

# STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, June 30, 2020  
Reports are posted on the State Library of Ohio website at  
<https://library.ohio.gov/about/state-librarian-board/>

## Announcements

### *Email Listservs*

- The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness core training and upcoming Jerks with Homes webinar with Ryan Dowd, sent June 18, 2020
- Statewide Delivery will resume on June 29, sent June 16, 2020
- Continuing Education Roundup for Ohio Library Staff- Issue 3, sent June 10, 2020

## Census 2020

- The State Library of Ohio's [Ohio Library Census Committee](#) is working to disseminate up-to-date information about the Census to library staff all over Ohio. The State Library wants to make sure all Ohio libraries and library staff have the resources they need to be prepared for Census programming, outreach, and patron queries. The [Census Resource for Libraries](#) web page provides a wealth of information and links including a Census [timeline](#), dispelling Census [myths](#), [marketing](#) and promotional tools, and [potential partners](#). The page will be updated regularly as more information and resources come out. Contact a member of the committee in your region with questions or to share information.

## Choose to Read Ohio

- The State Library of Ohio and the Ohioana Library Association, with the Ohio Center for the Book and the Choose to Read Ohio Advisory Council, have announced the 20 books selected for the **2021 & 2022 Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) booklist**. [Download the new 2021 & 2022 booklist](#) formatted for printing and sharing. [Read the press release](#) about the new booklist and how it was selected.
- Through a biennial booklist of 20 representative titles for all ages, CTRO helps libraries, schools, families, book clubs, and others build communities of readers and an appreciation of Ohio authors, illustrators, and literature. Learn more about CTRO and download booklists and toolkits: [library.ohio.gov/ctro](http://library.ohio.gov/ctro). Questions about CTRO can be directed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov).

## Continuation of Service During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with Governor DeWine's order for state employees to telework when at all possible, all State Library staff are working from their homes.
- Our reference and cataloging librarians are still on the job working remotely, [responding to reference requests](#) from state employees and the general public alike.
- As the regional federal documents depository and state of Ohio documents depository, our physical collections are not accessible but our librarians are still responding to government documents-related questions. We continue to catalog and archive state agency web publications regarding COVID-19 for posterity.
- Digital resources including the Ohio Digital Library remain available. In addition, our Library Programs and Development (LPD) division staff continue to assist libraries.
- Office phone lines are being checked, but email is the best way to get in touch with staff during this time of prolonged library closure. Email contact information can be found [here](#).

## Guiding Ohio Online

- Guiding Ohio Online is a State Library administered competitive [LSTA \(Library Services and Technology Act\) grant](#). The purpose of the grant is to allow libraries serving rural populations in Ohio to hire a dedicated technology trainer for their library. The technology trainer is hired as an independent contractor in a full- or part-time capacity depending on the needs of the library for a one-year period.

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- Applications are no longer being accepted for library sites to participate in the 2020-2021 Guiding Ohio Online program; the final date for submission was Friday, May 15, 2020. Please see the information located [here](#) on the State Library's web site for complete details.
  - Applications are currently being reviewed and grants will be awarded at the July State Library Board meeting.
- If you have any questions regarding the funding or budget of Guiding Ohio Online, please contact the LSTA Office at [lsta@library.ohio.gov](mailto:lsta@library.ohio.gov).
- If you have any questions regarding Guiding Ohio Online trainers (hiring, best practices, etc.) please contact Anne Kennedy, Technology Consultant, at [akennedy@library.ohio.gov](mailto:akennedy@library.ohio.gov).

## Library Leadership Ohio

- [Library Leadership Ohio 2020](#) will be held online and will take place July 15-17, 2020. Library Leadership Ohio is co-sponsored by the State Library of Ohio and OhioNET, with support from the Ohio Educational Media Library Association (OELMA) and the Ohio Private Academic Libraries (OPAL). The program is funded in part through a federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) LSTA grant awarded by the State Library of Ohio.

## List of New Acquisitions

- A selection of ebooks and audiobooks recently added to the Ohio Digital Library for June is available on our website at: <https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/june-2020/>. Due to the closure of the library building and staff working remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the list was limited to ebooks and audiobooks.

## LSTA

- Libraries may apply for an Open Grant at any time. Information on Open Grants can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#AvailableGrants>.
- The following libraries received an Open Grant in June:
  - Lorain Public Library
  - University of Akron
- The State Library of Ohio's LSTA Advisory Council met in June to discuss the current year's LSTA grant initiatives and provide feedback and suggestions for the direction of the LSTA program in the coming year.
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, [cboyden@library.ohio.gov](mailto:cboyden@library.ohio.gov).

