

2025 Advocacy Calendar

January

- Welcome new members of the 136th Ohio General Assembly. Keep your legislators informed on what your library is currently offering.
- Register and attend the [OLC Advocacy Webinar](#) on Jan. 9.
- Make sure your legislator is on your library's newsletter mailing list.
- Review the advocacy tools on [OLC website](#) and watch for updates on the FY 2026-27 biennial budget process.

February

- Write an article about how your library is funded and how state funding through the Public Library Fund (PLF) impacts your library.
- Register and participate in the [Budget Webinar](#) on Feb. 13.
- Celebrate "Toni Morrison" Day on Feb. 18.
- Invite your legislators to be a part of your library's storytime for "Read Across America Day" on March 2.

March

- Register for the OLC's [Library Legislative Day](#) on April 8.
- Watch the OLC's Preparing for Library Legislative Day Webinar.
- Coordinate your Legislative Day Meetings with your Legislative Network Representative.

April

- Participate in the OLC's [Library Legislative Day](#) on April 8 at the Ohio Statehouse.
- Share stories and photos on your library's social media pages. Be sure to tag your legislators.

May

- Ohio Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 6.
- Celebrate In-Demand Jobs Week in Ohio.
- 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 library's 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.
- Watch the OLC's State Budget Bill Recap Webinar.

August

- The Ohio General Assembly is in recess. Make a point to attend meetings and events your legislators will be attending and invite them to special events at your library.
- 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.
- Work with your OLC Legislative Network Representative and organize an informal Legislative Breakfast with your legislators back in the district.

October

- TeenTober is a month-long celebration promoting year-round teen services (TeenTober replaces YALSA's previous Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week). Highlight programs and materials for the teens in your community.
- Register to attend the 2025 OLC Convention and Expo in Cleveland.

November

- Election Day is Nov. 4.
- Veterans Day is Nov. 11. 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.
- Celebrate OLC's 130th Anniversary at the OLC's Convention and Expo.

December

- Remember to invite legislators to holiday events and programs at your library.
- Watch your inbox or visit [olc.org](#) to see important legislative updates and advocacy events scheduled in 2026.
- Get a recap of the legislation OLC has been monitoring at the Statehouse. Go to [olc.org/government-relations/olc-bill-tracker](#).