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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- The **American Rescue Plan Act** (ARPA) of 2021 designates $200 million in pandemic response funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The $200 million investment will provide critical funding to State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs), located in every U.S. state and territory, with reach into local communities across the country. In Ohio, the State Library of Ohio will receive $4,547,789 in one-time federal ARPA funds through the **IMLS Grants to States** program. Once disbursed, the funds will need to be utilized by June 30, 2022.
- The State Library of Ohio will use the majority of ARPA funds to provide substantial support to statewide and regional programs directly impacted by the pandemic, including resource sharing and e-content usage. In addition to that support, to best leverage these funds, the State Library will announce opportunities for competitive grants in May. The State Library is investing a significant amount of thought, creativity, and preparation to develop an equitable plan to reach academic, public, school, and special libraries. Libraries of all types adapted to the changing needs of their communities throughout the past year, and each type of library faced different challenges with a common thread of bridging the digital divide. Please click here for the full press release.
- For additional ARPA updates delivered directly to your inbox from the State Library, please consider joining the ARPA-OH listserv.

Announcements

News – website
- Celebrate Libraries and Library Workers During National Library Week. April 6, 2021
- Announcing Impacting Lives One Teen at a Time: What Directors Need to Know Webinar. April 5, 2021

Email Listservs
- 15th Anniversary Ohioana Book Festival is around the corner. April 6, 2021
- Register today for the next Live Ryan Dowd webinar: Police: How to reduce police calls and keep everyone safe in your organization. April 19, 2021
- Reminder ... Applications are now being accepted for public libraries to host a Guiding Ohio Online Technology Trainer. April 26, 2021

- Save the Date: Virtual Special Collections Conservation Care class and LSTA Grant Opportunity. April 26, 2021
- State Library of Ohio Receives Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. April 29, 2021

Choose to Read Ohio

- Floyd's Pick Book Award
  - *Hello* by Aiko Ikegami (Creston Books, 2019) has been named the sixth annual Floyd's Pick Book Award winner in memory of children's literature expert, advocate, and librarian Floyd Dickman.
  - The Floyd's Pick Book Award is given annually to a book written by an Ohio author or illustrated by an Ohio illustrator that is representative of high-quality literature created for children. It is given to carry on the legacy of Floyd Dickman's work to support and share children's literature. The Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) Advisory Council established Floyd's Pick in December 2015 and selects the annual winner and honor books.

- o The CTRO Advisory Council has also selected three Floyd's Pick Honor Books for 2021: *The Arabic Quilt* by Aya Khalil, illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan (Tilbury House Publishers, 2020); *Go, Girls, Go!* by Frances Gilbert, illustrated by Alison Black (Beach Lane Books / Simon & Schuster, 2019); and *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read* by Rita Lorraine Hubbard, illustrated by Oge Mora (Schwartz & Wade / Penguin Random House, 2020).
  - o To learn more about these books and about the Floyd's Pick Book Award, visit the Floyd's Pick website.
- The 2021 & 2022 Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) program cycle officially kicked off in January. The **2021 & 2022 CTRO booklist** features 20 notable titles for all ages and reading levels. The booklist includes five books each for young children, middle grades, teens, and adults, and encompasses fiction and nonfiction and a variety of geographic and cultural interests. Ohio librarians, teachers, and other book experts help to select the biennial CTRO booklist.
- Readers' toolkits for the 2021 & 2022 titles are in development and are being posted to the CTRO website (https://library.ohio.gov/ctro), along with other information about the featured books and about CTRO.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions about CTRO.

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 continue to telework when at all possible, State Library staff continue to work from their homes.
  - o While 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. You can also live chat with a librarian here.
- The State Library of Ohio has resumed lending materials. **Items will be available via contact-free front door pickup at the State Library on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** The address for the State Library of Ohio is 274 E. 1st Avenue, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43201.
  - o How contact-free front door pickup works:
    - ▪ Have your library card number ready.
    - ▪ Look for the contact-free front door pickup signs posted in the parking lot and on the library door. Call the number posted on the signs: 614-560-1646.
    - ▪ Deaf or hard of hearing patrons, please text 614-560-1646.
    - ▪ Staff answering the phone will check out your items and place them inside the vestibule on the table.
    - ▪ You must wear a face covering to pick up your items inside the vestibule.
    - ▪ You will enter the vestibule and pick up your items on the table. Your items will be in a plastic bag.
    - ▪ If you have additional questions, please email circhelp@library.ohio.gov.
- Our reference and cataloging librarians are working remotely, responding to reference requests from state employees and the general public alike. With an eye toward the future, staff are also cataloging and archiving state agency web publications regarding COVID-19.
- 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.
  - o Government Documents Librarian Elissa Lawrence is working with the Government Publishing Office (GPO) Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to assist with questions from Ohio depository libraries. Any questions or issues? Email govdocs@library.ohio.gov.

