

# Ohio Library Council

## Advocacy & Working with the New General Assembly

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# Overview

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- ❑ **New General Assembly**
  - New Legislation
  - 33 New House Members
  - 11 New Senate Members
- ❑ **House**
  - 61 Rs and 38 Ds
- ❑ **Senate**
  - 24 Rs and 9 Ds

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- **Legislators Switching Chambers**
  - Rep. Kris Jordan (R-Ostrander)
  - Rep. Gayle Manning (R-N. Ridgeville)
  - Rep. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton)
  - Rep. Mike Skindell (D-Lakewood)
  - Sen. Nickie Antonia (D-Lakewood)
  - Sen. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell)
  - Sen. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus)
  - Sen. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo)
  - Sen. Brian Hill (R-Zanesville)
  - Sen. Steve Huffman (R-Tipp City)
  - Sen. Nathan Manning (R-N. Ridgeville)
  - Sen. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson)
  - Sen. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton)
  
- **Returning Legislators**
  - Rep. Jamie Callender (R-Concord)

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## □ House Majority Leadership

- Speaker – Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford)
- Speaker Pro Temp – ???
- Majority Floor Leader – ???
- Assistant Majority Floor Leader – ???
- Majority Whip - ???
- Assistant Majority Whip – ???



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## □ House Minority Leadership

- Minority Leader – Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron)
- Assistant Minority Leader – Rep. Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus)
- Minority Whip - Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid)
- Assistant Minority Whip – Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson (D-Toledo)

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## □ Senate Majority Leadership

- President – Sen. Larry Obhof (R-Medina)
- President Pro Temp – Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina)
- Majority Floor Leader – ???
- Majority Whip – Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima)



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## □ Senate Minority Leadership

- Minority Leader – Sen. Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Hts.)
- Assistant Minority Leader – Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati)
- Minority Whip – Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Bazetta Township)
- Assistant Majority Whip – Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland)

# Important Committees

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- ❑ Finance & Appropriations
- ❑ Education
- ❑ State & Local Government
- ❑ Ways & Means

# State Budget Process

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- ❑ **Governor's Proposal**
  - Early March (High Points/Blue Book)
  - March 15 (Bill Language)
- ❑ **House Version**
  - March to Mid-April (Easter/Spring Break)
- ❑ **Senate Version**
  - Mid-April to End of May/Beginning of June
- ❑ **Conference Committee**
  - Meets in June
- ❑ **Final Budget**
  - Passed by June 30

# State Budget - PLF

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## □ Current Status of PLF

- **HB 49: FY18-19 Biennium Budget**
- **1.68% of State General Revenue Fund (GRF) Taxes**
- **CY17: + 0.4% Increase over CY16**
- **CY18: + 3.8% Increase over CY17**
- **1.66% of GRF on July 1, 2019**

# PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

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## □ PLF Distributions: CY08 Compared to Selected Years

Calendar Year	PLF Annual Total (millions)	% Change from 2008 base	% Change from year prior
<b>2008</b>	<b>\$450.6</b>		
2009	\$370.4	- 17.8%	- 17.8%
2010	\$347.9	- 22.8%	- 6.1%
2011	\$364.7	- 19.1%	+ 4.8%
2012	\$344.3	- 23.6%	- 5.6%
2013	\$351.9	- 21.9%	+ 2.2%
2014	\$345.1	- 23.4%	- 1.9%
2015	\$380.9	- 15.5%	+ 10.4%
2016	\$377.0	- 16.3%	- 1.0%
2017	\$378.5	- 16.0%	+ 0.4%
<b>2018</b>	<b>\$393.7</b>	<b>- 12.6%</b>	<b>+ 3.8%</b>

# PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

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## □ PLF Distributions: FY08 – FY18 (\$ in Millions)

