

Monthly Report, August 31, 2023
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<https://library.ohio.gov/about/state-librarian-board/>

Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Awards

- Voting for the 2024 Buckeye Book Awards is open September 1 through November 10 at bcbookaward.info. All Ohio students in grades K-12 are eligible to vote.
- Students can also nominate titles for the 2024 awards. Eligible books are first published in 2022 or 2023 and not part of a series that has previously won the award. Nominations run through March 10, 2024. See the [Buckeye Book Awards website](#) for details.
- The Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Award program, Ohio's readers' choice book award, was established in 1981 and is a collaborative project of the Ohio Educational Library Media Association, Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts, Ohio Library Council, Ohio Literacy Association, Kent State University School of Information, and State Library of Ohio. Contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with any questions.

Building Equity Based Summers

- Ohio is among the states piloting the IMLS grant-funded initiative Building Equity-Based Summers Through Libraries & Communities (BEBS). This three-year pilot project is now entering its second year.
- BEBS empowers library staff to develop an equity mindset. The goal of this project is to build library staff skills and confidence, which will equip library staff to create summer programs and services that are equitable and that promote equity across the communities served by their library.
- Six Ohio public libraries are joining the pilot project for year two: Dayton Metro Library, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Reed Memorial Library, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, and Toledo Lucas County Public Library.
- Five new pilot states (MA, MT, NJ, OR, PA) are joining the current pilot states (CT, ID, MD, OH, RI, WA) and BEBS founding state California, for a total of twelve states participating in year two.
- Contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with any questions about BEBS. [Learn more about BEBS.](#)

Child and Adult Care Food Program / At-risk Afterschool Meals

- Many libraries in Ohio and around the USA participate in At-risk Afterschool Meals/Snacks (a part of the **Child & Adult Care Food Program** or CACFP). This is a USDA-funded program that provides free meals and snacks to children ages 0-18 in communities with high levels of need. Besides the obvious benefits of addressing hunger and supporting vulnerable youth, CACFP participation benefits libraries through:
 - Access to new user groups, especially underserved and marginalized populations
 - Increased visibility of the library as a community asset
 - Opportunities for new partnerships
 - Positioning of the library as an important stakeholder in community well-being and positive child outcomes
 - Potential increased attendance at library programming
- If you are already a CACFP site or have been in the past, work with your current/previous sponsor to participate.
- If you want to become a CACFP site, see No Kid Hungry's [Summer and Afterschool Meals in Libraries](#) resource guide for basic information. The [Ohio Department of Education, Office of Integrated Student Supports](#) can help you identify a CACFP sponsor. [Children's Hunger Alliance](#) can serve as sponsor for eligible sites across Ohio.
- Contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with questions about CACFP and food distribution through libraries.

Display



- The [Freedom to Serve: 75 Years of Desegregation in the United States Armed Services](#) exhibit was on display in North hallway (outside of original Governor of Ohio's office) at the Ohio Statehouse from July 10 – August 15, 2023. The exhibit honored the history of persons of color in military service and the 75th anniversary of desegregation in the United States Armed Services. On July 26, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981 stating that "there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed forces without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin." State and federal publications from the State Library as well as printed items from digital libraries chronicled the evolution of integration in the US armed forces. In collaboration with the Ohio National Guard, the exhibit supported state and national Freedom to Serve initiatives. Additional photos may be viewed via the [State Library's Instagram account](#).

Government Documents

- Government Documents Librarian Elissa Lawrence is working with the Government Publishing Office (GPO) Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to assist with questions from Ohio depository libraries. Any questions or issues? Email govdocs@library.ohio.gov.

ILEAD Ohio

- The State Library of Ohio and OhioNet are pleased to announce ILEAD Ohio is back in 2023! [ILEAD Ohio](#) helps develop present and future Ohio library leaders, no matter their position or title, through a team-based, problem-solving project. The goal of ILEAD Ohio is to support participants in addressing professional and/or community needs through the exploration and application of innovative communication, technology, and collaborative tools and skills.
 - The second session of ILEAD Ohio 2023 was held on July 11 through July 13 at the Cherry Valley Hotel & Conference Center in Newark, Ohio. The ILEAD Ohio cohort attended sessions revolving around the development of presentation skills, project management, project evaluation, budgeting, and more.