Guiding Ohio Online
- Applications are now being accepted for public libraries to host a Guiding Ohio Online Technology Trainer. The State Library's **Guiding Ohio Online** program, supported by federal LSTA funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, targets public libraries in Ohio that serve rural populations in order to help Ohioans develop digital skills needed to fully participate in the digital age.

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- o Trainers will serve in selected libraries during the program year, October 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. Applications and **proposed budget forms** for Guiding Ohio Online can be found **here** and are due **May 28, 2020**.
  - o Cindy Boyden, Erin Kelsey, Anne Kennedy, and Evan Struble conducted a webinar on the Guiding Ohio Online application process on Tuesday, April 6. The recording can be found here. Whether you're a current Guiding Ohio Online library or considering joining the program for the first time, view the recording to learn about the program in general, how it works, how it's funded, the reporting required, and how to apply. After attending the webinar, interested libraries can request appointments to receive assistance with filling out their applications and budget sheets from State Library staff.
- If you have any questions regarding the funding or budget of Guiding Ohio Online, please contact the LSTA Office at lsta@library.ohio.gov or by calling 800-686-1532 or 614-644-6863.
- 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 or by calling 614-466-1710.

Library Leadership Ohio 2021
- Library Leadership Ohio 2021 will be held live, online on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons over the span of three weeks in summer 2021. The event, supported with federal LSTA funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will be facilitated by OhioNET and the State Library of Ohio with guidance from the LLO 2021 advisory committee.
  - o The dates for LLO 2021 are as follows:
    - Week 1: July 13 and 15
    - Week 2: July 20 and 22
    - Week 3: July 29 *evening event with LLO alumni and committees
    - Week 4: August 3 and 5
- The application period for Library Leadership Ohio 2021 closed on March 14. Selected applicants will be notified by mid-May.

List of New Acquisitions
- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library's collection for April is available on our website at: https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/april-2021/.

LSTA
- Libraries may apply for an LSTA Open Grant at any time. Information on Open Grants can be found at: https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#AvailableGrants.
  - o The following libraries were awarded an Open Grant in April:
    - Bluffton Public Library
    - Delaware City Schools
    - Hudson Library & Historical Society
    - St. Xavier High School
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, cboyden@library.ohio.gov.

NASA@ My Library
- The State Library of Ohio was chosen to participate in a NASA@ My Library Advisory Panel. The panel will discuss how to best share NASA@ My Library materials with libraries across the United States, and what support libraries might need for STEM Programming. Penelope Shumaker will represent the State Library of Ohio on the panel.

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Ohio Digital Library
- In the month of April, ODL tallied 589,396 checkouts.
  - Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at the real-time checkouts and holds.
- In mid-March 2020, ODL enabled the opportunity for Ohioans to take advantage of the Overdrive Instant Digital Card. A user can sign up with their phone number and gain quick access to e-content via ODL. Users that sign up via the Instant Digital Card will be directed to their local library to fill out a physical library card. In April 2021, 4,056 registrations took place.

