



STATE LIBRARY

2023 Annual Report

State Library of Ohio
Book Return



STATE LIBRARIAN REPORT

It was exciting to see the State Library of Ohio establish a new state of normalcy in 2023 as we continued the work of coming out of the pandemic. Awarding over 130 individual Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants to libraries of all types meant that the State Library of Ohio was able to help these libraries bring new, innovative programs or services to Ohioans. It was an honor to be the guest of 27 library visits and grand openings throughout the year. Ohio's libraries are recognized leaders and trailblazers in the field, and it was evident to me why we have that recognition from my interactions with the staff at those and other libraries.

It is because collaboration has been a cornerstone for library services that the State Library has been able to maintain and expand services to our patrons and our community. This cooperation with more partners included the distribution of the COSI Learning Lunchbox Kits to 205 libraries in 82 counties. In 2023, the Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO) partnership with INFOhio, OhioLINK, and OPLIN reached a 20-year milestone. Partially supported with LSTA funds, the renewal of the LCO databases will ensure high quality learning resources remain available to every Ohioan in the coming years.

We completed the biennial budget process with the first increase that the State Library has seen in more than a decade. We saw thousands of new patrons registering for library services from both the State Library and the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled. We have been able to increase both awareness and access of our collections and services, including the addition of over 50,000 new government documents, hundreds of historical documents to Ohio Memory, and a record-breaking nine million circulations through the Ohio Digital Library.

We had a successful site visit from our Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Program Officer, Madison Bolls. Our new LSTA Five-Year Plan (2023-2027) has the broad goals of educating Ohioans for success, building community capacity and



Wendy Knapp, State Librarian

engagement, and strengthening libraries. These objectives enhance our unique work in serving every type of library.

In reviewing our mission and vision statements, we revised both to be more inclusive and representative of all our constituencies. We have been and will continue to be a vital resource for other state agencies, libraries of all types, and Ohioans. As Ohio evolves and remakes itself a hub for technology, the work of the State Library will support this growth with increased awareness, wider access, literacy initiatives, and leading innovation.

2022 - 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN

Vision

The vision of the State Library of Ohio is a smarter Ohio where Ohioans of all ages access the necessary resources to be engaged residents, excel at their jobs, participate in the workforce, expand their knowledge, and pursue their passions and interests.

Mission

The State Library of Ohio inspires and supports literacy and lifelong learning for all Ohioans through access to information, strengthening of communities, and support of exceptional library services.

GOALS

RAISE AWARENESS

Position the State Library of Ohio to state government as the preferred channel for information.

- Increase communication to State of Ohio agencies and employees to improve understanding of library resources, services, and programming.
- Expand outreach efforts to inform state government of the State Library's available services and facilities through methods of engagement that mindfully prioritize inclusivity.
- Highlight how Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds impact communities by communicating the reporting data to government representatives.
- Ensure the State Library is meeting the needs of state government through regular assessment of its services and conversations with its stakeholders.

Promote the availability of State Library resources to all residents throughout Ohio.

- Promote digital resources, including the Ohio Digital Library, Ohio Memory, and online databases.
- Publicize access to books, movies, music, and other materials through State Library partnerships, while also mindfully including diverse perspectives.
- Inform residents and public libraries about the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program.
- Utilize established channels, such as the State Library of Ohio website, listservs, and social media accounts to raise awareness of our many valuable resources with our communities and investigate new opportunities to communicate with potential users who may have been systemically excluded in the past.
- Ensure the State Library is meeting the needs of all residents through regular assessment of its services, conversations with its stakeholders, and conscious efforts to reach historically marginalized populations.

Boost information sharing of the State Library's consulting services and professional resources to Ohio libraries.

- Focus on consulting services in updated marketing materials and information distributed at library-related conferences, library visits, and other professional networking events.
- Illustrate the benefits of the digitization hub at the SEO Service Center and digitization support from the State Library of Ohio.
- Promote the use of the State Library of Ohio meeting rooms and F. Ward Murrey Annex to library professionals for in-person meetings and events.
- Disseminate information to public libraries about the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program.
- Ensure the State Library is meeting the needs of all types of libraries through regular assessment of its services and conversations with its stakeholders.

WIDEN ACCESS

Remove barriers to provide easier access to the vast collections, special services, and relevant points of interest offered to state government agencies, employees, all Ohio residents, and libraries.

- Utilize the Innovate Ohio platform to provide immediate, seamless, and fully-integrated access to the State Library's various resources.
- Create trainings that inform users how to access available resources in the physical library and connect them to our digital collections and databases.
- Support digitization and digital preservation initiatives across Ohio through webinars and in-person training.
- Continue and expand partnerships with libraries to preserve and improve access to their histories through DPLA and other digitization efforts.
- Prioritize expansion of partnership with organizations and populations that may have been systemically excluded in the past. Further publicize the LSTA Grant partnership with the Ohio Preservation Council providing a dedicated funding initiative for conservation.

Facilitate expanded access to the Ohio Digital Library.

- Encourage partnerships between public libraries and schools to provide access for students and classrooms to the Ohio Digital Library's resources.
- Provide support and information to stakeholders for additional ways to access the Ohio Digital Library as needed.

LEAD INNOVATION

Utilize our highly-skilled staff's expertise and creativity to better connect our constituents to collections, Ohio's history, and what they need.

- Preserve and improve access to the past and present histories of state agencies via digitization and Ohio Memory.
- Encourage innovative use of LSTA funds via Ohio library grant applications.
- Consciously consider what services and programs the State Library of Ohio provides that have excluded certain populations in the past, and improve accessibility to all Ohio's residents, library professionals and state agencies/employees.

Promote innovative pathways and dynamic learning opportunities for discovery of the State Library's collections and resources.

- Provide relevant and affordable professional development resources for libraries and library staff, including educational support for library administrators to be effective community leaders.
- Investigate new technologies to further expand SEO Service Center's offerings for On-Demand Training.

Streamline processes and update services to optimize the State Library's assets and ensure relevance and fiscal responsibility.

- Consider workflow analysis and sustainability of current and potential programs for each department.
- Work toward becoming a more flexible and nimble organization that can adjust services and programs to best suit the needs of its users.

BOARD



Janet Carleton Board President Athens, OH Term Ends: 12/31/2024	Laurie Gemmill Arp Board Member Columbus, OH Term Ended: 12/31/2023	Drew Wichterman Board Member South Bloomfield, OH Term Ends: 12/31/2026	Jeff Winkle Board Member Van Buren, OH Term Ends: 12/31/2027	Terri Fredericka Board Vice-President Lakewood, OH Term Ends: 12/31/2025
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In 2023, the State Library Board...

Awarded \$2,382,840 in federal LSTA Grants* to fund projects, programs, and initiatives such as Libraries Connect Ohio, Northstar Digital Literacy, ILEAD Ohio, Services for the Blind and Print Disabled, Regional Library Systems, Guiding Ohio Online, and Competitive Grants focussing on Literacy, Outreach and Partnerships, and STEM/STEAM.

Approved updates to Customer Code of Conduct and Collection Development policies.

Reaffirmed the boundaries of the Burton Public Library and Geauga County Public Library, and redefined the boundaries of the Mercer County District Library.

Laurie Gemmill Arp was honored in December for nearly nine years of service on the State Library Board. In recognition of her service, Board President Janet Carleton presented a following retirement resolution on behalf of all the State Library board members and staff.



L to R: Terri Fredericka, Wendy Knapp, Laurie Gemmill Arp at Outreach Vehicles Showcase Event with Jon Simmons and April Eifler from Jackson City Library.



Janet Carleton at Ohio University Libraries during a library tour with Wendy Knapp and Evan Struble.



L to R: Unknown, Jeff Regensberger and Drew Wichterman in the State Library booth at 2024 OLC Conference Expo.



L to R: Jeff Winkle, State Library of Ohio board member; and Matt Bahnsen, Elyria Public Library at Outreach Vehicles Showcase Event.



L to R: Laurie Gemmill Arp, Terri Fredericka, and Janet Carleton at presentations of 2023 ILEAD Ohio participants.

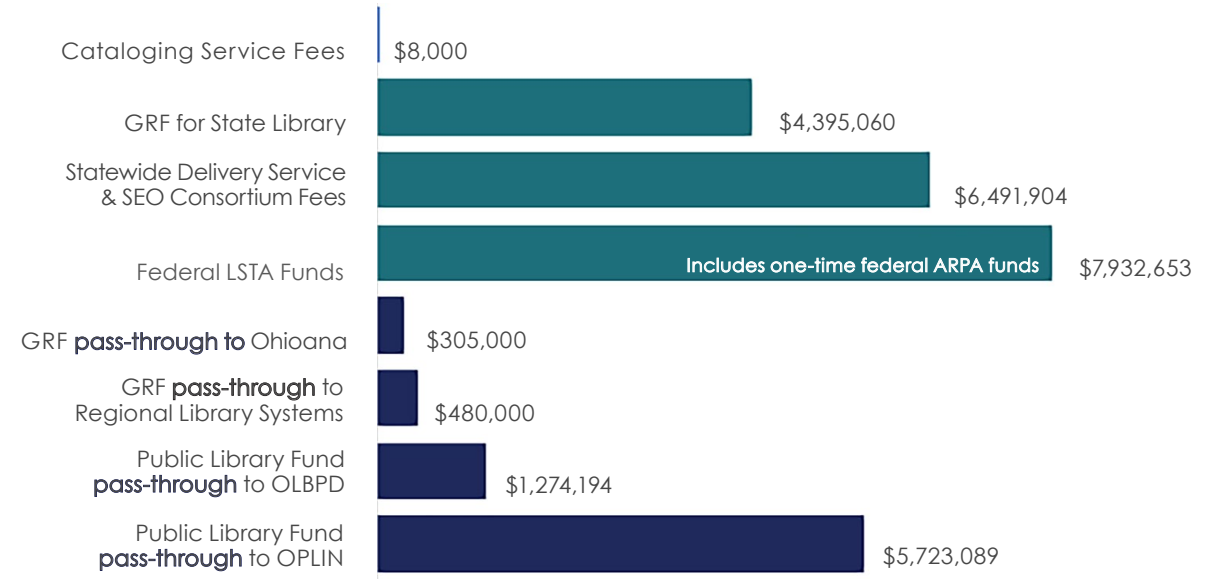


L to R: Janet Carleton and Laurie Gemmill Arp with board retirement resolution.