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- As is customary with the ILEAD program, an LSTA grant of \$3,000.00 has been awarded to each of the four teams participating in ILEAD Ohio 2023. These funds will help Team Digital Community Archiving, Team Find Digital Ohio, Team Life Skills, and Team Student Success bring their ILEAD projects to fruition.
- The third and final ILEAD Ohio 2023 session will be held on October 17-19 at the Cherry Valley Hotel & Conference Center in Newark, Ohio.

List of New Acquisitions



- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library's collection for August is available on our website at: <https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/august-2023/>.

LSTA

- The application period for the State Library's LSTA [Metadata Mini-Grant](#) is closed and proposals submitted for this grant initiative are now under review. Notification of results will go out in early September. The Metadata Mini-Grant is offered in conjunction with the [Ohio Digital Network](#) (ODN) and provides up to \$4,999.00 in LSTA funds to support libraries' efforts to digitize content for inclusion in the [Digital Public Library of America](#) (DPLA).
- The State Library of Ohio will again be accepting proposals for LSTA Competitive Grants this fall. All types of Ohio libraries are eligible to apply for LSTA Competitive Grant funds. Applicants may request up to \$50,000 in funding and all projects must include a 25% local cash match of the total project cost. This year's Competitive Grant initiative will feature revised focus areas that reflect and support Ohio's new LSTA Five Year Plan 2023-2027.
 - Application information for [Competitive Grants is now available!](#) Applications will be due at the end of October, and awardees will be announced after the December State Library Board Meeting.
- Libraries may apply for an LSTA Open Grant at any time. Information on Open Grants can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#AvailableGrants>.
 - The following institutions were awarded an Open Grant in the month of August:
 - Hudson Library & Historical Society
- Questions regarding the LSTA program should be addressed to Jeff Regensburger, Library Consultant/LSTA Coordinator, at LSTA@library.ohio.gov.

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NASA@ My Library and Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL)

- The State Library of Ohio is currently circulating four kits designed to facilitate libraries' Space Science Programming.
 - The [Younger Audience](#) kit provides activities geared at younger audiences such as elementary age students. The kit includes a Sunspotter, Mini Sunoculars and an activity based on the book [MoonBear's Shadow](#).
 - The [Multi-Generational Programming](#) kit is designed to help your library provide programs for all age groups. The kit includes two large Sunoculars, a sun telescope, and activity materials about the sun.
 - The [Sun-Earth-Moon Connections Kit](#) focuses on activities and experiences that better help patrons understand their place in space, and how the Sun and Moon impact our planet. Major content areas in this kit include modeling both lunar and solar eclipses with easy-to-use tools; detecting ultraviolet light in a creative way; using sorting cards to explore concepts relating to size, distance, and temperature; and an experiential activity that allows for a greater understanding of the vast scale of our Solar System.
 - The [Be a NASA Detective: Expanding Your Senses Kit](#) focuses on activities and experiences that help patrons be more comfortable using tools of science, and making predictions based on their observations. This kit focuses on things we cannot see with our normal vision or sense with our normal senses.
- Kit reservations may be made on the State Library's [website](#).
- Questions about NASA@ My Library or SEAL programs can be directed to Penelope Shumaker, pshumaker@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative

- The [Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative](#) (OCAI) is an original, self-paced, collection analysis tool for considering collections that empower children and young adult readers by respecting and appreciating what makes them different and the same. OCAI is a collaborative project of the State Library of Ohio and TeachingBooks.net. The project is funded in whole or in part with Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds, granted to the State Library of Ohio. [Register for access here!](#)
- Notable highlights from this impactful initiative:
 - Free for staff working in all types of Ohio libraries! It is available at no cost to you.
 - There are no time constraints for completing this program. Set your own goals and progress at your own pace.
 - Personalized support. You have access to a dedicated, full-time specialist for assistance at any time.
 - Unlimited access to a Collection Analysis Toolkit. This toolkit complements the collection development work you already have in place.
 - Unlimited access to a vetted collection of materials about children's & young adult books and authors.
 - Identifiable action steps. You will receive a custom Implementation Plan that outlines your collection development decisions and next steps.
- [Click here](#) to check out recorded workshops and webinars related to the Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative to learn more.
- Through August, OCAI has over 650 users in 88 of 88 Ohio counties!
- Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone (TeachingBooks) continue to host a slate of [thematic webinars and workshops](#), teaching users how to enhance their youth-focused library collections. Future topics and dates are listed below:

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- Getting Started | Intro to Collection Analysis
 - A walk through the State Library's Collection Analysis Initiative, with an overview of the available resources to consider the children's and young adult books in a school or public library's collections, programs, and displays. This webinar will guide attendees through learning how to import data and use the tools to purposefully reflect, augment, compare, and determine which titles best fit their community's needs. Attendees will receive a plan that equips them to both implement their decisions and routinize these tools in future practices.
 - Audience: Libraries & PK–12 | All Educators, Library Staff, and Administrators
When: September 13, 2023 3:30 PM EST
[Register for this session](#)
- Start Small: Easily Enhancing Front-Facing Displays and Lesson Plans
 - Stress, begone! With new tools from the State Library, it's never been easier to take a deeper look at your small collections for young readers. This workshop will focus on analyzing sets of five to fifteen titles that may be used by all kinds of library and school staff. Rather than spending weeks or months on a complex audit, attendees will learn to use fast and convenient tools that make collection analysis a much simpler process. All registrants will receive access to resources and action plans that document their collection development decisions.
 - Audience: Libraries & PK–12 | All Educators, Library Staff, and Administrators
When: September 20, 2023 3:30 PM EST
[Register for this session](#)
- Recap | The Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative
 - An introduction (or refresher) to the State Library of Ohio's Collection Analysis Initiative. This webinar will provide an overview of tools and resources to consider children's and young adult books in your collections, programs, and displays. These tools are available for use by all staff working in any type of Ohio library.
 - Audience: Libraries & PK–12 | All Educators, Library Staff, and Administrators
When: November 30, 2023 3:30 PM EST
[Register for this session](#)
- Workshop: Build Collections to Feature Award-Winning Indigenous Authors
 - TeachingBooks offers many resources to help you widen the reach and perspectives of your children's and young adult titles. Join us for this workshop and learn to build Custom Reading Lists full of authentic resources that celebrate Indigenous titles and authors, while also addressing any potential areas of need within your collection. Registrants will walk away with a conscientious, informed list of Indigenous titles, as well as an action plan that details how to implement those titles in their existing collections.
 - Audience: Libraries & PK–12 | All Educators, Library Staff, and Administrators
When: October 12, 2023 3:30 PM EST
[Register for this session](#)
- Workshop: Building Diverse Holiday Displays
 - When the snow starts to fall, you can count on holiday displays popping up in most libraries, schools, and bookstores in America. With TeachingBooks' Collection Analysis Tool, you can take a deeper look at the titles featured in your December displays and booklists. In this workshop, we will collectively analyze a holiday display, then identify new and diverse titles for inclusion. Registrants will walk away with a conscientious, informed list of diverse holiday titles, as well as an action plan that details how to implement those titles in their existing collections.
 - Audience: Libraries & PK–12 | All Educators, Library Staff, and Administrators
When: November 9, 2023 3:30 PM EST
[Register for this session](#)

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- Additionally, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone (TeachingBooks) continue to host drop-in [Office Hours](#), where interested parties can ask a quick question or learn more about the initiative. Future dates are listed here, and all take place from 11:00 a.m. to Noon, EST:
 - September 19, 2023
 - October 3, 2023
 - October 17, 2023
 - October 31, 2023
 - November 14, 2023
 - November 28, 2023
 - December 12, 2023

