Division or Committee Name:
Children's Services Division

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Did you sponsor or present an OLC webinar?
Yes

Did you sponsor program(s) at OLC events? (Conferences, Convention and Expo, etc.)
Yes

List Professional Development program(s), date(s), and provide brief overview of program(s):

WEBINARS
Beyond Virtual Storytime: 30+ No-Contact Program Ideas for Children and Teens @ February 11, 2021, 2-3pm
Children's Services Division members presented information on 30, no-contact program ideas designed for children and teens (and adaptable for all ages). They discussed library-specific considerations such as budget, time, technology, and physical space for materials like kits for pick-up as well as helped participants discover resources that will help them create new, no-contact program ideas.

Virtual Guerilla Storytime
April 20, 2021, 11-Noon
Using the Guerilla Storytime model created by Storytime Underground, Children's Services Division members posed a series of questions related to story time challenges and participants responded and discussed in a zoom-style meeting. Discussion topics included: what do you do if a parent interrupts story time by talking on the phone, favorite rhymes to use with preschoolers & toddlers, the challenges associated with virtual programming, and the eventual return to in-person programming.

SERVICE FOR ALL CONFERENCE, CSD Sponsorships
A Sensory Place for All
Presenters: Deborah Long and Tracey Phillips, Louisville Public Library
Presenters discussed how they went about getting started in their libraries with sensory equipment and programming. Louisville Public Library created the Sensory Space with the needs of those with sensory processing disorders, autism, dementia, and learning disabilities in mind, but where everyone is welcome.

2021 CONFERENCE & EXPO, CSD Sponsorships
Rich, Robust, and Expressive: Vocabulary Building in Storytime
Maria Cahill, Janet Ingraham-Dwyer
Presenters shared the findings of a research project studying the value of public library story times for school readiness and community-building. They discussed the role of book choice, questioning strategies, music, and play. The study was a collaboration between the University of Kentucky School of Information Science, the State Library of Ohio, the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, and the Indiana State Library.

Here There Be Dragons: Gamify Your Reading Program
Presenters: Mallory Thompson, Liz Strauss
Mallory Thompson and Liz Strauss of the Dover Public Library talked about their reading program inspired by
virtual pets and collectible card games. This program allows young participants to collect and grow their own collection of dragon cards by reading and visiting the library. They discussed how Reading Dragons was developed and how it can be adapted for other libraries.

Ready for Kindergarten at the Library
Presenters: Maria Trivisonno, Cuyahoga County Public Library; Cristin Brown-Beuck, Toledo Lucas County Public Library; Pam Brockway, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County
Members of the Ohio Ready to Read Task Force shared lessons learned in supporting kindergarten readiness in their communities as well as offered ideas, activities and tools to use in other communities.

Creating Sensory Spaces for All
Presenters: Deborah Long, Tracey Phillips, and Shawn Arbogast, Louisville Public Library
Presenters discussed how they went about getting started in their libraries with sensory equipment and programming. Louisville Public Library created the Sensory Space with the needs of those with sensory processing disorders, autism, dementia, and learning disabilities in mind, but where everyone is welcome.

Libraries and the Ohio Association of Food Banks: Partners Against Food Insecurity
Presenters: Janet Ingraham Dwyer, State Library of Ohio; Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Ohio Association of Food Banks
This session shared programs and experiences beyond Summer Food Service Programs to help meet hunger needs in communities, including food pantries, mobile markets, backpack programs, senior boxes and much more!

Did you host an OLC Connects table at the Convention and Expo?
Yes

Did you distribute any print or electronic communications (newsletters, articles, publications)?
Yes

Briefly describe communications:
Online newsletters were distributed to OLC Children’s Services members in Spring, Summer, and Winter 2021.

Did you utilize the OLC website?
Yes

Did you create any new partnerships or initiatives?
Yes

If yes, please describe partnerships/initiatives:
A member of the Children's Services Division now serves as liaison to the Ohio Ready To Read taskforce. This liaison attends ORTR meetings and shares collaboration opportunities with each group.