

2019 Advocacy Calendar

January

- Welcome new members of the Ohio General Assembly. Offer your library as a place they can hold meetings and office hours.
- Watch the OLC's Advocacy Webinar on working with members of the Ohio General Assembly
- Make sure your legislator is on your library's newsletter mailing list.

February

- Write an article about how your library is funded and how state funding through the Public Library Fund (PLF) impacts your library.
- Invite your legislators to be a part of your library's Storytime for "Read Across America Day" in March.

March

- Register for OLC's Legislative Day.
- Watch the OLC's Preparing for Legislative Day Webinar.
- Coordinate your Legislative Day Meetings with your Legislative Network Representatives.

April

- Attend OLC's Legislative Day on April 9 at the Ohio Statehouse.
- Take photos with your legislators and share them on your library's social media pages with #RestoreThePLF. Be sure to tag legislators.
- Celebrate National Library Week April 7-13.

May

- Celebrate In Demand Jobs Week in Ohio May 6-10
- Share what your library is doing for In Demand Jobs Week on social media and tag your legislators.
- Send your legislators a short note letting them know about job search assistance, workforce development services and online educational courses provided by your library.

June

- Watch your inbox and respond to Calls-to-Action related to the State Budget Bill.
- Invite your legislators to read during Storytime or participate in a Summer Reading Program event in June or July.
- Celebrate the National Week of Making. Share a picture of your makerspace on your social media pages #NationalMakers.

July

- Send a thank you note to your legislators thanking them for their support of the PLF in the State Budget Bill.
- Invite your legislators to read during Storytime or participate in a Summer Reading Program event in June or July.
- Watch the OLC's State Budget Bill Recap Webinar.

August

- The Ohio General Assembly is in recess and legislators are back home in their districts. Find out what meetings and events they will be attending and be sure to stop by and say hello.
- Celebrate the end of your Summer Reading Program and Back to School season. Highlight library resources for students on social media.

September

- Celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month, tag your legislators on social media.
- Attend the OLC's Convention and Expo, September 25-27 at the Duke Energy Convention Center and Hyatt in downtown Cincinnati.

October

- Work with your OLC Legislative Network Representative and organize an informal Legislative Breakfast with your legislators back in the district.
- Teen Read Week is October 13-19. Highlight programs and materials for the teens in your community.

November

- Election Day is Nov. 5th.
- Veteran's Day is Nov. 11th. Highlight the programs and services your library offers to veterans. Be sure to share on your social media pages #VeteransDay.
- It's Picture Book Month. Invite a legislator to read during Storytime.

December

- Remember to invite legislators to holiday events and programs at your library.
- Watch your inbox or visit olc.org/calendar to see important dates and advocacy events in 2020.
- Get a recap of the legislation OLC has been monitoring at the Statehouse. Go to olc.org/bill-tracker.