Ohio Digital Library

- In the month of August, ODL patrons checked out 764,970 items. The total for the year stands at 5,925,985 checkouts.
 - The most popular title in August was [You Shouldn't Have Come Here](#), a highly anticipated new thriller from the New York Times bestselling author Jeneva Rose, of *The Perfect Marriage* and *One of Us Is Dead*. You've opened up your house and your heart to a total stranger ... What could possibly go wrong?
 - Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at [the real-time checkouts and holds](#).
- In mid-March 2020, ODL enabled the opportunity for Ohioans to take advantage of the Overdrive [Instant Digital Card](#). A user can sign up with their phone number and gain quick access to e-content via ODL. Users that sign up via the Instant Digital Card will be directed to their local library to fill out a physical library card. In August 2023, 5,185 registrations took place.

Ohio Digital Network [Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Project]

- Through August, the Ohio Digital Network (ODN) now has over [388,000 items](#) on dp.la from 40 active contributors.
- ODN Usage Analytics through August 31:
 - <https://ohiodigitalnetwork.org/contributors/analytics-dashboard/>

Total August Ohio Items Viewed on DPLA Item Pages	532
Total August Ohio Click Throughs	1360
Total August Ohio Events	18292

- Registration is now open for ODNFest: A Five-Year Celebration, which will be held in-person at the State Library on Tuesday, October 10th. Registration information can be found at the [State Library of Ohio's Website](#).
- Penelope Shumaker is available to speak to libraries and cultural heritage institutions about DPLA and ODN. For details, contact Penelope at: pshumaker@library.ohio.gov.
- For those interested in being a part of the ODN or who want to learn more, please visit the ODN Website and subscribe to the ODN listserv: <https://lists.library.ohio.gov/mailman/listinfo/odn>.
- Questions on DPLA or the Ohio Digital Network should be addressed to Penelope Shumaker, pshumaker@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Ready to Read

- Open to all Ohio public library workers, Ohio Ready to Read's [Early Literacy 101 workshop](#) is coming to several Ohio locations. Registration is open for in-person workshops in Youngstown on Thursday, September 14 and Zanesville on Monday, October 16. [Register for either workshop here](#).

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- Early Literacy 101 is a free, full-day (6 contact hour) hands-on workshop to help library staff build a firm foundation in early literacy. Participants will learn how brain development impacts how young children learn; discover effective, research-based early literacy resources and activities; and explore how storytime supports early literacy. Learn more about the workshop: www.ohreadytoread.org/early-literacy-101
- Ohio Ready to Read provides a resource for public librarians and library workers on [Kindergarten Readiness and Student Learning](#). This resource can work as a self-paced course on key topics in Ohio PreK-12 education and how libraries can support student learning. A section on the [science of reading](#) has just been added, incorporating information from the Ohio Library Council's [Science of Reading guide](#), webinar recordings, and more.
- Contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with any questions about Ohio Ready to Read.

Presentations

- As part of the Digipalooza conference, Anne Kennedy was part of a presentation panel for the session, "Actionable Data & Insights: Deep Dive Into Key Reports"

Reference Services to State Government

- Our staff provided reference assistance to the following state agencies. This included finding articles, answering reference questions, assisting with electronic resources, etc.
 - Ohio Department of Development
 - Ohio Legislature
 - Ohio Public Defender
 - Bureau of Workers' Compensation
 - Ohio Attorney General
 - Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
 - Ohio Department of Taxation
 - Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
 - Ohio Legislative Service Commission
 - Office of Budget & Management
 - Ohio Department of Education
 - Ohio Department of Natural Resources
 - Ohio Department of Commerce
 - Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction

