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**[*Insert Library Name*] Meets with Members of the Ohio General Assembly**

[*Insert your city*] – On April 11, representatives from [*insert Library name*] will travel to Columbus for the Ohio Library Council’s Legislative Day. They will join public library supporters from across the state to discuss the life-changing work of libraries and advocate for widespread access to essential services and lifelong learning.

[*insert Library director or representative*s] will meet with [*insert legislator(s)*] to discuss how the library is helping the [insert name] community with services and programs such as [*insert local examples from your library (job search assistance, online courses, technology tutors, etc.)*].

“Service to the community has always been the focus of the library,” said [*name and title of the spokesperson*]. “Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who seek information and access to technologies to improve their quality of life.”

This event falls within National Library week, April 8-14, a time to highlight the value of libraries. Ohio's public libraries are some of the busiest in the nation. Ohio has the highest library use per capita in the United States. This is attributed to the exceptional services and programs that libraries provide to all Ohioans. Libraries aren’t just places to borrow books or study—they’re also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions.

The [*insert Library name*] is celebrating National Library Week by meeting with members of the Ohio General Assembly on April 11 and hosting [*describe programs, activities here*] on *[insert date(s)*].

For more information, visit the [*name of library*] at [*address*], or visit the library’s website at [*provide URL*].

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