Fiscal Year	PLF Percentage of GRF Taxes	PLF Distributions
<b>2008</b>	<b>2.22%</b>	<b>\$418.2</b>
2009	2.22%	\$414.2
2010	1.97%	\$340.6
2011	95% Freeze	\$367.6
2012	95% Freeze	\$352.2
2013	1.66%	\$344.3
2014	1.66%	\$341.0
2015	1.66%	\$360.5
2016	1.7%	\$377.6
2017	1.7%	\$378.6
<b>2018</b>	<b>1.68%</b>	<b>\$384.6</b>

# State Budget – Big Picture Reality

- ❑ New Governor
- ❑ New Speaker
- ❑ Early Childhood
- ❑ Opioid Epidemic
- ❑ LGF
- ❑ Monthly State Revenues
- ❑ PLF – Permanent Law vs. Temporary Law
  - Reduced Automatically on July 1, 2019 from 1.68% to 1.66%



# **State Budget – What to Expect**

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- ❑ **From Governor DeWine**
- ❑ **From House Speaker Householder**
- ❑ **From Senate President Obhof**

# OLC's Priorities

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- ❑ **Restoring the Public Library Fund (PLF)**
  - Restore the PLF to the 2008 Levels of 2.22% of the GRF
  - Do NOT Automatically Cut the PLF on July 1
- ❑ **Ohio Libraries Transform**
  - Education & Workforce Development
  - Technology, Computers & Connectivity
- ❑ **Share Information**
  - Services We Provide
  - Why State Funding for Public Libraries is Important

# OLC's Call to Action

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- **What can Libraries do?**
  - **Build Relationships – Ongoing Relationships**
    - ✓ **Legislator Bios**
    - ✓ **Get to Know their Aides**
  - **Educate & Advocate**
- **Get Legislators in Your Libraries**
  - **Storytime**
  - **Office Hours**
  - **Meeting Room Space**
  - **Legislative Breakfasts**
  - **Workshops & Other Events in the Library**

# OLC's Call to Action

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- **Show Legislators What Libraries Do for Ohioans**
  - eBooks, eAudiobooks, other Digital Materials
  - eGovernment
  - Wi-Fi, Hot Spots
  - Educational Services
  - Employment Services
  - Community Engagement

# OLC's Call to Action

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## □ Don't Forget

- Post Pictures on the Library's Website, Facebook, Twitter
- Include in Newsletter
- Thank You Notes
- Tell OLC!

# OLC's Call to Action

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- **Communication w/ Legislators**
  - **Social Media**
  - **Text**
  - **E-mail**
  - **Letter**
  - **Phone**
  - **In Person**
  - **PUT THEM ON YOUR NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION LIST**

# Tools

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## ❑ Statehouse Website

- [legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/district-maps](http://legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/district-maps)
- [legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/house-directory](http://legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/house-directory)
- [legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/senate-directory](http://legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/senate-directory)

## ❑ Restore the PLF Microsite

- [libraryfunding.olc.org/](http://libraryfunding.olc.org/)

## ❑ OLC Website

- [olc.org/advocacy-and-government-relations/](http://olc.org/advocacy-and-government-relations/)



# Tools

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- ❑ **White Paper**
- ❑ **Did You Know Statistics**
- ❑ **History of Library Funding**
- ❑ **Customizable Materials**
  - **Elected Official Bookmark**
  - **Library Statistics Infographic**
- ❑ **Local ROI Calculator**
- ❑ **Tools - Services**
  - **Education**
  - **Workforce Development**

# Messaging

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## □ Restore the PLF

- Restore the PLF to the 2008 Levels of 2.22% of the GRF
- Do NOT Cut the PLF

## □ OH Libraries Transform

- Educate Legislators on How Public Libraries Transform the Lives of Ohioans
- Educate Legislators on What Public Libraries Do for Ohioans

# OLC Legislative Day

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- ❑ Day at the Statehouse
- ❑ Tuesday, April 9
- ❑ Statehouse Atrium, Columbus
  - 2 Briefing Sessions
  - Luncheon w/ Legislators
  - Schedule Mtgs. w/ Legislators
  - Committee Hearings
- ❑ <http://olc.org/resources/government-relations/legislative-day/>

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Questions?

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