Annual Report | Goals & Objectives

Division or Committee Name:

Ohio Ready to Read (task force of Children's Services Division)

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Did you sponsor or present an OLC webinar?

No

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

No

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

Early Literacy 101: Ohio Ready to Read trainers presented online Early Literacy 101 workshops in March, May, and Oct/Nov for a total of 93 attendees. Additionally, one workshop in December 2020, with 23 attendees, had not taken place by the time of the 2020 report. There is one additional online EL101 workshop scheduled in December 2021, with anticipated attendance of 40+. See https://www.ohreadytoread.org/early-literacy-101 for workshop details.

Reimagining School Readiness: Five online workshops were held in 2021. Attendees at the five workshops represented 70 Ohio public library systems. Learn more about Reimagining School Readiness: https://ohreadytoread.org/reimagining-school-readiness.

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:

ORTR website: https://ohreadytoread.org/
Day by Day Family Literacy calendar: http://DayByDayOH.org
ORTR Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/OhioReadyToRead
Overview flyer: https://ohreadytoread.org/sites/default/files/migrated/ORTR_flyer_2021_0.pdf
Development Brain models: https://ohreadytoread.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Brain_model_instructions_and_script_for_EL101.pdf

Did you utilize the OLC website?

No

Did you create any new partnerships or initiatives?

Yes

If yes, please describe partnerships/initiatives:

Ohio was selected as one of 9 states in the second cohort of the national, IMLS-funded Reimagining School Readiness project. Three ORTR trainers (Pam Brockway, Julia Shaheen, Celeste Swanson) have been trained to provide workshops to the Ohio library community in 2021 and 2022, along with Penelope Shumaker from the State Library of Ohio (see above under Professional Development).

Also, in 2021, CSD designated a liaison from the CSD Action Council to simultaneously serve on the ORTR Task Force. This is an effort to enhance communication and flow between the division and the task force. (The SLO youth services consultant also participates on both the CSD Action Council and the ORTR Task Force.)

Please list Goals and Objectives for next year:

- Review (and update as needed) every calendar page of the Day by Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar.
- Continue to post timely news items and resources to the ORTR Facebook page.
- Facilitate at least 3 offerings of the Early Literacy 101 workshop.
- Facilitate the Reimagining School Readiness training (Pam, Julia, Celeste, Penelope) per requirements of the IMLS grant.
- Collaborate with library consultant Pamela Martin-Diaz to provide resources for librarians to support and promote the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library and to engage families in using OGIL books.

Additional Notes/Comments
Ohio Ready to Read is an ongoing collaboration between the OLC and the State Library of Ohio. Ohio Ready to Read helps librarians to educate Ohio's families on the importance of early childhood literacy. The steering group is a task force of the Children's Services Division.