Ohio Digital Network [Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Project]
- Through April, the Ohio Digital Network (ODN) now has over **250,000 items** on dp.la. from 25 active contributors.
- In partnership with OPLIN, ODN awards the Ohio Digitized Archives Researcher Award at Ohio History Day. The award recognizes one outstanding junior and one outstanding senior Ohio History Day project demonstrating effective use of digitized resources created by Ohio's cultural heritage institutions—public libraries, educational institutions, museums and historical societies—made available through the Ohio Digital Network or an institution's own website. The project should demonstrate that the researcher has developed their own questions and ideas about their topic, has expanded the variety of resources they consult, has evaluated those sources for usefulness and bias, and has applied them to their research questions with sufficient citation for others to find those sources again. This year the award winners were:
  - The Ohio Digitized Archives Researcher Award Junior Division
    - Students: Audrey Ronayne, Fiona Boyd, Katherine Leonardi
    - Project: How the Courtroom Became a Crime Scene: The Unjust Communication in the Sam Sheppard Trials
    - School: Birchwood School of Hawken
    - Teacher: Joseph Parrino
  - The Ohio Digitized Archives Researcher Award Senior Division
    - Students: Devin Corrington, Parker Williams
    - Project: Woodstock: Communicating Peace and Love at a Time of Political and Social Unrest
    - School: Tri-County North
    - Teacher: Stacy Williams
- A new informational video on how things work at ODN and DPLA has been created, and can be accessed here on the ODN YouTube Channel. Check it out if you've always been curious about these initiatives or would like a refresher.
- Jen Johnson and Penelope Shumaker are available to speak to libraries and cultural heritage institutions about DPLA and ODN. For details, contact Jen Johnson, 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.

Ohio Ready to Read
- The Ohio Ready to Read (ORTR) trainers have developed an online version of the popular **Early Literacy 101 workshop**. Open-registration workshops will be announced on the Library Youth Services listserv and the ORTR Facebook page. By-request workshops for 15-20 participants are possible; see the ORTR website for details.
- Early Literacy 101 is a free, hands-on workshop to help library staff build a firm foundation in early literacy. The online workshop includes two two-hour live sessions and approximately 2 hours of on-your-own work. Participants will learn how brain development impacts how young children learn, and will explore effective, research-based early literacy resources and activities.

- 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 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.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions about ORTR.

Other News and Information
- 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/).

Presentations
- Janet Ingraham Dwyer co-hosted the Floyd's Pick Book Award author panel and the Choose to Read Ohio author panel at the Ohioana Book Festival.
- Janet Ingraham Dwyer was a panelist for the Ohio Library Council's April 23 webinar, Ohio Governor's Imagination Library and Summer Reading/Fall Events.
- Cindy Boyden led the first of a series of three workshops for OhioNET titled, Open Your Mind to Grant Writing.

Professional Activities
- The Information Systems and Technology Department, with Peter Kukla as the Tech Lead, launched a mailing list and blog for information pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
- Contributions to the Ohio Memory blog include:
    - Elissa Lawrence and Nicole Merriman wrote: Born-digital Publications on Ohio Memory
    - Stephanie Michaels wrote: It's a Dog's Life: Dogs on Ohio Memory

Professional Development
- Andy Ingraham Dwyer and David Green attended Azure Afternoons on April 1.
- Peter Kukla attended the OPLIN Accessibility Seminar on April 2.
- Eric Maynard and Andy Ingraham Dwyer attended Microsoft Teams Day Online 2021 on April 7-8.
- Andy Ingraham Dwyer attended the AWS Public Sector Summit Online on April 15.
- Eric Maynard and David Green attended the InnovateOhio Platform April Analytics Forum on April 21.

Reimagining School Readiness
- The State Library of Ohio is proud to support the Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit, a suite of research-backed resources created for library staff to help families prepare children ages birth to eight years for success in school and in life. The toolkit was developed by the Bay Area Discovery Museum in collaboration with the California State Library and the Pacific Library Partnership.
- A workshop, co-facilitated by Penelope Shumaker, was presented on April 22, covering such topics as:
    - key findings from current cognitive and developmental psychology research
    - the implications of those findings for library staff's daily work
    - practical ready-to-implement ideas for activities
    - resources for staff training and for parents/caregivers
- All other associated workshops' registrations are full at this time. Additional information about this initiative can be found here.

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SEO Service Center
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**627**
  - This includes Referral Center requests and SEO items requested.
- There were **620** support tickets for the past 30 days
- **Niche Academy Stats:**

