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

[Insert your city] – On April 9, representatives from [insert Library name] traveled to Columbus for the Ohio Library Council’s Library Legislative Day. They joined public library supporters from across the state to advocate for library funding and discuss the life-changing work of libraries.

[insert Library director or representatives] met 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, early literacy programs, online courses, technology tutors, etc.)].

“Libraries are a resource that Ohioans increasingly turn to for a wide variety of services,” said [name and title of the spokesperson]. “From early literacy to workforce development, libraries provide programs and services to Ohioans of all ages, and they do so in a cost effective manner. For every \$1 spent by Ohio’s public libraries, we return \$5 in economic value to Ohioans.”

This event was held in conjunction with National Library week, April 8-13, a time to highlight the value of libraries. With over 8.4 million registered borrowers, Ohio’s public libraries have the highest use per capita in the nation. Ohio also has the highest percentage of registered borrowers, highest number of visits, and highest circulation. This success is dependent on the strong partnership between the State of Ohio and local library systems.

In addition to meeting with members of the Ohio General Assembly, the [insert Library name] is celebrating National Library Week by 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].