Ohio Library Council

Advocacy & Working with the New General Assembly
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133rd General Assembly

- 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
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)
House Majority Leadership

- Speaker – Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford)
- Speaker Pro Temp – ???
- Majority Floor Leader – ???
- Assistant Majority Floor Leader – ???
- Majority Whip - ???
- Assistant Majority Whip – ???
133rd General Assembly

- House Minority Leadership
  - Assistant Minority Leader – Rep. Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus)
  - Minority Whip - Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid)
  - Assistant Minority Whip – Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson (D-Toledo)
133rd General Assembly

- 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)
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

- Finance & Appropriations
- Education
- State & Local Government
- Ways & Means
State Budget Process

- 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

- 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
## PLF Distributions: CY08 Compared to Selected Years

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PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

- PLF Distributions: FY08 – FY18 ($ in Millions)

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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

- From Governor DeWine
- From House Speaker Householder
- From Senate President Obhof
OLC’s Priorities

- **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

- **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

- **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

- 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

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

- Statehouse Website
  - legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/district-maps
  - legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/house-directory
  - legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/senate-directory

- Restore the PLF Microsite
  - libraryfunding.olc.org/

- OLC Website
  - olc.org/advocacy-and-government-relations/
Tools

- 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

- 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

- **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/](http://olc.org/resources/government-relations/legislative-day/)
Questions?

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