Tutorial	4/21/2021
COVID-19 RESOURCES AND INFORMATION	14
Using the Online Catalog	82
Managing Your Online Account	33
Using the Online Catalog to Find Digital Materials	27
The SEO Library App	11
HeritageQuest: A Collection of Genealogical and Historical Sources	14
Sanborn Maps Historic Insurance Maps for the United States	6
OverDrive|Libby eBooks, Audiobooks, and More	52
OverDrive|Libby eBooks, Audiobooks, y Mas	19
Using the My Lists Feature	15
Using the Catalog to Find Articles and Journals	5
The SEO Library Die-Cut Collection	26
Placing Item Specific or Multiple Holds	44
Placing Holds on Magazines	5
The Reading Room: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Lexile Reading Levels	9
Lynda.com Tech Skills to Boost Your Career	5
Ancestry Library Edition - Access Billions of Genealogical Records	10
Fold3 Remembering Veterans Through Military Records	0
HeritageQuest: Discover Your Family History Today	1
Research Essentials Authoring Research Questions	72
Research Essentials Better Search Techniques	40
Research Essentials Finding the Right Sources	27
Research Essentials In-Text Citations	15
Research Essentials Paraphrasing and Summarizing	9
Transparent Language Online Language Learning	3
Chilton Auto Repair Instructions	2
Consumer Health Complete	3
Elementary (Kids InfoBits)	1
World Book Encyclopedias and More (1)	1
Total	**544**

- **SEO Consortium Libraries App Stats**
  - **619** new devices
  - **14,567** holds placed
  - **38,065** app launches
  - **38,031** total searches

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- **Splashtop On-Demand Access**
  - **69** on-demand remote sessions
- **SEO Training Department Activities:**
  - Rodman Public Library Circulation Training on April 6-7
  - Attended Prejudice: Responding to Prejudicial Comments from Customers webinar on April 8
  - Attended COSUGI on April 27-29
- **Consortium Service Highlights**
  - On April 6, John Stewart, Jay Miley, and William Price attended the Puskarich Public Library re-opening event.
  - On April 7, John Stewart and Jay Miley had a virtual meeting with Carey Miller and Carey Pierson from Innovative Interfaces to discuss library needs and challenges. They also discussed new features and functionality offered in the Polaris Integrated Library Software since last year.
  - On April 8, The SEO Management Team met with Don Yarman for their monthly service review and touch base.
  - On April 9, John Stewart attended the OPLIN Board Meeting.
  - On April 12, the SEO IT Team worked with SirsiDynix to upgrade the Symphony ILE to the latest software version (3.7.1). In total, there were over 1000 staff workstations updated across the consortium.
  - On April 14, John Stewart and Jay Miley met with Dianne Cole, Director of the Bowerston Public Library, to discuss logistics of adding a new branch in the Conotton Valley High School.
  - John Stewart, Jay Miley, and Jamie Pardee met with the directors of Louisville and Rodman Public Libraries to discuss issues with deliveries to their locations.
  - On April 15, the SEO IT Team met with State Library IT to further discuss transitions in their infrastructures to cloud-based offerings (MS OneDrive and MS SharePoint Team Collaboration tools).
  - With the move to the latest Symphony 3.7.1 platform, SEO IT worked with SirsiDynix to implement a new System Administration tool called DataControl.
  - John Stewart attended the following session: Increasing Connectivity with the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB).
  - On April 16, the SEO Management team met with Evan Struble for their monthly SEO/ LSTA discussion.
  - On April 19, the SEO Users Group (SEOHUG) team met with SirsiDynix project managers that will participate in the upcoming Users Group Meeting to plan presentations and content.
  - Michael Postlethwait and Jay Miley met with the SirsiDynix Consultant for a Sure Sailing phone call on April 19.
  - On April 20, the SEO Management Team met with the SirsiDynix Library Relations Manager Lisa Witteman.
  - SEO IT worked with Lindsay Foust, Director of the Ida Rupp Public Library, to finalize their Custom App Template.
  - On April 21, the SEO Migration Team met to plan for the upcoming visit to the Hurt/Battelle Memorial Library of West Jefferson.
  - The SEO Management Team had a call with Rebecca Wilden, the new Director at Mechanicsburg Public Library, to discuss consortium services.
  - Jay Miley attended a two-day workshop in SirsiDynix Data Control on April 21 and 22.
  - On April 22, SEO IT worked with SirsiDynix to refresh the SEO Development Environment server used for training and system testing and development.
  - On April 23, the SEO Migration Team was on-site at the Hurt/Battelle Public Library to discuss the upcoming migration to SEO and for team introductions and discussion. Hurt/Battelle will be joining the SEO Library Consortium on September 16, 2021.
  - The SEO IT Team attended the quarterly WhoFi quarterly business call.

