Ohio Ready to Read (ORTR)

Educational Efforts:

Event Title: Early Literacy 101  
Location: Parma 12/19; Geauga Co. 2/20; online 11/20  
Date: Multiple  
Attendance: 76 (47 in 2020 + 29 in Dec 2019)  
Brief overview (keynote speaker, session, etc.):  
Ohio Ready to Read trainers presented 1 in-person Early Literacy 101 (EL101) workshop for 31 attendees, and one online EL101 workshop for 16 attendees. Additionally, one workshop in December 2019, with 29 attendees, had not taken place by the time of the 2019 report. There is one additional online EL101 workshop scheduled in December 2020, with anticipated attendance of 20. Workshop locations included Parma and Geauga County. The online workshops are hosted by SWON Libraries and by Cuyahoga County Public Library. See https://www.ohreadytoread.org/early-literacy-101 for workshop details.

Other (video teleconferences, online courses, etc.): The ORTR trainers adapted the content of Early Literacy 101 for online facilitation. Also, Ohio was selected as one of 9 states in the second cohort of the national, IMLS-funded Reimagining School Readiness project. Three ORTR trainers will be trained to provide workshops to the Ohio library community in 2021 and 2022.

Newsletters, Articles, or Publications:

Title: ORTR website, Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar, ORTR Facebook page  
Date: various  
Author(s): ORTR task force  
Topic: The ORTR task force posted timely information on early literacy, early childhood development, kindergarten readiness, and related topics throughout the year. The website received a Drupal upgrade and a thorough general update and link-check in summer 2020. New resources and news were posted to the website and Facebook throughout the year. See https://www.ohreadytoread.org/ and https://www.facebook.com/OhioReadyToRead. The Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar is an online perpetual calendar featuring a song, a video, activities, and book recommendations for each day of the year. The link DayByDayOH.org will always bring up the current date and a new set of activities. Day By Day Ohio is a service of the State Library of Ohio in collaboration with ORTR.

Use of the OLC Web site: Task force info on CSD page.

Initiatives and Partnerships: ORTR is an ongoing partnership of the OLC and the State Library and is operated under the auspices of the Children’s Services Division. During 2020 the State Library of Ohio became one of 9 SLAs accepted into the Reimagining School Readiness project. Ohio’s participation will be a state-level collaboration of ORTR trainers and SLO staff. For more information about this project: