

2023 Advocacy Calendar

January

- Welcome new members of the Ohio General Assembly. Keep your legislators informed on what your library is currently offering.
- Make sure your legislator is on your library's newsletter mailing list.
- Review the advocacy tools on the [OLC website](#) and watch the [OLC calendar](#) for webinars with updates on the FY 2024-25 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 Advocacy Webinar on Feb. 8.
- Celebrate "Toni Morrison Day" on Feb. 18.
- Invite your legislators to participate in your library's Storytime for "Read Across America Day" on March 2.

March

- Register for OLC's Legislative Day on [April 26](#) at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium in Columbus.
- 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 26](#) at Ohio Statehouse Atrium in 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 23-29](#). Share stories and photos on your library's social media pages.

May

- Ohio Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 2.
- Celebrate In-Demand Jobs Week and share what your library is doing for In-Demand Jobs Week on social media. Be sure to tag your legislators.
- Send a short note to your legislators about job search assistance, workforce development services, and online educational courses provided by your library.

June

- Watch your inbox and respond to OLC's 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 social media. #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.
- Attend the Convention and Expo, [Sept. 27-29](#), at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati.
- Work with your 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.

November

- Election Day is Nov. 7.
- Veterans Day is Nov. 11. Highlight the programs and services your library offers to veterans. Be sure to share on your library's social media pages. #VeteransDay
- It's Picture Book Month. Invite a legislator to read during Storytime.

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 2024.
- Get a recap of the legislation OLC has been monitoring at the Statehouse. Go to [olc.org/bill-tracker](#).