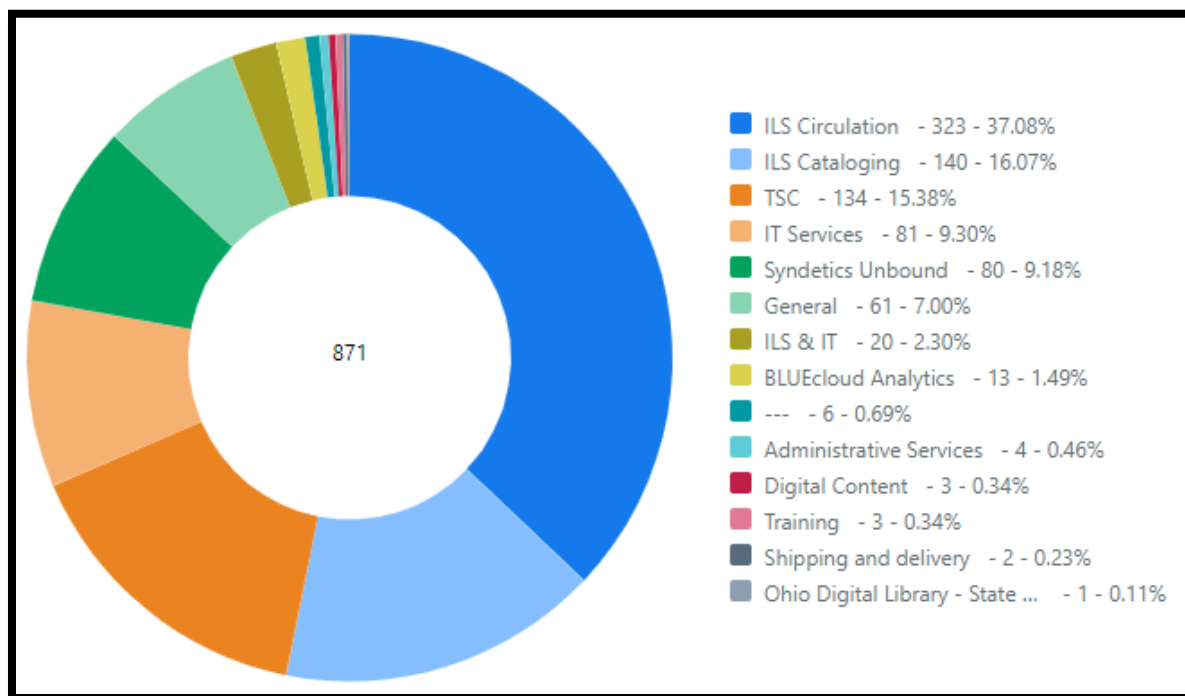
Reimagining School Readiness

- The State Library of Ohio is proud to support the [Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit](#), a suite of research-backed resources created for library staff to help families prepare children ages birth to 8 years for success in school and in life. The toolkit was developed by the [Bay Area Discovery Museum](#) in collaboration with the California State Library and the Pacific Library Partnership.
- Registration is [now open](#) for the Reimagining School Readiness Fall Workshop on November 16, 2023. The workshop will be offered live, online, and registration information can be found on the [State Library of Ohio's Website](#).
 - Please keep an eye on the various library listservs and traditional communication channels for additional workshop announcements and registration openings.
 - These workshops cover such topics as:
 - key findings from current cognitive and developmental psychology research
 - the implications of those findings for library staff's daily work
 - practical ready-to-implement ideas for activities
 - resources for staff training and for parents/caregivers
 - If your library is interested in hosting a Reimagining School Readiness training for your staff, contact Penelope Shumaker, pshumaker@library.ohio.gov.
- Additional information about this initiative can be found [here](#). Questions regarding Reimagining School Readiness should be addressed to Penelope Shumaker (pshumaker@library.ohio.gov).

