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Attorney General Mike DeWine Partners with OLC to Increase Addiction Awareness

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, the OLC, and the State Library of Ohio announced a new effort this fall aimed at increasing awareness about opioid abuse and addiction.

During the OLC's 2017 Convention and Expo in Dayton, Attorney General DeWine announced the distribution of opioid addiction awareness posters to libraries across the state. The OLC and State Library of Ohio will be making the posters available to Ohio's 251 public library systems and 146 academic libraries at higher education institutions.

Libraries are encouraged to display the posters for staff and the general public. The posters list the warning signs of



Frances DeWine (left) and Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine join Doug Evans and Michelle Francis, from the OLC, at the 2017 Convention and Expo at the Dayton Convention Center.

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Dayton Hosts OLC's Convention and Expo

The Ohio Library Council held its annual Convention and Expo on Oct. 4-6 at the Dayton Convention Center. Nearly 700 library professionals had the opportunity to participate in a variety of professional development sessions, exchange ideas, and hear from some of the nation's top library leaders and authors. This year's event focused on how libraries are balancing the needs of their community and responding in innovative and traditional ways. More than 75 vendors were on hand in the exhibit hall. A special thanks goes to Dayton Metro Library Director Tim Kambitsch, the Board of Trustees, and the entire Dayton staff team for their hospitality as they hosted an outstanding evening event at the new main library in downtown Dayton.



Ryan Burgess (center), Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation visited the Convention and Expo to talk about how public libraries are helping Ohioans find and train for jobs.

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opioid abuse or addiction, the signs of an overdose, and a hotline number to call.

"It is incredibly important that we reach as many people as we can to alert them to the signs of addiction and the signs of an overdose," said Attorney General DeWine. "By displaying these posters in libraries across Ohio, we can continue to spread the word about this devastating epidemic. I'm grateful to the Ohio Library Council, State Library of Ohio, and libraries across the state for their willingness to offer this information to library patrons."

DeWine spoke to a large crowd at the Dayton Convention Center and described the heroin and opioid crisis in the state. Convention attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and share examples of how their libraries are addressing the problem. Several media outlets covered the event including Dayton's Channel 2 news, WRGT-TV, and the Gongwer News Service.

In addition to DeWine's presentation, the Convention and Expo also featured several breakout sessions that focused on the impact addiction is having on Ohio's families and communities.

The OLC is currently working with the Attorney General's Office and other state agencies and organizations to plan a symposium to help public libraries respond to Ohio's opioid epidemic while taking into consideration the safety of library patrons and employees. More information will be provided as the details are finalized.

A number of resources and materials are available on the OLC website now including a community solutions guide, library outreach document and customizable poster. These items can be viewed and downloaded at http://bit.ly/OLC_OpioidEducation.

Rossford Public Library Board Member Receives OLC Award of Achievement



Tom Uhler

Long-time Rossford Public Library Trustee Thomas R. Uhler was recently named the recipient of the 2017 OLC Trustee Award of Achievement. This prestigious award recognizes library board members who demonstrate distinguished service and innovative leadership within their communities.

Uhler has been steering the efforts of the library for more than two decades. He was instrumental in the conception and completion of the library's major building expansion and renovation project. During this time, he immediately recognized the need for teens to have a dedicated space in the library and led the effort to create one. He also worked to ensure that the building reflected both the historical flavor of the city as well as a progressive and innovative space.

A highly-respected and life-long member of the community, Uhler understands the importance of a diverse board and has been proactive in recruiting candidates from around the area for open trustee positions. He continues to be an incredible asset to the library, its patrons, and the Rossford community. Uhler was officially recognized during a special ceremony at the 2017 Convention and Expo. He was honored along with the other 2017 Awards and Honors recipients including:

- **Hall of Fame Librarian: Kimber L. Fender**, The Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
- **Librarian of the Year: Deborah L. Saunders**, Executive Director, Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library of Gallia County
- **Library Innovation Award: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County**, "We Have the Hots for You" suite of services
- **John Philip Outreach Award: Cathy Hunter**, Portsmouth Public Library
- **Service Excellence Award: Michael Christian-Budd**, Cataloging Team Lead, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
- **Citizen of the Year: Stephen Hedges**, Retired Director, OPLIN

Nominations for the 2018 Awards and Honors will open in January with a new, more simplified nominations process. Learn more at olc.org/about-us/awards/.