## NASA@ My Library

- The NASA@ My Library Kit lending program has been placed on hold. Library staff is encouraged to visit the Starnet Website, <http://www.starnetlibraries.org/resources/>, to check out STEAM @Home and STEM in Libraries activities. Some of these activities can be incorporated into virtual storytimes and other programming.
- Questions regarding the NASA@ My Library program should be addressed to Penelope Shumaker, [pshumaker@library.ohio.gov](mailto:pshumaker@library.ohio.gov).

## Ohio Digital Library

- Through June 30, 2020, ODL has tallied 3,319,922 checkouts.
- In mid-March, ODL enabled the opportunity for Ohioans to take advantage of the Overdrive [Instant Digital Card](#). A user can sign up with his/her phone number and gain quick access to e-content via ODL. Once libraries re-open, those users that signed up via the Instant Digital Card will be directed to their local library to fill out a physical library card. Since this feature was enabled for ODL, more than 34,000 registrations have taken place.
- The top five checked out items in June were:
  - [Me and White Supremacy](#) (ebook)
  - [White Fragility](#) (ebook)
  - [Walking to Listen](#) (audiobook)

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- [Where the Crawdads Sing](#) (ebook)
- [Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone](#) (audiobook)
- Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at [the real-time checkouts and holds](#).

## Ohio Digital Network [Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Project]

- Through June, the Ohio Digital Network (ODN) now has over 233,000 items on [dp.la](#) from 24 active contributors.
  - Two new contributing institutions added collections in June:
    - [Xavier University](#) contributed the Moses Dawson Letter collection, which includes letters from presidents Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren.
    - [Ohio Wesleyan University](#) contributed two letter collections: The Letters of Marshall Clauson and The Paula B. and Thomas W. Harvey Civil War Letters Collection.
- ODN is proud to announce the launch of a summer webinar series focusing on Wikipedia and digital library collections. No registration is required, and recordings will be available after the fact. Just mark your calendar and follow the links below!
  - What the Wiki: Community Editing
    - <https://bit.ly/3cezo7B>
    - Thursday, July 30, 2020
    - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
    - The idea (and practice) of becoming a Wikipedia editor can feel overwhelming. In this session, we'll take the bite-by-bite approach of eating this fact-filled banana split. You've never eaten those in one gulp, so why start now? There are lots of ways to become involved, while updating and editing information about something you know inside and out - your own institution and community!
  - What the Wiki: Adding Content to the Wikiverse
    - <https://bit.ly/2TQwf7L>
    - Thursday, August 27, 2020
    - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
    - Lastly, we'll top that banana split with our own content (or chocolate sauce, whatever!), and add it to the proverbial catalog of resources that other users can use, as well. Even if you're not into editing what's already there, your institution can increase its visibility on one of the most-used websites in the world.
- The Ohio Digital Network Outreach Working Group curated eight primary source sets for the ODN website. These eight themed resource sets focus on Ohio and American History and are linked to primary sources from ODN contributors found in DPLA. These sets are:
  - [African American Ohioans in the Arts](#)
  - [Flooding in Ohio: Using Historical Floods to Prepare for the Future](#)
  - [Flora and Fauna of Ohio](#)
  - [Historic Ethnic Groups in Ohio](#)
  - [Industry in Ohio](#)
  - [Maps](#)
  - [The Underground Railroad in Ohio](#)
  - [Women's Suffrage and the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment](#)
- ODN has promotional materials for interested institutions and patrons, including stickers and post-it notes. To request promotional materials for your institution, contact Jen Johnson, [jjohnson@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jjohnson@library.ohio.gov).
- Jen Johnson and Penelope Shumaker are available to speak to cultural heritage institutions about DPLA and ODN. For details, contact Jen Johnson, [jjohnson@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jjohnson@library.ohio.gov).
- For those interested in being a part of the ODN or who want to learn more, please visit the ODN website and subscribe to the ODN listserv: <https://lists.library.ohio.gov/mailman/listinfo/odn>.
- Questions on DPLA or the Ohio Digital Network should be addressed to Jen Johnson, [jjohnson@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jjohnson@library.ohio.gov).

## Ohio Ready to Read

- As the ongoing pandemic continues to limit opportunities for families with young children, remember that the [Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar](#) website at [DayByDayOH.org](http://DayByDayOH.org) features a perpetual calendar with songs, activities, book suggestions, and videos for every day of the year. Day By Day Ohio offers resources to further develop early literacy skills and improve school readiness.
- Day By Day Ohio, a service of the State Library of Ohio in collaboration with Ohio Ready to Read, also includes literacy and health information and an Ohio public library locator map. It is available anytime, anywhere and requires just internet access and a computer, smartphone, or mobile device.