BUDGET

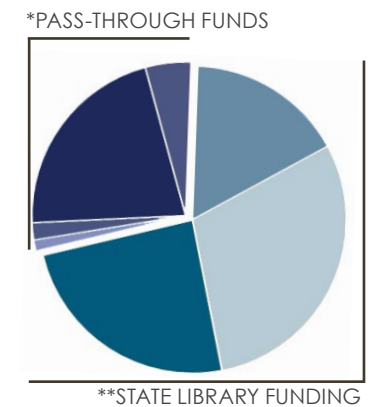
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FY23 INCOME ALLOTMENT SOURCES & PASS-THROUGH FUNDS



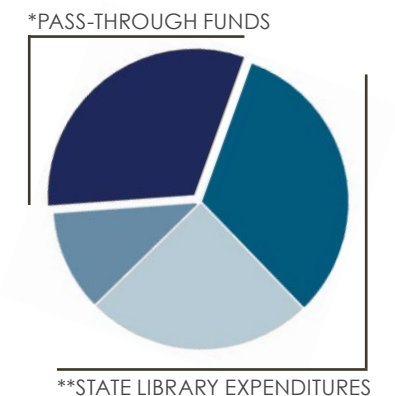
*PASS-THROUGH FUNDS	\$7,782,283
**STATE LIBRARY ALLOTTED FUNDS	\$18,827,617
TOTAL INCOME SOURCES	\$26,609,900

- GRF - State of Ohio General Revenue Fund
- LSTA - Library Services and Technology Act from U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Grants to States Program
- OLBPD - Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled
- OPLIN - Ohio Public Library Information Network
- RLS - Regional Library Systems
- SEO - Serving Every Ohioan



FY23 EXPENDITURES & PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

Operating	\$7,748,377
SEO Consortium & Statewide Delivery	\$5,976,351
Federal Grants Awarded	\$2,680,259
STATE LIBRARY	**\$16,404,987
PASS-THROUGH FUNDS	*\$7,601,046
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$24,006,033

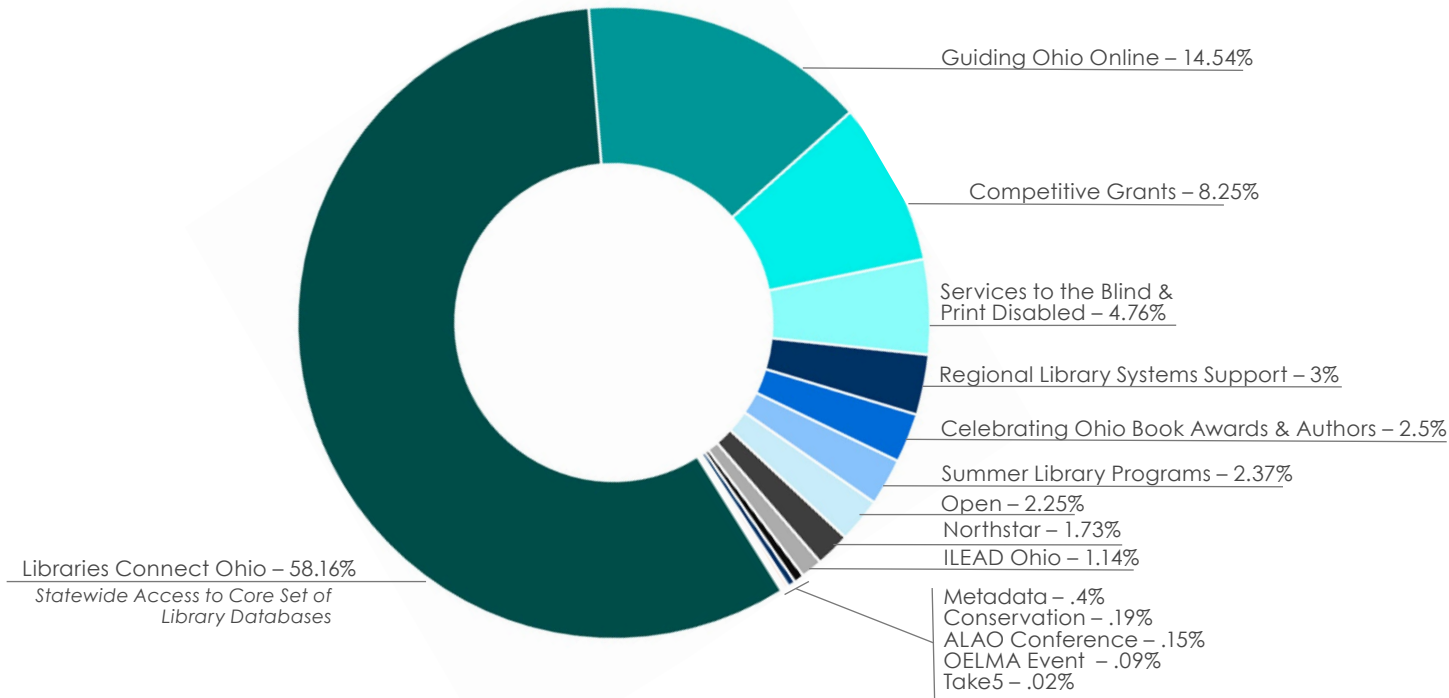


Note: Pass-through funds do not represent appropriations/allotments, total revenue, or total expenditures for OLBPD, OPLIN, and Ohioana

FEDERAL LSTA GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

The State Library of Ohio administers the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program, funded through the independent federal agency Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). All types of libraries may apply for LSTA grants. In 2023, three types of LSTA grants were awarded: Special, Open, and Competitive. The LSTA grant program operates within the federal fiscal year which is October 1 - September 30. The following list includes LSTA grants awarded and started in calendar year 2023.



COMPETITIVE

Literacy	
MidPointe Library System	\$50,000
Outreach & Partnerships	
Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County	\$43,260
North Canton Public Library	\$8,331
Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County	\$50,000
Selover Public Library	\$11,207
STEM/STEAM	
Ashland University Archer Library	\$30,000
Kingsville Public Library	\$12,767
Van Wert Middle School	\$12,168

OPEN

Alexandria Public Library	\$1,700
America's Packard Museum	\$4,900
Ashtabula County District Library	\$4,700
Eastern Local School District	\$4,999
Heights Library (CHUHPL)	\$3,300
Hudson Library and Historical Society	\$4,999
Lakeview High School Library	\$4,697
Morley Library	\$4,999
NEO-RLS	\$4,999
Ohioana	\$4,999
Perry Local Schools (Perry High School)	\$4,999
Pickaway County Public Library	\$4,999
Tiffin University	\$4,978

SPECIAL

Libraries Connect Ohio Statewide Core Online Databases	
**The Ohio State University	\$1,534,922
Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled	
Cleveland Public Library	\$125,683
Regional Library System Support	\$79,984
Northstar	
OPLIN	\$45,600
ILEAD – Ohio	
OhioNet	\$30,000
Individual Teams	\$12,000
ALAO Conference	\$3,856
OELMA CE Event	\$2,325
Take 5: An Ohio Youth Services Day of Dialog	\$575

METADATA

Dayton Metro Library	\$4,999
Ohio University	\$4,999

CONSERVATION

Miami University	\$4,999
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GUIDING OHIO ONLINE

Ada Public Library	\$24,960
Cardington-Lincoln Public Library	\$23,367
Columbiana Public Library	\$13,612
Cuyahoga Falls Library	\$12,480
Dorcas Carey Public Library	\$5,625
Garnet A. Wilson Public Library	\$10,351
Kingsville Public Library	\$22,200
Licking County Library	\$25,110
Logan-Hocking County District Library	\$19,277
Madison Public Library	\$21,835
Mechanicsburg Public Library	\$29,066
Meigs County District Public Library	\$21,600
Newton Falls Public Library	\$8,424
North Canton Public Library	\$27,345
Pickerington Public Library	\$17,818
Putnam County District Library	\$27,426
Salem Public Library	\$11,232
St. Clairsville Public Library	\$24,570
Troy-Miami County Public Library	\$18,720
The Wagnalls Memorial Library	\$9,592
Way Public Library	\$9,230