Delaney Selected as Ohio's ALA Councilor



Meg Delaney

Meg Delaney, Manager of the Main Library for the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, has been appointed Ohio's Councilor to the American Library Association (ALA) by the OLC Board of Directors. She replaces former ALA Councilor Jamie Mason, Director of the Rocky River Public Library, who resigned in September. Delaney will serve as ALA Councilor through December 2018, representing Ohio's public, school, and academic librarians at ALA Council meetings at the 2018 Midwinter Meeting in Denver and Annual Conference in New Orleans. The ALA Council is the governing body of the ALA and determines all policies of the association.

Governor Kasich Appoints Debbie Saunders to Executive Workforce Board



Debbie Saunders

Ohio Governor John Kasich appointed Deborah L. Saunders, Executive Director of the Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library of Gallia County, to his Executive Workforce Board on Aug. 3, 2017. The Board includes business leaders and workforce development stakeholders, and is charged with identifying ways to prepare and continuously retrain Ohioans of all ages.

Gov. Kasich issued an executive order creating the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) in 2012 with the mission of growing Ohio's economy by developing a skilled and productive workforce, promoting effective training programs, and connecting Ohio employers with qualified workers. The Governor established the

Governor's Executive Workforce Board to guide the OWT's work and ensure that business needs are at the forefront of any improvements to the system.

Earlier this year, Saunders testified before the Ohio General Assembly about her library's role in helping people find jobs, especially in an area of the state hit hard by the recession. Through mobile WiFi units and online courses, Saunders' library has provided educational opportunities that many in southeast Ohio would not have experienced otherwise, due to geographic and economic barriers. More information about the Office of Workforce Transformation is available at workforce.ohio.gov.

Convention and Expo (from page 1)

Several libraries also participated in the OLC's inaugural Career Fair held during the Convention and Expo. This event provided an informal setting for libraries to share job opportunities and talk about their work environments.

A special thanks also goes to Connie Sureck, Convention and Expo Chair; Sarah Clevidence, Program Committee Chair; Steve Moser, Local Arrangements Committee Chair; Debbie Hagan, Expo Committee Chair, and all of their respective committee members for their leadership and hard work.

Planning is already underway for the 2018 Convention and Expo which will be held Oct. 3-5 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky.



The OLC's Digital and Media Services Division created an interactive display booth where Convention and Expo attendees had the opportunity to try out the latest technology including 3-D printers and virtual reality as well as cool Maker Space gadgets, software, and supplies.



See more highlights from the Convention and Expo on OLC's social media pages #OLC17.

OLC Welcomes New Board Members

The OLC is pleased to announce that the following members will be joining the OLC Board of Directors in January 2018:



Carol L. Herrick,
Trustee,
Washington-
Centerville Public
Library



Tom Dillie,
Director,
Minerva Public Library



Richard Rubin,
Trustee,
Cuyahoga Falls
Library

Don Yarman was re-elected to the OLC Board of Directors, but has subsequently been appointed as Executive Director of OPLIN and has resigned his OLC board position. Yarman's resignation requires the Board to appoint a new member to fulfill the three-year term (2018-2020) to which he was re-elected. The Board will confirm an appointee to fill the vacant position at its Nov. 17, 2017 meeting.

In addition, Yarman's resignation also vacated the OLC's Secretary-Treasurer position for the remainder of 2017. Suzanne Cline, Director of the Shelby County Libraries, has been appointed to fill the position through December 2017.



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Upcoming Events

RightClick 2017: The Library IT Idea Exchange Conference

Nov. 15, 2017
Columbus

Managing Space, Managing Expectations: Patrons, The Children's Area, and You

Dec. 7, 2017
Webinar

For more information, visit olc.org/events/calendar.

Publications

Ohio Public Library Trustees' Handbook – Fourth Edition (2017)

A must for new trustees and library boards that need a little help. This handbook covers everything from board organization and operations to managing money, strategic planning, staffing and evaluation. Also includes sections on public relations, professional associations, continuing education, legalities, and building and renovation projects. Available in a FREE electronic format (for OLC members only), or for purchase as a printed handbook or on a CD-ROM. Order online at olc.org/resources/publications/ or call the OLC office at 614-410-8092.