## Presentations

- Jen Johnson presented an informational webinar titled, “What the Wiki: Wikimedia Foundation Overview” as part of the Ohio Digital Network’s series of sessions revolving around Wikipedia and digital library collections.
- Anne Kennedy gave a recorded presentation as part of a session titled, “Digital Library Trends from COVID-19” and participated in a live Q&A for the American Library Association’s Annual Conference, which was held online this year.
- Evan Struble presented a brief session on the role of the State Library of Ohio within Ohio’s library ecosystem as part of the Ohio Library Council’s New Directors Workshop.

## Publications

- The [State Library of Ohio 2019 Annual Report](#) was published. The report encompasses Fiscal Year and Calendar Year 2019 and includes statistical measures on many of our services and a financial picture of how we used state and federal funds.
- [Continuing Education Roundup for Ohio Library Staff- Issue 3](#)
- The State Library Coronavirus Information and Resources webpage is kept up-to-date with new information and resources. To improve ease of access, links to the page are featured on the library’s home page ([library.ohio.gov/coronavirus-information-resources/](http://library.ohio.gov/coronavirus-information-resources/)). The webpage includes our Here to Help video and features links with summaries in categories of Government Information and Resources, For Everyone, For Libraries, Learning Opportunities, Access to Library Resources, Resources for Economic Support, and State Library News.

## SEO Service Center

- The total automation consortium circulation for past 30 days was 494,011.
- There were 1,523 new users created in the past 30 days.
  - Of these newly created users, 522 of them were self-registered and e-resource cards.
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—41
  - This includes Referral Center requests and SEO Items requested.
- Courtesy Renewals for Referral Center members due closures—205
- There were 479 support tickets for the past 30 days.
- **Niche Academy Stats:**

Tutorial	20-Jun
COVID-19 RESOURCES AND INFORMATION	13
The SEO Library App	38
OverDrive Libby eBooks, Audiobooks, and More	215
Using the Online Catalog	219
Managing Your Online Account	156
Using the Online Catalog to Find Digital Materials	62
Using the Catalog to Find Articles and Journals	35
Lynda.com Tech Skills to Boost Your Career	11
Chilton Auto Repair Instructions	18
Consumer Health Complete	2

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Elementary (Kids InfoBits)	4
The Reading Room: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Lexile Reading Levels	0
Ancestry Library Edition - Access Billions of Genealogical Records	14
Fold3 Remembering Veterans Through Military Records	18
World Book Encyclopedias and More (1)	1
Science Reference Center	2
Transparent Language Online Language Learning	0
The SEO Library Die-Cut Collection	1
Using the My Lists Feature	20
Placing Holds on Magazines	16
Placing Item Specific or Multiple Holds	62
Goodreads Perfect Book Recommendations	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>929</b>

- **SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMobile) Stats**
  - **586** new devices
  - **8,558** holds placed
  - **26,872** app launches
  - **27,577** total searches
- SEO IT Staff and the Tuscarawas Public Library are beta testing a new upcoming feature in BCMobile that will allow patrons to self-service via the app. Patrons would have the ability to check-in and check-out material using the SEO Libraries App.
- **Consortium Service Highlights**
  - 127,582 holds were placed in the SEO Library Consortium.
  - 92 of the 94 public libraries in the SEO Library Consortium are either open, offering contactless pickup, or a combination of both.
  - The Library Management System (LMS) support staff updated notices, circulation details, and hours for thirty libraries due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The LMS support staff aided one library in the setup of circulating hotspots.
  - On June 17, Kirstin Krumsee, Library Consultant, State Library of Ohio, presented “Thinking Ahead to the 2020 Public Library Survey” for SEO Consortium Library directors. John Stewart, Jay Miley, Janice Bond, Nicole Brown, and Brenda Michel attended from the SEO Service Center staff.
  - Misty Wyscarver reported that on June 1, 2020 she trained a member of the SEO Technical Services Committee to use the SEO Support Site to process original cataloging requests.
  - Misty also trained three members of the SEO Technical Services Committee to use the SEO Support Site to process original cataloging requests on June 16, 2020.
  - Misty also created and released a new training program called *Two Minute Tutorials*. Here is the link for the first video titled *Paying Bills*: <https://youtu.be/iqIDr0ePmJY>.

## Staffing

- Wendy Knapp began as State Librarian of Ohio on June 8. She has 18 years of library experience that includes state and public libraries. Read the announcement about her appointment [here](#).
- Bill Morris, Governmental Affairs Coordinator, retired from the State Library on July 1 after 25 years with the Library and 35 years of service with the State of Ohio. Read the announcement about his retirement [here](#).