CELEBRATING OHIO BOOK AWARDS & AUTHORS

Aultman College	\$1,300
Barnesville Exempted Village School District	\$2,000
Bay Village City Schools	\$899
Brown Memorial Library	\$939
Bucyrus Public Library	\$1,634
Clyde High School	\$1,409
Cuyahoga Falls Library	\$2,000
Defiance Elementary School Library	\$2,000
Dorcas Carey Public Library	\$1,476
Eastern Local School District Library	\$2,000
Eastern Middle School	\$1,110
Elida Local Schools	\$2,000
Fort Loramie Local Schools	\$1,160
Green Springs Elementary School	\$1,361
Huron County Community Library Greenwich and North Fairfield Branches	\$1,400
Kent State University Library Kent Campus	\$2,000
Lake Geauga Computer Association	\$2,000
Lexington Western Elementary Library	\$350
Madison Comprehensive High School	\$845
Marlington Middle School	\$1,620
Mechanicsburg Public Library	\$1,159
Monroe County District Library	\$2,000
Mount Gilead Exempted Village Schools	\$2,000
Mt Sterling Public Library	\$275
New Knoxville Local School	\$1,000
Notre Dame College	\$2,000
Osnaburg Local School District	\$2,000
Perry Cook Memorial Public Library	\$918
Perry Local School District	\$2,000
Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County	\$1,035
Selover Public Library	\$1,030
Slate Hill Elementary	\$2,000
Southern State Community College	\$1,030
St Matthew School	\$1,982
St Paris Public Library	\$1,994
St Rose Catholic School	\$2,000
The University of Akron	\$1,400

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

Adams County Public Library	\$1,350
Andover Public Library	\$1,500
Archbold Community Library	\$578
Bexley Public Library	\$1,275
Brown Memorial Library	\$1,214
Cardington-Lincoln Public Library	\$1,388
Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library	\$1,488
Clermont County Public Library	\$1,500
Columbiana Public Library	\$450
Columbus Metropolitan Library	\$2,000
Community Library (Sunbury)	\$1,320
Coshocton Public Library	\$263
Dayton Metro Library	\$2,000
Delphos Public Library	\$337
Dorcas Carey Public Library	\$1,523
Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library	\$2,000
Elida Local Schools	\$1,226
Fort Loramie Local Schools	\$1,245
Girard Free Library	\$1,499
Grafton-Midview Public Library	\$869
Herrick Memorial Library	\$878
Jackson City Library	\$1,875
Kingsville Public Library	\$1,501
Kinsman Free Public Library	\$1,946
Lakewood Public Library	\$1,373
Lepper Library Association	\$1,410
Logan County Libraries	\$1,505
Louisville Public Library	\$1,633
Madison Public Library	\$1,482
Mechanicsburg Public Library	\$1,500
Meigs County District Public Library	\$590
Mentor Public Library	\$999
Milton-Union Public Library	\$415
Muskingum County Library System	\$1,193
New London Public Library	\$1,493
Perry Cook Memorial Public Library	\$1,789
Pfeiffer Library/Tiffin University	\$1,499
Pickerington Public Library- Sycamore Plaza	\$439
Plain City Public Library	\$1,996
Puskarich Public Library	\$750
Selover Public Library	\$1,969
Seneca East Public Library	\$731
St. Marys Community Public Library	\$1,496
St. Paris Public Library	\$1,503
The Harris-Elmore Public Library	\$1,024
Tipp City Public Library	\$1,500
Tuscarawas County Public Library	\$476
Wagnalls Memorial Library	\$600
Wellsville Carnegie Public Library	\$816
Wickliffe Public Library	\$1,200

CELEBRATING OHIO BOOK AWARDS & AUTHORS continued

Theodore Roosevelt High School Library	\$1,987
Tuscarawas County Public Library System	\$1,992
University of Findlay	\$1,385
Ursuline College Ralph M Besse Library	\$1,997
Williams County Public Library	\$2,000
Wittenberg University Thomas Library	\$1,250

STATE LIBRARIAN

In 2023, State Librarian Wendy Knapp...



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LIBRARY VISITS & GRAND OPENINGS



COMPLETED IMLS FIVE-YEAR PLAN

PARTICIPATED IN

12



MEETINGS, EVENTS, & PRESENTATIONS

Collaborated with **Ohio Library Council** and the **Ohio Center of Science and Industry (COSI)** to distribute 205 COSI Lunchbox Science Kits for use by public libraries.

Participated in **OPLIN** meetings and **OhioLINK** meetings and events.

Attended **Ohio Digital Network (ODN)** executive committee meetings.

Met with **federal and state legislators** to discuss Ohio libraries and State Library funding.

Partnered with **Ohioana Library** for their annual Book Festival including an LSTA grant award, presentation of Choose To Read Ohio awards, and working as a volunteer at the event.

Led state biennial budget process and testified before legislative finance committees which resulted in the first increase that the State Library has seen in more than a decade.

Participated in **Regional Library Systems** meetings & events.

Updated **State Library Strategic Plan** to be more inclusive and representative of all Ohioans.

Facilitated technology improvements for hybrid events in State Library meeting rooms.

Was successful in efforts for building owner to install a new HVAC unit to alleviate extreme temperatures in building for visitors and staff.

Improved State Library staff preparedness with Civilian Response to Active Shooter (CRASE) staff trainings.

Hosted a successful **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** Senior Program Officer site visit.

Served as board member of **Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL)** and participated in the meetings and events.

Was an active member of **Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA)** attending fourteen meetings and events.

Was instrumental in the State Library of Ohio becoming a member of the **Collaborative Institute for Rural Communities and Librarianship (CIRCL)** and participant in State Libraries and AI Technology Working Group.



Wendy Knapp giving testimony before House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education on February 15, 2023



Outreach Vehicle Showcase event at the State Library on May 18, 2023. L to R: Jon Simmons and April Eifler from Jackson City Library; Wendy Knapp, State Library of Ohio; and Roger Donaldson, Jackson City Library at Touch a Truck event on May 18, 2023, at the State Library



IMLS reception for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service at the White House on July 17, 2023. L to R: State Librarian Wendy Knapp and Aya A. Khalil, Author & Journalist; TLCPL's Nancy Eames and Executive Director/Fiscal Officer Jason Kucsma, OLC Executive Director Michelle Francis, and TLCPL's Margaret M. McInnis



State Library vendor booth at Ohio Library Council (OLC) Convention and Expo in Cincinnati Ohio, September 27 to 29, 2023. L to R: Jeff Regensburger and Wendy Knapp



Library visit to Cleveland Public Library on November 27, 2023. L to R: Felton Thomas, Jr., CLP Executive Director, CEO; Wendy Knapp, State Librarian; Stephanie A. Jansky, CPL Director of Board & Executive Operations; John Skritic, CPL Chief of Special Projects and Collections; and CPL Tana Kung Peckham Chief Strategy Officer



Welcome sign at Kingsville Public Library



Wendy Knapp welcoming attendees to the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program in-person training session for libraries at the State Library on Tuesday, October 24, 2023

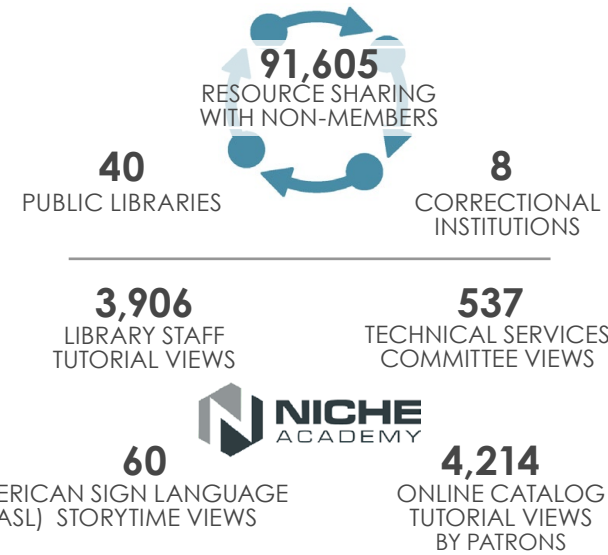
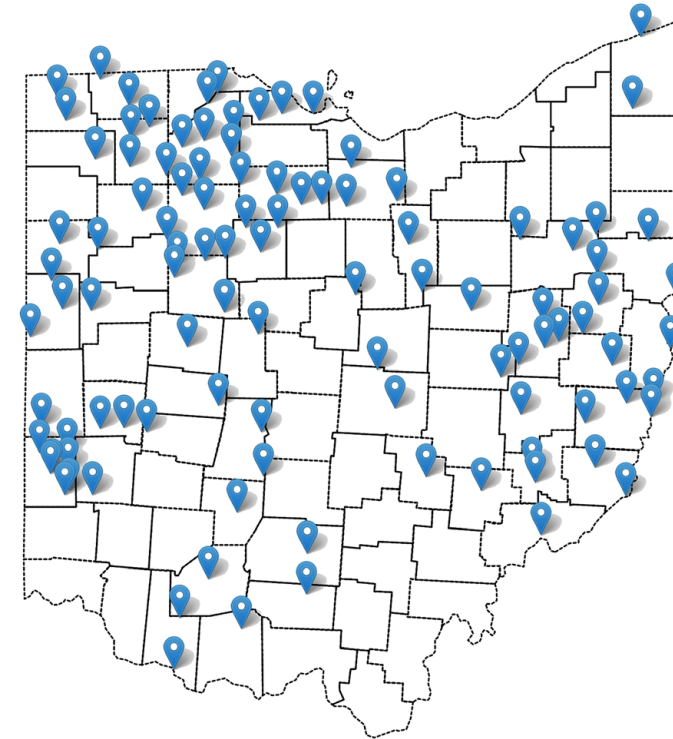


Library visit to Stark County District Library Sippo Branch on August 31, 2023. L to R: Wendy Knapp, Mariana DiGiacomo, Mary Ellen Icaza, Jen Walsh and Megan Del Corso

SEO Service Center

SERVING EVERY OHIOAN

A branch of the State Library of Ohio located in Caldwell, Ohio



2023 SEO SERVICE CENTER DELIVERABLES

- Launched Patron Point Community Engagement platform for consortium member libraries
- A new Palo Alto Security Firewall was implemented for Client Access.
- Security Lockdown of all Vendor access to SIP Services
- OPLIN provided Mask Service, implemented for greater protection of SIP Services
- Enterprise Search and Discovery Catalog upgraded to version 5.2.1.2
- Reviewed, combined, and implemented new features in BLUEcloud Analytics reports
- SEO Libraries App migrated from SirsiDynix to SOLUS for platform hosting and continued service development
- Hosted the SEOHUG users' group virtual meeting for consortium members libraries
- Hosted a virtual meeting for member library directors with 75 attendees.

