had the opportunity to visit several libraries in June to see how their LSTA Summer Library Program Grant-supported activities were going. Library Consultants Katy Hite, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, and Jeff Regensburger visited the following libraries: Bucyrus Public Library, Perry Cook Memorial Library, Conneaut Public Library, Andover Public Library, Elida Elementary School Library, Delphos Public Library, and St. Paris Public Library.

Summer library programs attended involved storytimes, dinosaurs, sewing classes, stop-motion animation, face-painting, cooking, and more!

Additionally, from June 26-29, Library Consultants Katy Hite and Jeff Regensburger, as well as Associate State Librarian Evan T. Struble, attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago. Session topics included artificial intelligence, accessibility needs, and services for various adult populations.

Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative

In partnership with TeachingBooks LLC, Library Consultant Erin Kelsey co-presented the webinar “Getting Started with the Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative (OCAI)” on June 16. OCAI is a tool that was developed with federal library funds to assist library staff in analyzing children’s and young adult books

in library collections, programs, displays, and more. This resource allows library staff to compare data points about what their library’s youth collection holds, and then use that information to purposefully reflect, compare, and determine which titles best fit their community’s needs.

This tool has been streamlined in order for it to integrate seamlessly into a library’s collection development routines. To learn more about this resource, [click here](#) for the recorded webinar. Additional webinar topics on how to best utilize OCAI will be posted [here](#) later this summer.

ODL By the Numbers

Let’s take a deeper dive into the Ohio Digital Library (ODL) for the month of June:

Total checkouts:

955,196 (5,726,395 YTD)

Format preference:

Slightly more audiobooks (roughly 438K) than ebooks (408K) circulated in June. Magazines clocked in with 110K.

Support:

95 support tickets were submitted and answered in June.

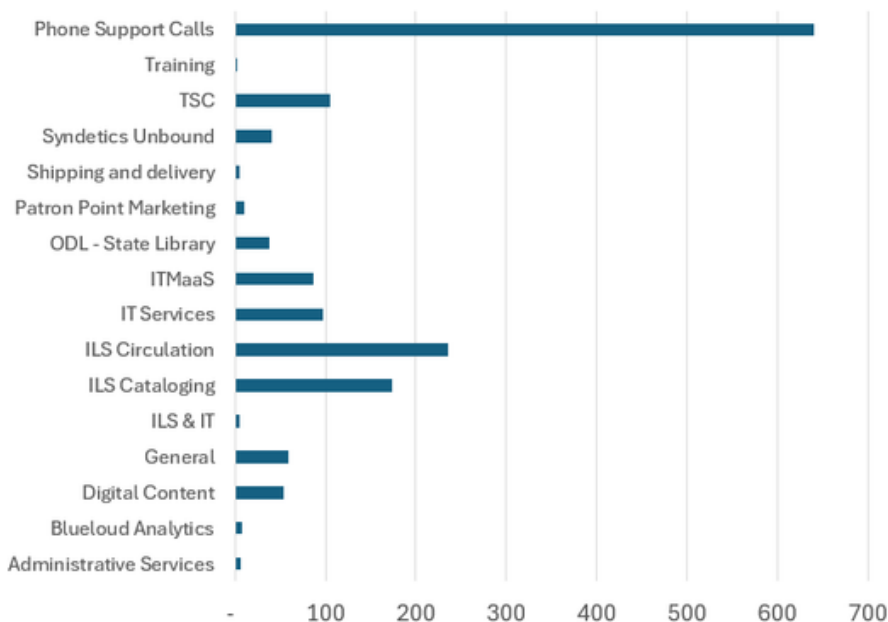
Most popular book title:

You Deserve to Know, by Aggie Blum Thompson (audiobook)

Curious about what’s being checked out? Take a look at the [real-time checkouts and holds](#).

SEO Service Center—June 2026

SEO Service Center Support Tickets and Calls for June 2026



Quick Takeaways:

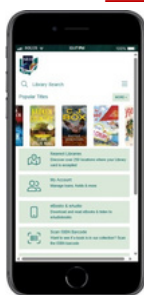
- Phone support calls (640) dominate overall volume.
- ILS work (Circulation + Cataloging 410) represents a major share of operational demand.
- IT Services + ITMaaS (87) and TSC (105) continue to be significant service drivers.

Key service highlights include:

- The SEO Team hosted three Library Service Platform vendor demos as a part of the RFP process.
- **Two library visits** - Claymont Public Library and Barnesville Public Library

For the past 30 days, the Consortium experienced significant activity:

- Over **1,085,251** items were circulated.
- **175,482** holds were created and **179,489** holds were filled.
- **8,902** new users were created.
- **420** interlibrary loan requests were initiated.
- **926** support tickets were created, with **14** relayed to the software vendor.



Mobile App Stats

	2025	2026	% Change
New Devices	2,147	1,876	-13%
Holds Placed	31,946	34,373	8%
App Launched	90,464	101,612	12%
Searches	92,344	92,651	0%

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- Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views - **963**
- Online Catalog Patron Tutorial views - **542**
- Technical Services Committee - **14**

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- Heavy use in Announcements and Newsletters being sent (**349,122 emails**)
- Medium use in Birthday/Anniversary campaigns (**3,216 emails**)
- Light use of Winback (**390 emails**) and Coming of Age (**1,512 emails**) campaigns



State Library of Ohio Awards Over 2.1 Million Dollars in Federal Grants

June 1, 2026: The State Library of Ohio Board recently awarded a combined total of \$2,137,403 in federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants for the Libraries Connect Ohio core set of databases known as Ohio Web Library, eighteen public libraries to hire Guiding Ohio Online technology trainers, and Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled to supplement state funding.



State Library of Ohio Board Honors Terri Fredericka For Service

June 4, 2026: The State Library of Ohio Board recently honored and recognized Theresa "Terri" Fredericka as she retires from her distinguished service on the State Library Board. During her tenure, she served with remarkable dedication and leadership, including as Vice-President of the Board. Her insight, advocacy, and collaborative spirit helped guide the State Library through a period of significant transition and renewal.



Jay Miley Promoted to Director of Consortial Services

June 8, 2026: The State Library of Ohio is pleased to announce the promotion of Jay Miley to Director of Consortial Services. In his new role, Jay will lead the State Library's transition to and administration of the SearchOhio consortium while continuing to oversee customer services and support for library management software for Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) consortium member libraries.



Important Update on State Library's Relocation

June 16, 2026: This week, furniture, office supplies, technology, and equipment for State Library staff offices are being relocated to our new space on the 5th floor of 35 East Chestnut Street in downtown Columbus. During this transition, staff continue to be fully available by phone and email without interruption. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work toward fully opening and operating our new location.