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SEO Service Center

- Total automation consortium circulation for the past 30 days—**1,056,356**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—11,257
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**540**
- In-house periodicals filled—**18**
- Total number of support tickets created for the previous month—**871**
- Support tickets logged with Integrated Library Software (ILS) vendor SirsiDynix—**11**



Phone Support

- **938** Total calls
 - **395** Incoming
 - **280** Outgoing
 - **263** Internal staff calls
- **57 hrs 39 min** total call duration

Remote Customer Support On-Demand Access

- **25** on-demand remote sessions

SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMobile) Stats

- **3,516** new devices
- **25,801** holds placed
- **73,252** app launches
- **67,383** total searches



Click and Collect Curbside service with the Consortium Libraries App

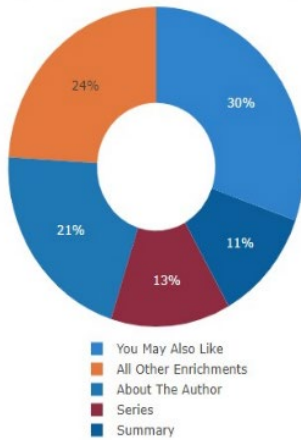
- **35** service locations actively using Click and Collect “Curbside Pickup” to serve their patrons
- **173** Page Loads – number of times the “Curbside Pickup” button was engaged

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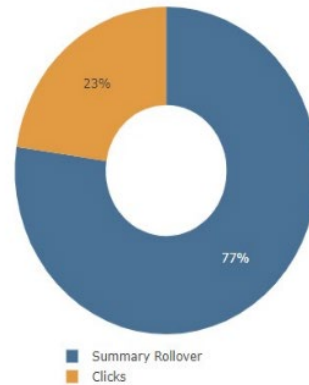
- **75** Patrons arrived and completed their session
- **Consortium Service Highlights**
 - Misty Wycarver, Learning & Development Coordinator, retired from SEO on August 31.
 - On August 1, Paula Clark, Heather Miller, and Jay Miley met with Jennifer Fording, Director of Harris-Elmore Library, to discuss implementing Patron Point Marketing.
 - On August 4, Jay Miley met with Wendy Knapp, State Librarian, and Suzanne Butte, OCLC Director Strategic Accounts.
 - On August 9-11, Michael Postlethwait, Heather Miller, and Jay Miley attended the Digipalooza Conference in Cleveland.
 - On August 10, John Stewart attended the monthly meeting with Don Yarman from OPLIN to discuss projects.
 - On August 14, Michael Postlethwait, Heather Miller, and Jay Miley attended a monthly Sure Sailing call with Kat Stephens, SirsiDynix Library Software Consulting Team Lead.
 - On August 14, Michael Postlethwait and John Stewart met with Solus Developers to discuss the transition of the BC Mobile app to Solus.
 - On August 15, the SEO Management Team met with Maryska Connolly, SirsiDynix Library Relations Manager.
 - On August 15, the SEO Management Team met with Leah Taynor, Circulation Supervisor at Licking County Libraries.
 - On August 16, the SEO IT Team attended a quarterly Discovery Sure Sailing call with Joel Hahn, SirsiDynix Consultant.
 - On August 17, John Stewart attended the Ohio Question Sets Review meeting with WhoFi.
 - On August 18, John Stewart and Jay Miley met with Evan Struble, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, to discuss LSTA projects.
 - On August 18, the SEO Management team met with Vikki Morrow-Ritchie, director of Marvin Memorial Library, to discuss SEO membership.
 - On August 23, Jay Miley met with Baldwin-Wallace University mathematics students and advisor to discuss creating a ROI report for the SEO Library Consortium.
 - On August 24, Heather Miller met with Director Laura Lee Wilson and some of her staff at Huron County Community Library.
 - On August 24, the SEO ILS team hosted Open Office Hours to discuss ILL Checkout & Send and Other Delivery Gotchas with 11 SEO Member Library Staff attending.
 - On August 25, the SEO Advisory Committee met to discuss consortium business.
 - On August 25, Heather Miller connected with Director Michael Limer from Guernsey County Library.
 - On August 31, John Stewart met with Eric Maynard, Data Systems Manager, Information Systems & Technology at the State Library, to discuss IT Projects.
- **Niche Academy Stats**
 - Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views – **172**
 - Online Catalog Tutorials views – **335**
 - Technical Services Committee – **85**
 - ASL Storytime – **1**
- **Syndetics Unbound Statistics**
 - **Enterprise Catalog**
 - **8,330,791** cover images loaded in online catalog searches.
 - Syndetics Unbound enriched **83,850 (95%)** out of **88,209** pages loaded.
 - **37,359** patron interactions with enriched content.