John Stewart, Director of Operations and Technology, leads the SEO Service Center and manages eleven staff members.

SUPPORTS A CONSORTIUM OF

98

LIBRARY SYSTEMS
282 Service Point Locations

COMBINED TOTALS OF CONSORTIUM MEMBERS



754,329 REGISTERED CARD HOLDERS



7,931,182 CIRCULATING PHYSICAL/NON-DIGITAL MATERIALS



12,520,740 TOTAL CIRCULATION/CHECKOUTS OF PHYSICAL/NON-DIGITAL MATERIALS

2,359,308 OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY CHECKOUTS*

1,108,404 E-BOOK** CHECKOUTS BY ADULTS



205,871 E-BOOK** CHECKOUTS BY JUVENILES



907,586 AUDIO CHECKOUTS



5,244 OCLC FILLED INTERLIBRARY LOANS



15,016 NEW REGISTERED ELECTRONIC RESOURCES CARDS

*SEO consortium digital checkouts are included in the Ohio Digital Library totals on page 16.
**E-book checkouts include digital magazines

In May, the State Library Board approved a \$1,534,922 federal IMLS LSTA grant for one year to Libraries Connect Ohio—a partnership of library networks that work together to provide all Ohioans access to a core collection of subscription-based digital information resources. This core collection of library resources is available to all Ohioans. Known as the **Ohio Web Library**, the collection includes full-text digital magazines and journals; general reference resources such as encyclopedias, almanacs, business data and directories, statistical information and resources for skills building, and personal development; humanities, arts, and science resources; and records, directories, photos, and more for genealogy research.

OhioLINK (Ohio Library and Information Network), OPLIN (Ohio Public Library Information Network), and INFOhio (Information Network for Ohio Schools), and

the State Library of Ohio formed Libraries Connect Ohio in 2003 as an initiative to define and deliver a statewide digital information collection.

The 20 year partnership exemplifies the value of collaboration. Libraries Connect Ohio improves the buying power and breadth and scope of subscription-based digital information resources available to all Ohio residents regardless of where they live or go to school. The savings affords libraries and library networks the ability to build on the core collection in Ohio Web Library by purchasing additional resources to meet the needs of their patrons.

In addition to the over \$1.5 million in federal funds awarded by the State Library, the three LCO library networks—INFOhio, OhioLINK, and OPLIN—provide \$2.5 million in state funds each year from their current budgets.

Ohioans access the LCO core collection of subscription-based digital information resources through Ohio Web Library (hosted by OPLIN), INFOhio's website, OhioLINK's website, and through libraries' websites.

The Ohio State University is the fiscal agent for Libraries Connect Ohio. In addition to funding support, LCO partners help raise awareness through promotion and training, and provide access to their associated libraries. OPLIN hosts the Ohio Web Library. The State Library provides access to Ohio residents and state employees on its website. OhioLINK provides access to academic library members, and INFOhio enhances access to K-12 schools on their websites. LCO partners also assist libraries in placing direct links to the databases on their websites.

Usage Statistics of Statewide Core Collection of Databases
Organized by Libraries Connect Ohio Users' Access

	INFOhio	OPLIN	OhioLINK	TOTAL
ChiltonLibrary				
Item Requests:	3,929	33,971	841	38,741
CultureGrams (Jun 2023 - Sept 2023)				
Item Requests:	669,281	47,732	13,994	731,007
EBSCO core package				
Item Requests:	1,342,383	355,552	716,398	2,414,333
Gale in Context: Elementary (Oct 2022 – Jun 2023)				
Item Requests:	58,216	2,403	1,131	61,750
Oxford Research Encyclopedia				
Item Requests:	891	1,371	28,453	30,715
Transparent Language Online (Oct 2022 – Jun 2023)				
Item Requests:	3,455	4,672	1,132	9,259
Very Short Introductions				
Item Requests:	36,915	4,542	36,087	77,544
World Book Online				
Item Requests:	7,456,698	131,696	11,982	7,600,376

Date range is January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 unless otherwise noted. State Library patrons with resident cards access the core set of databases through OPLIN and state employees typically access the databases via OhioLINK.

EBSCO CORE PACKAGE

Academic Search Premier—Thousands of scholarly journals

Alt Health Watch—Articles on complementary, holistic and integrated approaches to health care and wellness

Biography Reference Bank—Information on more than 335,000 people from throughout history and around the world

Business Source Premier—Over 2000 journals covering a variety of business disciplines

Computer Source—Nearly 300 journals and magazines covering latest information and current trends in technology

Consumer Health Complete—Medical, health-related and drug reference books, articles on health and fitness, and sources for alternative health information

ERIC (Education Resource Information Center)—Journal articles, research reports, curriculum and teaching guides, conference papers, dissertations and theses, and books dating back to 1966

Explora—Supports both student research and classroom instruction with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality

Health Source: Consumer Edition—Nearly 80 health magazines

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition—Hundreds of scholarly journals on many medical disciplines. Includes AHFS Consumer Medication Information, which covers 1,300 generic drug patient education sheets with more than 4,700 brand names

Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center—"How-to" instructions and creative ideas for hobby enthusiast

Home Improvement Reference Center—"How-to" information covering a variety of home improvement and repair projects

Literary Reference Center—Thousands of synopses, critical essays, book reviews, literary journals and author biographies, plus full-text classic novels, short stories, and poems

MAS Ultra: School Edition—Popular high school magazines and full-text biographies, primary source documents, reference books, and an image collection of more than 2 million photos, maps, flags, and color PDFs

MasterFILE Premier—General interest magazines dating as far back as 1975, reference books, images, and primary source documents

MEDLINE—Authoritative medical information on medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, pre-clinical sciences, and more

Middle Search Plus—174 popular, middle school magazines, thousands of biographies and historical essays, and images

Newspaper Source—United States, regional, and international newspapers, and television & radio news transcripts

Points of View Reference Center—Provides students with a series of controversial essays that present multiple sides of a current issue. Essays provide questions and materials for further thought and study and are accompanied by thousands of supporting articles from the world's top political and societal publications.

Primary Search— eBook titles covering a broad range of general reference subjects for primary school students. Topics include social studies, history, language arts, geography, culture, math, and science

Professional Development Collection—A highly specialized collection of nearly 500 high quality education journals

Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection—Over 300 journals concerning topics in emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational & experimental methods

Regional Business News Plus—Coverage of more than 1300 regional business publications from all metropolitan and rural areas within the United States

Religion & Philosophy Collection—Hundreds of full-text journals and magazines covering many religious and philosophical topics, including world religions, religious history, political philosophy and philosophy of language

Science Reference Center— Nearly 1,330 science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, etc. Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science & society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology, and wildlife

Small Business Source—Magazines and reports, sample business plans, U.S. tax forms, videos, and reference books

Sociological Collection—Hundreds of journals on broad range of subjects relevant to sociology and its related disciplines including social behavior, human tendencies, interaction, relationships, community development, social and cultural structure, and more

TOPICsearch—A vast collection of magazines, biographies, public opinion polls, book reviews, pamphlets, international newspapers, and government information

Vocational & Career Collection—Nearly 340 trade and industry-related publications.