## Strategic Planning

- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
  - Ashland Public Library
  - Oak Harbor Public Library
  - Lima Public Library

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- o Swanton Public Library
- o Loudonville Public Library
- o Canal Fulton Public Library
- o Germantown Public Library
- If you have questions about the [State Library's strategic planning services](#), or would like to be placed on the waiting list for this service, please contact Evan Struble at [estruble@library.ohio.gov](mailto:estruble@library.ohio.gov).

## Summer Food Service Program

- Many libraries in Ohio and around the USA participate in the **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**, a USDA-funded program that provides free meals and snacks to children ages 0-18 in communities with high levels of need.
- The USDA has extended temporary waivers that permit SFSP sites to provide grab-and-go meals/snacks and allow parents to pick meals up for their children. Other waivers are also in place to facilitate food distribution under social distancing guidelines.
- The USDA has also extended a temporary waiver of the area eligibility requirement for open SFSP sites. The Ohio Department of Education is permitting open sites in Ohio communities where at least 30% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. The ordinary eligibility requirement is 50%, so many more communities than usual are eligible in 2020.
- The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) offers a thorough and clear how-to guide for libraries: [Libraries and Summer Food](#). The State Library also offers a [basic SFSP guide for Ohio libraries](#).
- The CSLP also offers a free mini-manual for non-library SFSP sites, with ideas for integrating literacy activities and encouraging reading during the summer. [Download the "Read Up!" mini-manual from the CSLP website](#).
- Libraries in eligible areas that are not themselves serving as SFSP sites are encouraged to identify sites in their community and publicize the local availability of free meals for children. SFSP sites can also be excellent distribution points for SLP materials, library card applications, and library grab-and-go activities.

## Summer Library Program/Summer Reading Program

- Libraries are adapting their summer library programs to the ongoing requirements for social distancing. The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) created a resource to help libraries provide literacy and learning activities that families can do on their own, and other materials in support of summer library programs in the current environment. This resource is available for free download on the [CSLP website](#).
- The **2020 Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation survey** is somewhat different and a bit shorter this year. All Ohio public libraries are asked to indicate if they offered a Summer Library Program in 2020 and are strongly encouraged to submit SLP participation numbers (if collected) and to indicate whether the library participated in the Summer Food Service Program. Other questions are optional, including program/event attendance and information about new activities/strategies developed for 2020.
- All Ohio public libraries are asked to complete the Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation survey at the end of their Summer Library Program. The survey link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/slpeval2020>.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer ([jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov)) with any questions about SLP or if the State Library of Ohio can assist you in any way. We can help you find resources, ideas, and support as you continue to adjust your SLP and other programs and services to meet safety and social distancing protocols.

## Take 5

- After the State Library of Ohio's successful, first-ever [virtual Take 5](#) event in May, the next Take 5 event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2021 at Columbus Metropolitan Library.

- Take 5 is a day of dialogue and discovery for public library teen and youth services specialists, school librarians, and other youth advocates. Take 5 is a peer-to-peer event, planned and produced by collaborating librarians with support from host libraries. Take 5 is also supported by the State Library of Ohio with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The event ordinarily takes place at a different Ohio location each spring. Past attendees call Take 5 energizing, affirming, and inspiring. [Visit the Take 5 web page](#) and like the [Take 5 Facebook page](#). Take 5 is also [now on Twitter](#).

## Talking Books

- The Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (OLBPD) has resumed mail and phone services for patrons of the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program. OLBPD staff will be available to take phone calls Monday through Thursday, from 10 am to 2:30 pm. Patrons may also begin returning items to OLBPD.
- The State Library of Ohio is still currently closed but has resumed sending equipment on a limited basis to patrons beginning in June.
- We appreciate your patience as we begin to resume services and comply with COVID-19 guidance as required for the health and safety of our patrons and staff.
- For more information about OLBPD and links to online library services, please visit <https://olbpd.cpl.org>.

## Transforming Teen Services

- The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) is leading a nationwide training initiative to support and elevate teen services in libraries and other learning environments. Transforming Teen Services integrates connected learning, computational thinking, and youth development to help librarians build responsive services for and with teens.
- A national cohort includes teams of trainers from 46 states; Washington, DC; and the Northern Mariana Islands. Ohio's team: Kristin Wilson, Loudonville Public Library; Steve Moser, Dayton Metro Library; and Janet Ingraham Dwyer, State Library of Ohio. Kristin, Steve, and Janet will be scheduling training opportunities around Ohio for 2020 and 2021.
- Transforming Teen Services prioritizes the value of services for and with teens, the uniqueness of each community, and the primacy of equity. Learn more about this national initiative:
  - [www.ala.org/yalsa/train-trainer-project](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/train-trainer-project)
  - [www.slj.com/?detailStory=imls-grants-yalsa-chance-train-librarians-better-serve-teens](http://www.slj.com/?detailStory=imls-grants-yalsa-chance-train-librarians-better-serve-teens)