

# 2022 Advocacy Calendar

## January

- Big election year! Keep an eye on likely candidates so you can begin educating them about what makes your library great.
- Continue communicating with your legislators as we begin second half of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.
- Review the advocacy tools found on the [OLC website](#).

## February

- Verify that your legislator is on your library's newsletter mailing list.
- Write an article about the services your library offers.
- 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 OLC's Legislative Day on April 6.
- Watch the OLC's Preparing for Legislative Day webinar.
- Coordinate your Legislative Day meetings with your Legislative Network representative.

## April

- Attend Legislative Day on April 6 at the Sheraton on Capitol Square, Columbus.
- Take photos with your legislators and share them on your library's social media pages. Be sure to tag your legislators.
- Celebrate National Library Week: April 3–9.
- Ohio Senate on break: April 7– May 9; House on break: April 8–May 16.

## May

- Ohio Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 3.
- Celebrate In Demand Jobs Week and send a note to legislators about job search assistance, workforce development services, and online educational courses provided by your library.
- Celebrate National Week of Making. Share a picture of your library's makerspace on social media.

## June

- Invite your legislators to read during storytime or participate in a Summer Reading Program event in June or July.

## July

- The Ohio General Assembly is in recess and legislators will be spending a lot of time in their home districts preparing for the General Election in November. Find out what meetings and events they will be attending and be sure to stop by and say hello.
- Invite your legislators to read during storytime or participate in a program.

## August

- The Ohio General Assembly continues its summer 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 Legislative Network representative and organize an informal Legislative Breakfast with your legislators back in the district or host a candidate forum.
- Attend the Convention and Expo, Sep. 28-30 in Toledo.

## 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.

## November

- Election Day is Nov. 8.
- Veterans Day is Nov. 11. Highlight the programs and services your library offers to veterans.
- It's Picture Book Month. Invite a legislator to read during storytime.
- The Ohio General Assembly begins the "Lame Duck" session period to close out the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

## 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 as the 134<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly comes to a close.
- Get a recap of legislation OLC has been monitoring at the Statehouse. Go to [olc.org/bill-tracker](#).