GALE

ChiltonLibrary—Continuously updated resource provides step-by-step repair procedures, troubleshooting guides, diagnostic trouble codes, photos, illustrations, diagrams, and multimedia (videos and animations) to simplify even the most complicated tasks

Gale In Context: Elementary (formerly Kids Infobits—Curriculum-related charts and graphics, videos, books, magazines, and news on such topics as Animals, Arts, Geography, Health, Literature, People, Social Studies, and Technology

PROQUEST

CultureGrams—Local perspectives on more than 200 countries and territories, detailing daily life and culture, including history, customs, and lifestyles

OXFORD

Oxford Research Encyclopedias—Encyclopedia articles from subject-based encyclopedias covering climate science, communications, criminology, economics and finance, education, environmental science, global public health, history, international studies, linguistics, literature, planetary science, politics, psychology, social work, and more

Very Short Introductions—Concise introductions to particular subjects, intended for a general audience but written by experts

TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE

Transparent Language Online—Supplemental vocabulary, extensive grammar resources, and mobile apps with over 100 languages, including English, for speakers of over 26 languages

WORLD BOOK

Advanced—Online encyclopedia includes eBooks, videos, activities, primary sources, read-aloud, and translation features

aulaPlaneta—Upper-level Spanish language database intended for high school students through adult learners

Early World of Learning—Three interactive learning environments for preschoolers and children in early grades

World Book Kids—Thousands of articles, images and illustrations, interactive games, hands on activities, definitions, and an atlas for general reference

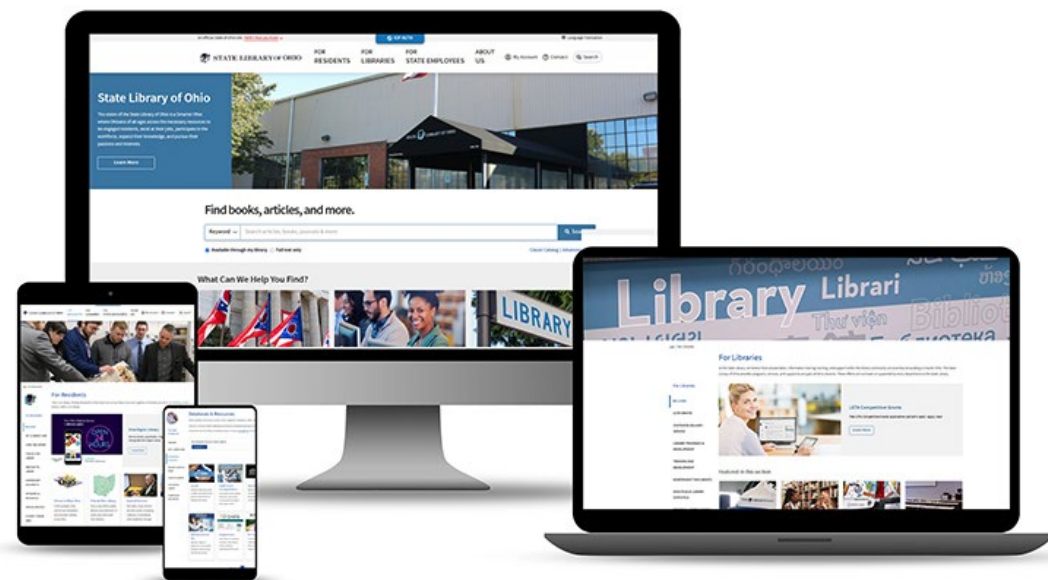
World Book Student—Includes the World Book Encyclopedia, the World Book Dictionary, and the World Book Atlas with more than 40,000 encyclopedia and reference articles, links to websites, images and illustrations, interactive games, and hands on activities

World Book Timelines—400 interactive timelines to discover and map events

L'Encyclopédie Decouverte—French-language encyclopedia for French speakers and French language learners that is integrated with World Book Kids for parallel English-language content

Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos—Spanish-language encyclopedia for Spanish speakers and Spanish language learners that is integrated with World Book Kids for parallel English-language content

COLLABORATION FOR INTEGRATED CUSTOMER EXPERIENCES



New Website

In September the State Library launched a new website on the InnovateOhio Platform (IOP). A web development team with staff from the Information Systems & Technology and Marketing & Communications departments and State Librarian's office worked together to perform a content analysis of the previous website and develop navigation for the new website featuring distinct paths for Ohio Residents, Libraries, and State of Ohio employees.

The team also worked with staff throughout the agency to select existing content, modify as needed to ensure relevance and consistency, and migrate

to easily discoverable locations on the new website. The team utilized UX design within the IOP core template, and developed new strategies to prioritize user experience and promote accessibility.

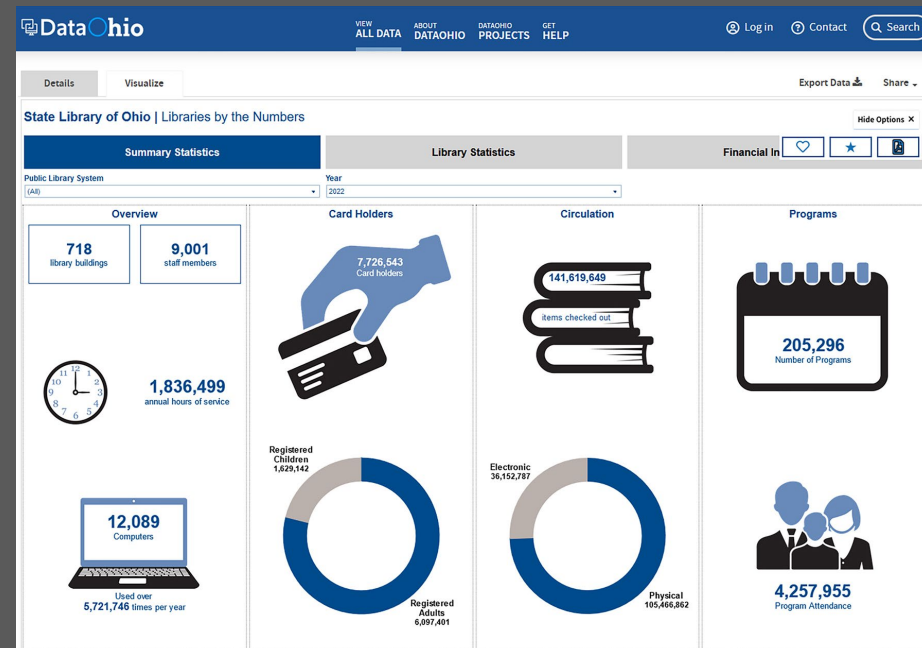
Migrating the website to the IOP was part of an ongoing collaborative effort with InnovateOhio to support Governor DeWine's initiative to create an integrated customer experience on one platform across all state agencies, boards, and commissions.

Libraries By the Numbers

A new **Libraries By the Numbers** was created in partnership with the DataOhio Portal and launched in 2023. This iteration organizes Ohio public library survey data into three tabs: Summary Statistics, Library Statistics, and Financial Information. Information is displayed as interactive maps, infographics, and tables. For easy comparisons, each tab can be filtered by one or more library systems.

Infographics, tables, and downloadable data may be used by public library systems to demonstrate their impact within their communities and how Ohio libraries make our state stronger.

The new and improved Libraries by the Numbers joins our previously published DataOhio dashboards, Ohio Public Libraries and Ohio Public Libraries: Director List.



data.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/data/view/ohio-public-libraries-by-the-numbers

COLLABORATION FOR SHARING RESOURCES

COSI Lunchbox Science Kits

The State Library partnered with the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) and the Ohio Library Council (OLC) to distribute water themed COSI Learning Lunchbox science kits to Ohio public libraries. Our efforts followed the successful distribution of COSI Lunchbox science kits by OLC the previous year.

Once the science kits were available and in collaboration with OLC, we began our request and distribution process this past fall.

205 Ohio public libraries representing **82** counties requested the kits.

A total of **19,094** science kits were distributed by staff from the State Library's primary location and from Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Service Center, our branch location in Caldwell.

1,909 kits were delivered in areas local to Columbus and Caldwell and **17,185** kits were delivered to seven distribution sites.

Distribution sites:

- Auglaize County Public District Library
- Mansfield/Richland County Library
- Medina County District Library (Brunswick Branch)
- Troy-Miami County Public Library
- Salem Township Public Library
- Warren-Trumbull County Public Library
- Wood County District Library



Michael Postlethwait, Application and Integrations Specialist at SEO, helps organize the kits for delivery.



Contents of Water themed COSI Learning Lunchbox kits



Kits being loaded in Greenville Public Library van at Troy-Miami County Public Library

Statewide Delivery System

The State Library manages the Statewide Delivery System service which is part of a lending network connecting Ohio's participating public and academic libraries.

PARTICIPATING LIBRARIES
Across Ohio in 2023

332
State Library /
SEO Libraries

117
OhioLINK
Libraries

AVERAGE TIME TO
DELIVER AN ITEM



3 to 5

BUSINESS DAYS

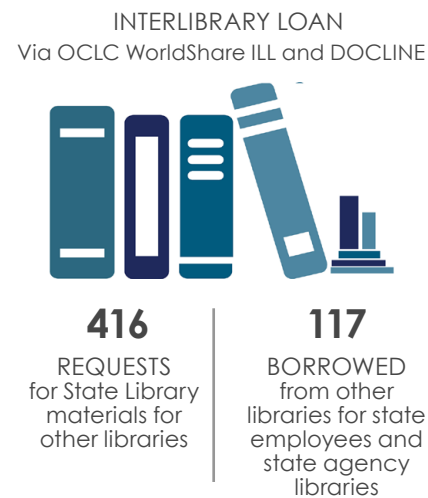
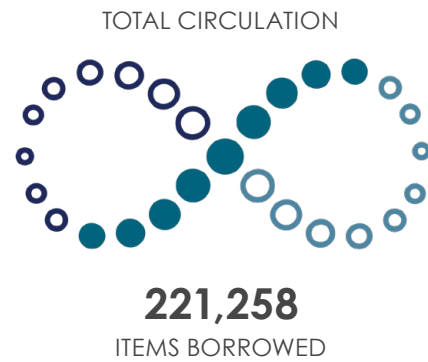
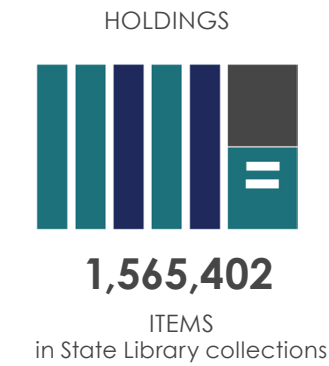
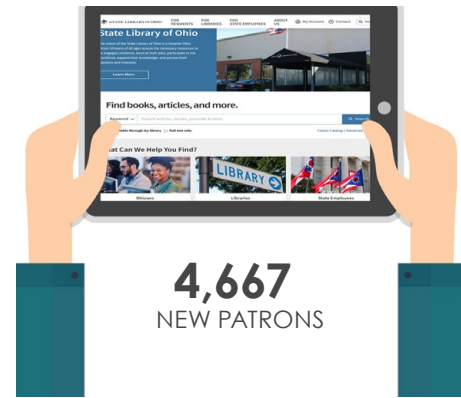


Over **6 million** books moved through the Statewide Delivery System in 2023.