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- o On April 26, the SEO Management Team met with Nathan Peterson, Project Manager over Enterprise and eResource Central, to prepare content for the upcoming SEOHUG User Meeting.
- o On April 27 – 29, Misty Wyscarver, Paula Clark, Michael Postlethwait, Jay Miley, and John Stewart attended the COSUGI virtual conference.
- o On April 30, John Stewart, Jay Miley, and Michael Postlethwait met with Michael Kuhr to discuss Unique Managements Proposal to the SEO Consortium for the MessageBee service.
- o The Library Management Software Support Team assisted Wayne Public Library in going fine-free.

Strategic Planning

- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
  - o Canal Fulton Public Library
  - o Germantown Public Library
  - o New Carlisle Public Library
  - o Arcanum Public Library
  - o Kaubisch Memorial Public Library
  - o Pickerington Public Library
  - o Pickaway County Library
  - o Tipp City Public Library
  - o Harris-Elmore 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.

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. Besides the obvious benefits of addressing hunger and supporting vulnerable youth, SFSP participation benefits libraries through:
  - o Access to new user groups, especially underserved and marginalized populations;
  - o Increased visibility of the library as a community asset;
  - o Opportunities for new partnerships;
  - o Positioning of the library as an important stakeholder in community well-being and positive child outcomes;
  - o Support for summer library programming through increased attendance.
- If you are already an SFSP site or have been in the past, work with your current/previous sponsor to prepare for summer 2021. Current USDA waivers allowing for non-congregate meal distribution (grab & go) and relaxing area eligibility are in effect through September 30 for SFSP.
- If you want to become an SFSP site, the Collaborative Summer Library Program offers a thorough and clear how-to guide for libraries: **Libraries and Summer Food** provides a step-by-step for libraries interested in becoming SFSP sites, or otherwise getting involved in addressing child food insecurity during the summer.
- The Children's Hunger Alliance can serve as an SFSP sponsor for eligible sites in all 88 Ohio counties for distribution of shelf-stable meals and snacks that meet nutrition guidelines. You may also consider completing the Ohio Department of Education's Potential Sponsor Survey. The ODE administers the SFSP statewide and identifies new sponsors and sites through this survey.
- The State Library also offers a basic guide for Ohio libraries: library.ohio.gov/summer-food.

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Summer Library Program/Summer Reading Program
- 2021 statewide incentives are available from Ohio State Parks ($10 off an overnight stay) and the Ohio Renaissance Festival (½ off gate admission). Any Ohio public library may, at its discretion, distribute these coupon incentives to SLP participants of any age. Instructions for obtaining the coupons have been posted to Ohio library listservs including Library Youth Services, OPLINlist, and SmLibs. Please contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov if you work at a public library and need the download links and instructions.
- An online access code for the 2021 Collaborative Summer Library Program manual was sent to a representative of each of Ohio's 251 public library systems in the fall. The access code may be used by all library buildings and departments in multi-location systems. Ohio public libraries' membership in CSLP and access to the online CSLP manual are fully supported by federal LSTA funds administered by the State Library of Ohio. The online manual includes the complete program manual, all artwork and downloadables, and many extra resources not available in the static manual formats.
- The 2021 CSLP slogan is "Tails and Tales." The program features animal-themed artwork by Salina Yoon.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov if you need the CSLP access code or with any questions about SLP.

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 training team includes Kristin Wilson, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library; Steve Moser, Dayton Metro Library; and Janet Ingraham Dwyer, State Library of Ohio.
- Registration is open for a special interactive webinar for library directors and administrators. **Impacting Lives One Teen at a Time: What Directors Should Know** is a high-level overview of this initiative introducing key topics in contemporary teen services. It will take place on Wednesday, May 12 at 10:00 am.
- After planned trainings across Ohio were interrupted by the public health emergency, Ohio's team developed a four-session, six-hour online Transforming Teen Services course. Over 100 Ohio library staff members have taken this course. The sixth cohort is currently meeting. Future cohort opportunities will be posted to the Library Youth Services and Ohio Teen Librarians listservs. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with questions.
- Transforming Teen Services prioritizes the value of services for and with teens, the uniqueness of each community, and the primacy of equity. Learn more: http://www.ala.org/yalsa/train-trainer-project.

WebJunction
- There was a total of 159 WebJunction course completions and webinars attendees in April 2021—down from 172 in March. Attendees represented all types of libraries with 129 from Public, 5 Academic, 8 from a State Agency or Association, and 17 from none of the above.