CIRCULATION & SPECIAL SERVICES

Since 1895, the State Library of Ohio has provided public access to its specialized collections of research books, periodicals, and journals. The State Library assists local libraries by filling requests for materials through the interlibrary loan network. Circulation & Special Services work closely with Research & Catalog Services on managing collections.



Tracy Grimm, Manager, Circulation and Special Services, leads the department and supervises five staff members.

CIRCULATION & SPECIAL SERVICES

SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

The State Library of Ohio is the machine lending agency for the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled. The State Library loans equipment to play the recorded books and magazines obtained from the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled in Cleveland.



Talking Book Program customers wrote to us...

"I want to thank everyone responsible for making this equipment accessible to elders and others who can still enjoy their books! It is a wonderful benefit."

"Thank you for everything you do, this service has given me my books back and has truly enriched my life. You have been so kind and patient, thank you so very much."

"Thank you for the books and player that you sent my father. He enjoys listening to the books immensely! It is one of his major enjoyments in life since his vision loss."



RAISING AWARENESS TO BROADEN ACCESS

The State Library and the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (OLBPD) hosted an in-person training session at the State Library on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, about the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program. Wendy Knapp, State Librarian, welcomed the group in the morning. Tracy Grimm, Manager, Circulation & Special Services, and Will Reed, Director, OLBPD, provided information and updates about the program and future programming plans for the National Library Service (NLS).



Front of Room L to R: Will Reed and Tracy Grimm

An overview of the role of sublending agencies was discussed and included a presentation from Allison Howell of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library. The event was attended by 48 participants from libraries across Ohio. Evan Struble, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, presented to the group about services his department provides to libraries. Special guests for the program included a presentation from Jenna Wright of Pilot Dogs, an organization located in Columbus, Ohio. Pilot Dogs' mission is to provide expertly trained guide dogs, free of charge, to those in need.

Tracy Grimm presented information about the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program to the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio annual statewide convention on November 18, 2023. Topics presented included the new NLS eReader, OLBPD Bookshare account, NLS Braille on Demand Program, and plans for the new digital talking book player, the DA2.



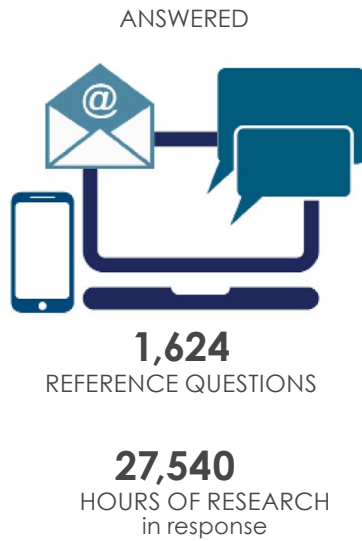
Left: Tracy Grimm

The State Library also participated as a vendor at the convention to promote the service, provide giveaways, and answer questions about the program.

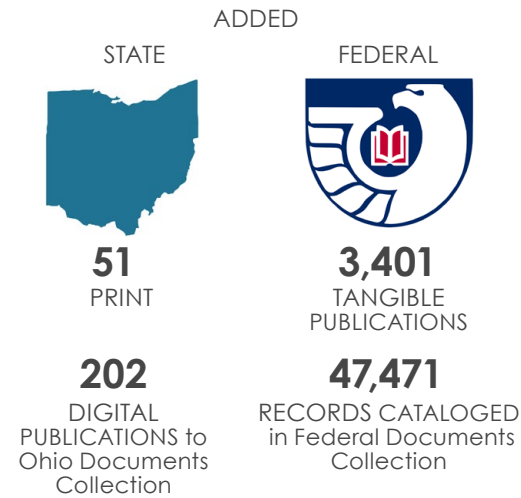
RESEARCH & CATALOG SERVICES

The Research & Catalog Services Department selects and manages library collections such as print and digital books and magazines, and electronic resources. The staff primarily assists state employees with their research and information needs by answering reference questions, assisting with research strategies, and providing outreach and training. Ohio residents are also served, largely through the State Library of Ohio's status as Ohio's Federal Regional Depository Library. As a Federal Regional Depository Library, all Ohio residents have permanent access to state and federal documents. The Catalog Services Department ensures that physical and digital content is ready and available for patrons to access.

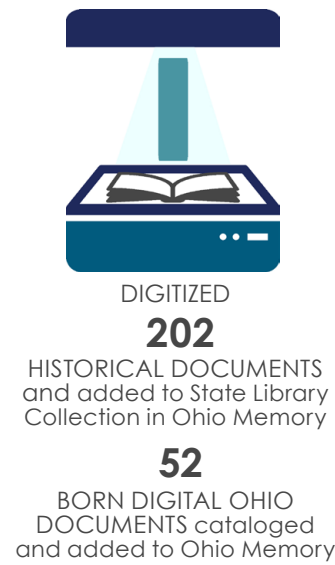
RESEARCH SERVICES



GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS



DIGITIZATION



Collaboration & Information Sharing
Ryan Burley, Research and Catalog Services Manager, joined the State Library staff in August. He visited the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Library and Ohio Department of Natural Resources: Ohio Geological Survey Library in 2023.

The State Library hosted a State Agency Libraries meeting which brought together state agency library staff from 8 agencies: Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Ohio History Connection, Ohio Legislative Service Commission, Ohio Public Defender's Office, Ohioana Library Association, Supreme Court of Ohio, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Medical Information
Research and Catalog Services Librarians earned the Consumer Health Information Specialist certification from the Medical Library Association and provided trustworthy consumer health information to patrons.

Federal Depository Library Program
The State Library became Preservation Steward for many Federal Documents which means we will preserve print copies of these titles for the GPO.

The Government Documents Librarian was co-moderator of the REGIL (Regional Government Information Librarians) meeting at Federal Depository Library Program conference.

Raising Awareness of Special Collections
Staff researched culturally relevant and historical themes, selected items in our collections to feature, and wrote 13 Ohio Memory Blog posts.

Special Projects & Collaborations
The State Library collaborated with The Supreme Court of Ohio on a project to digitize their "Roll of Attorneys" which contains the signatures and cities of residence for all attorneys who passed the Ohio Bar Exam from 1880 through the 1950s.

Research & Catalog Services also collaborated with the Ohio Office of Budget and Management to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary. Reference Librarians researched the creation of their department and provided them with digital versions of materials such as old publications, fliers, and other State documents which they are going to use to create promotional materials to celebrate their anniversary.

Research and Catalog Services patrons wrote to us...

"I had some complicated pdf/word editing I needed to do and wasn't expecting help even though I did ask for it. Your staff member was very helpful, and I was genuinely impressed with his customer service. I see it so rarely these days that I feel it needs to be mentioned." [Resident]

"Thank you for your great service. Just earlier today, I spoke with an ODJFS colleague about the value and services from our State Library." [Office of Information Services employee]

"Thanks for sharing and thinking of Commerce. You ROCK! I will definitely share this information with our DEI Council and members of our Book Club. [Ohio Department of Commerce]

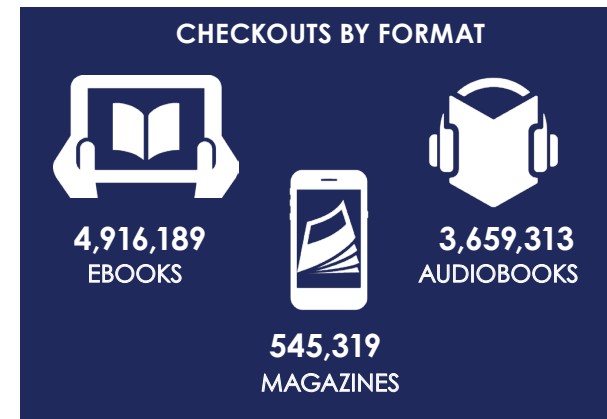
"Above and beyond. This is all so very helpful. (. . .) I intend to spend time carefully following the links you sent. You did a fabulous job of describing the oddities of classification." [Resident]

Ryan Burley, Manager, Services and Research & Catalog Services, leads the department and oversees five professional librarians.

THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

The Ohio Digital Library is a consortium of libraries across the state, working together to provide a wide range of digital content such as ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines. Residents of Ohio access all of this right from their personal devices such as smartphones, tablets, e-readers, or computers.

Administered by the State Library of Ohio, the Ohio Digital Library is open to public libraries across the state. Participation in this consortium enables libraries to expand their services, improve the experiences of their patrons, and stay up-to-date with the latest digital library offerings.



2023 was another record setting year for the Ohio Digital Library

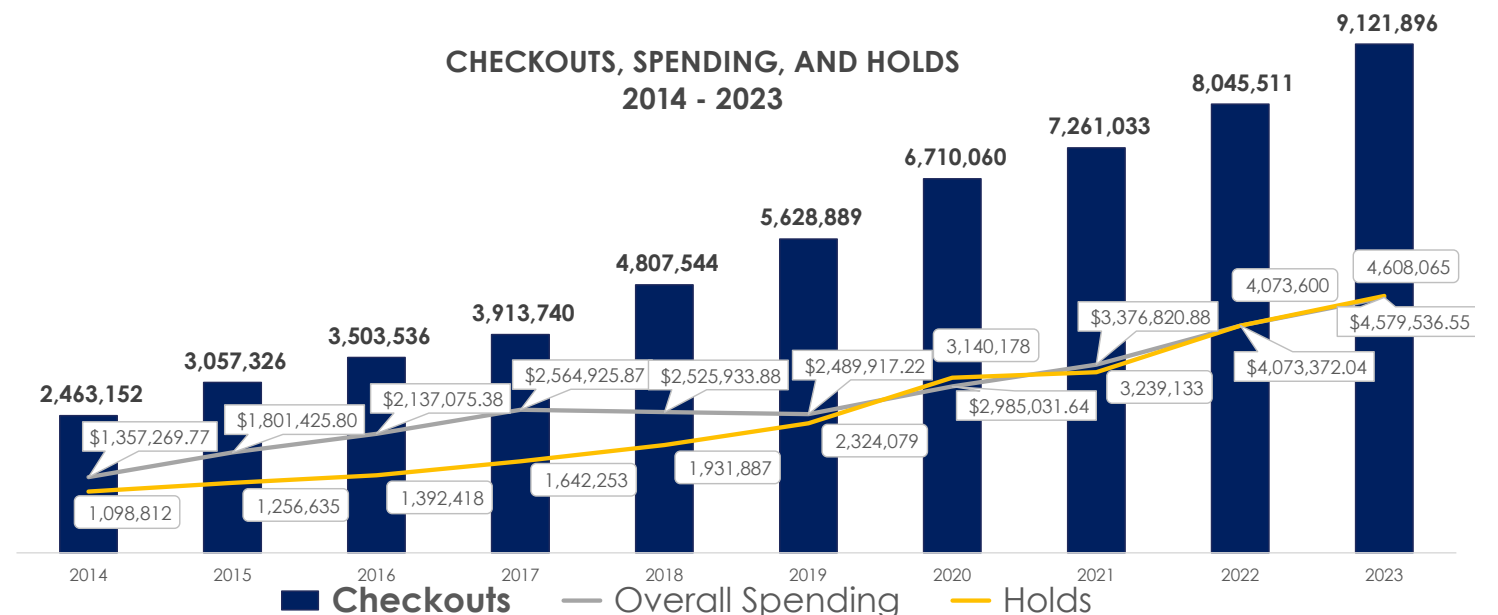
9,121,896*
CHECKOUTS

6% INCREASE
OVER RECORD USAGE
IN 2022

4th HIGHEST
CHECKOUTS
IN NATION

SECOND HIGHEST
CHECKOUTS IN
OverDrive
CONSORTIA IN U.S.A.

Enrollment in the Ohio Digital Library is open to public libraries in Ohio serving populations of 100,000 and under.



*The SEO consortium circulation on page 8 is included.



Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Site Visit & Outreach Vehicles Showcase Event

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) staff members visit state libraries across the country; each state gets at least one visit every five years. These visits include compliance-related and support conversations and provide IMLS the opportunity to see federally funded projects meeting the needs of various communities within each state.

On May 16-18, 2023, the State Library hosted Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Senior Program Officer Madison Bolls for a required state site visit. IMLS Program Officers visit their assigned states once every five years to meet with staff responsible for managing LSTA funds, learn more about how the LSTA Grants to States Program is being implemented, and see some of the work being done with LSTA funds. Madison's visit included a tour of the State Library of Ohio, meetings and lunch with staff, attendance at the May 18 State Library Board Meeting, and the chance to witness first-hand the impact LSTA funds are having in Ohio.

The IMLS state visit included going to libraries at Bloom-Carroll High School, Otterbein University, Wittenberg University, as well as Columbus Metropolitan Library's digitization lab and Fairfield County District Library's storywalk. All these locations highlighted projects and work accomplished with the support of awarded LSTA funds. In addition to these site visits, Madison was also given the chance to see a number of library vehicles that were procured through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)-awarded funds administered by IMLS.

A Vehicle Showcase event, also known as Touch a Truck, was held in the State Library's parking lot on May 18th featuring outreach vehicles purchased with federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through IMLS and awarded as grants by the State Library. The event included outreach vehicles from Elyria Public Library, Jackson City Library, MidPointe Library System, Madison Public Library, Perry County District Library, as well as a book bike from the Carnegie Public Library of Washington Court House.



Perry County District Library Bookmobile



L to R: Rebekah Brate and Brielle Maynor from MidPointe Public Library System

Top group photo: L to R
 Brielle Maynor & Rebekah Brate, MidPointe Public Library System
 Jeff Regensburger, State Library
 Elita Jones, Perry County District Library
 Evan Struble, State Library
 Madison Bolls, IMLS

Matt Bahnsen & Leanne Kocsis, Elyria Public Library
 Jon Simmons, Jackson City Library
 Wendy Knapp, State Library
 April Eifler, Jackson City Library

Drew Wichterman, Pickaway County Public Library & State Library of Ohio Board member
 Shawn Walsh, Madison Public Library
 Roger Donaldson, Jackson City Library

Charley, Guiding Ohio Online technology trainer, Madison Public Library
 Aaron Tefer, Carnegie Public Library of Washington Court House

IMLS Grants to States

For more than 50 years, the Library Services and Technology Act Grants to States program and its predecessor programs have supported the delivery of library services in the U.S.* Although the legislation has undergone numerous reauthorizations, the basic function of the program, which merges federal priorities with state-defined needs, continues to this day.

Federal LSTA Grants to States funding is utilized by the State Library to support in-house initiatives such as the Summer Library Program, support statewide initiatives like Guiding Ohio Online, and administer competitive grant programs.

Library Programs & Development staff works with the LSTA Advisory Council to determine funding priorities each year. Announcement of grant availability is posted on library email listservs and application materials and the timeline for each grant cycle can be found on the State Library website.

IMLS LSTA Grants to States Allotments for Ohio

FFY 2022
 (Oct. 1, 2022 - Sept. 30, 2023) \$5,253,097

FFY 2023
 (Oct. 1, 2023 - Sep. 30, 2024) \$5,489,577

*imls.gov/grants/grant-programs/grants-states



Jackson City Library

Five-Year Plan

In October, the State Library of Ohio began implementing its Federal Fiscal years 2023-2027 LSTA Plan for fulfilling the requirements of the IMLS LSTA Grants to States program. The plan summarizes the needs of Ohio's libraries as well as the library and information needs of Ohio residents. The needs were identified through analysis of a variety of factors including demographic data, relevant societal indicators, and findings and insights from the recently completed evaluation of the State Library's implementation of its 2018-2022 LSTA Five-Year Plan. The 2023-2027 LSTA Five-Year Plan sets forth the following three goals and identifies anticipated projects designed to address these needs.

- GOAL 1**
Learning: Educating Ohioans for Success
- GOAL 2**
Building Community Capacity and Engagement
- GOAL 3**
Strengthening Libraries



L to R: Charley, Madison Public Library, and Shawn Walsh, Madison Public Library



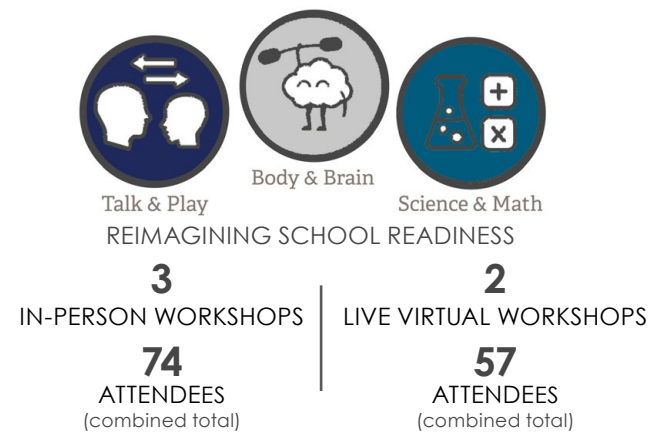
L to R: Jon Simmons and April Eifler from Jackson City Library and Madison Bolls, IMLS Grants to States Senior Program Officer



L to R: Jeff Regensburger, State Library of Ohio Library Consultant – LSTA Coordinator, and Leanne Kocsis and Matt Bahnsen from Elyria Public Library



Carnegie Public Library of Washington Court House



NASA@ My Library is a continuing education initiative to increase and enhance STEM learning opportunities in libraries. The State Library circulated four types of STEM programming kits to Ohio's public libraries.

On March 14, 2023, the State Library hosted a workshop led by Space Science Institute's STAR Net team. The workshop helped prepare and empower 50 public library staff in attendance to facilitate meaningful solar and space science programs for their patrons that build curiosity, knowledge, and inspiration. Attendees received hands-on training on operating solar telescopes and other methods for direct and indirect solar viewing, best practices for developing and facilitating STEM programs, and how to engage with community partners and library-specific digital resource networks.

Ohio Ready to Read In partnership with Ohio Library Council (OLC), the purpose of Ohio Ready to Read is to educate Ohio's families on the

importance of early childhood literacy through resources and activities available at Ohio's public libraries.

The **Reimagining School Readiness** Toolkit is 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.

Through an interactive presentation with hands-on activities, this training will introduce library staff to the research, practical implications, and resources offered in the toolkit. Workshops alternated between in-person and live virtual presentations.

Summer Food Service Program 139 Ohio public libraries served as SFSP sites in 2023, representing 9.5% of all Ohio SFSP sites. The rural non-congregate option allowed libraries and other sites in rural areas designated by USDA to serve grab-and-go style. This option will be expanded in 2024.

Youth Services – Building Equity-Based Summers

Ohio is among the states piloting the IMLS grant-funded initiative Building Equity-Based Summers Through Libraries & Communities (BEBS) from fall 2022 to fall 2025. Ohio libraries participating to date include Akron-Summit County Public Library, Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library, Dayton Metro Library, Lorain Public Library System, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Reed Memorial Library, Stark Library, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, Toledo Lucas County Public Library, and Worthington Libraries. The goal is to build library staff skills and confidence to create summer programs and services that are equitable and promote equity across their communities.

Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative is a collaborative project of the State Library of Ohio and TeachingBooks.net. The initiative brings together live webinars and workshops with original, self-paced, collection analysis tools for considering collections that empower children and young adult readers by respecting and appreciating what makes them different and the same.

Digital Curation Certificate Fourteen staff working in Ohio libraries and archives were selected and formed a cohort and completed coursework to earn a Digital Curation Certificate from Library Juice Academy.

Choose To Read Ohio (CTRO) spotlights Ohio authors and illustrators, and promotes reading across Ohio. Each CTRO booklist highlights selected books for

readers of all ages. Free, downloadable, resource-packed readers' toolkits are available for all Choose To Read Ohio books from current and past program cycles.

The 2023 & 2024 CTRO booklist features 20 notable titles by Ohio authors. Toolkits for all 155 books selected for CTRO since its inception in 2009 are also available.

Floyd's Pick Book Award was developed by the CTRO Advisory Council and is presented each year in memory of children's literature expert, advocate, and librarian Floyd Dickman to share children's literature in Ohio. *Luli and the Language of Tea* by Andrea Wang, illustrated by Hyewon Yum (Neal Porter Books, 2022) received the 2023 Floyd's Pick Book Award.

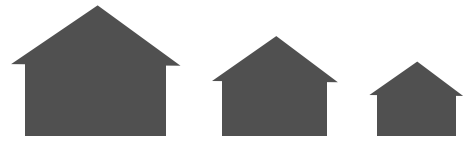
Courage Hats by Kate Hoefler, illustrated by Jessixa Bagley (Chronicle Books, 2022) and *The World Belonged to Us* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Leo Espinosa (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2022) were selected as Honor Books.

Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar Updated each year, this perpetual calendar featuring songs, activities, book suggestions, and videos supports early literacy skills and helps young children get ready for school. This project of the State Library and Ohio Ready to Read promotes literacy and family engagement across Ohio.



Guiding Ohio Online

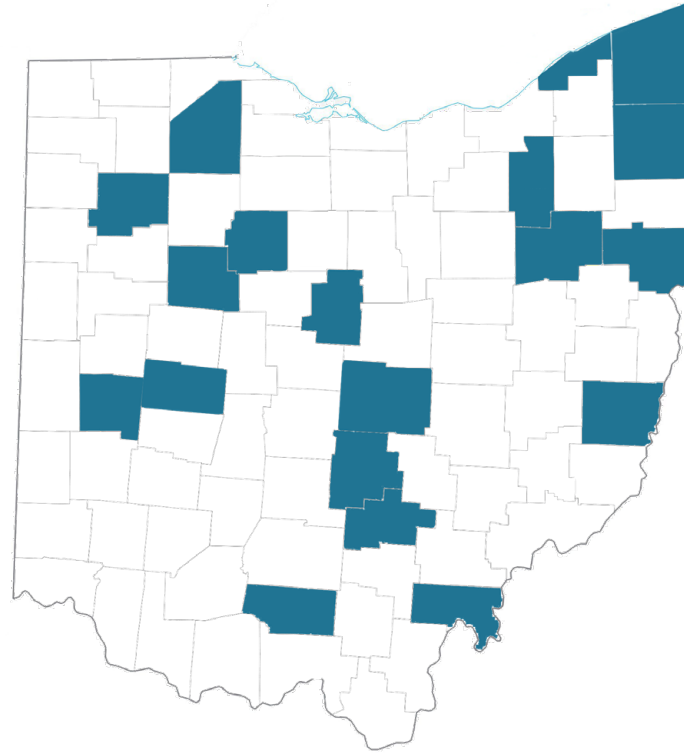
Guiding Ohio Online is a State Library administered competitive LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant program that allows public libraries in rural Ohio to hire a dedicated technology trainer. The Guiding Ohio Online program runs July 1 - June 30. The information below is from calendar year 2023 and therefore, spans two program years.



33 PUBLIC LIBRARIES
LOCATED IN
19 COUNTIES RECEIVED
GUIDING OHIO ONLINE LSTA GRANTS



36
TECHNOLOGY
TRAINERS
EMPLOYED



PROVIDED COMBINED TOTAL OF
12,062
ONE-ON-ONE
CONSULTATIONS

824 PROGRAMS
WITH
6,017 ATTENDEES

398 PRESENTATIONS
WITH
36,129 ATTENDEES &
PRESENTATION VIDEO VIEWS

Library patrons in wrote...

"The thing I am most thankful for is how much Peter has helped my husband with both his phone and computers. Today, my husband had Peter help him with a new computer which is the first new one he has had in his 72 years. I don't think he would have purchased one without Peter's help and expertise over the last few years. Peter is extremely good at explaining things where we seniors can understand them and at the level of our knowledge. Thank you so much for this great program and Peter and his ability to help us all."

"I feel more confident now in starting my new job with your refresher courses!"

"I had the unfortunate experience of being hacked and was unable to receive emails. The discovery of Steve in the library's Tech department was a miracle for me. Steve works through a Grant from the State Library called Guiding Ohio Online. I sought help from Verizon and Apple Store in Columbus and my problem was not resolved. I so admire and respect Steve's knowledge and patience as he worked with me on three long sessions. In less than five weeks, Steve was able to restore my email and I was even able to keep my username. I just want you to know what a valuable service this is for residents of Licking County and I am one of several happy, satisfied customers."

STATE LIBRARY MEETING ROOMS

The Information Systems & Technology Department installed updated equipment in the State Library's meeting rooms. Screen projection and audio equipment were updated in the two large meeting rooms. In each of the three smaller rooms a 65" display monitor with multiple inputs and a video camera and microphone were installed. The equipment is compatible with popular video conference platforms and enable hybrid meetings for attendees to participate in-person or online.

Meeting rooms are used for State Library activities, including programs presented by State Library staff or by other organizations affiliated with the State Library. State of Ohio agencies utilize the meeting rooms for state government-related purposes and library community entities for library-related functions.

OHIO Summer Library Program



399,818
PARTICIPANTS**

245,688 CHILDREN
42,360 TEENS

92,892 ADULTS
18,878 AGE NOT SPECIFIED
IN SURVEY RESPONSES

28% increase over total reported participation in 2022 (312,354) and 84% of the total reported participation in 2019 (477,349).



©CSLP 2023 Collaborative Summer Library Program Kindness/Friendship/Unity artwork illustrated by Frank Morrison.

Ohio's public libraries are the stars of summer, with a long history of bringing people together through creative, community-oriented programs for everyone from babies to seniors. The centerpiece of most libraries' summer programming is a self-directed challenge to meet a goal, whether a specific amount of reading, or a selection of learning activities including reading, library programs, community involvement, and creative work, or self-selected goals. Community members register, or simply pick up a reading record or program booklet to complete over the summer, then return regularly to the library for prizes, incentives, and special events.

Each year, the State Library of Ohio asks Ohio public library systems to report on their summer activities and results. This summary is based on data from the 226* library systems responding to the 2023 Ohio Summer Library Program (SLP) evaluation survey.



SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

931,788
TOTAL REPORTED ATTENDANCE***
(In-person and online)

555,476 at Children's Programs

105,830 at Adult Programs

42,448 at Teen Programs

228,034 at All-Ages Programs

Photos: Top Right—Attendees at the Party at the Library program at Glouster Public Library (Athens County Public Libraries) painted butterfly wings for the library's garden. Center Right—Ashland Public Library's Bookmobile and Outreach team hosted multiple events throughout the summer, greeting children with bubbles, books, and fun.

* 25 of 251 Ohio public library systems did not respond to the 2023 survey.

**Participation is defined by individual libraries and represents the number of people who registered for, attended, or completed the SLP.

*** These numbers are total attendance at responding libraries' SLP-related library programs (storytimes, performers, parties, etc.). These numbers may not be unique attendees, because of the likelihood that individuals attended multiple programs.