o Patron Interactions:

Enrichments With Most Interactions



Kinds of Interactions



- Patrons have interacted with display widgets **11,315** times.
- **80** display widgets updated.
- **202,982** widgets loaded.
- New widgets:
 - o [TCP- Adult Fiction](#)
 - o [TCP- Adult Nonfiction](#)
 - o [TCP- Juvenile](#)
 - o [TCP- Large Print](#)
 - o [TCP- Young Adult](#)
 - o [TCP- Audiobook](#)
 - o [TCP- Movie](#)
 - o [TCP- Music](#)

- **PatronPoint Notices sent to consortium patrons**

- o **107,583** email notices sent
- o **63,856** email notices read
- o **77,972** SMS notices sent
- o **47,268** unique patrons notified

- **Offsite Storage**

- o **6,726** items are housed at SEO for offsite storage
- o **118** items were sent to fill holds for consortium members

Services for the Blind and Print Disabled

- The State Library of Ohio and the Cleveland Public Library/Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (OLBPD) will be hosting an overview of the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program on **Tuesday, October 24, 2023**. The program will be held from **10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.** in the Boardroom of the [State Library of Ohio](#).
 - o There is no cost to register and lunch will be provided. Parking is free at the State Library.
 - o Click [here](#) to register for the program.

- The program will include information and updates about the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program and the National Library Service. An overview of the role of subfunding agencies will be discussed including a presentation from the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library.
- Contact Tracy Grimm at tgrimm@library.ohio.gov with any questions concerning the Talking Book Program.

Space Planning

- Libraries currently receiving space planning services from State Library consultants include:
 - Marysville Public Library
 - St. Marys Community Public Library
- Please contact Mandy Simon, Library Consultant, at msimon@library.ohio.gov with questions regarding this service.

Staffing

- Misty Wyscarver retired from the State Library of Ohio after 35+ years of dedicated employment. Her last day was August 31. She held many positions with the SEO Service Center over the years, including temporary summer help, library assistant, reader's assistant, back-up bookmobile driver, shipping and receiving as an original "Cargo Queen," automation/cataloging, and migration training. Misty has been an integral part of our library family throughout her tenure, contributing her skills, passion and unwavering commitment to our shared mission. She will be sorely missed by her colleagues and friends at the State Library!
- Ryan Burley began August 28, 2023 as the new Manager of Research and Catalog Services. Ryan comes to the State Library with over two decades of service in public libraries, including most recently serving as the Branch Manager for the New Albany Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) where he also previously served as the Youth Services Manager. He has also worked at the Franklinton, Hilliard, and South High branches of CML as well as at the Grandview Public Library and the Worthington Public Library. We are very excited to have Ryan join our team!

State Library of Ohio Website

- The State Library is scheduled to launch a new website at 4:00 p.m. on September 21, 2023. The URL for the State Library homepage will remain the same. However, all other links are expected to change and current links will not work. Links within this report will no longer work when the new website launches. Information about the launch and how to find information will be shared with the library community at that time.

Storytime in the Parks

- The State Library is partnering with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft on a new program series that brings together Ohio State Parks naturalists and children's librarians from Ohio public libraries. At [Storytime in the Parks](#) events, a librarian leads storytime and a naturalist pairs the stories with hands-on, interactive nature programming. This year's themes include fossils, birds of prey, amphibians, hiking, reptiles, animal track identification, pond and creek exploration, and tree identification.
- Storytime in the Park programs are taking place at eleven state parks in collaboration with nine public libraries. The goal is to grow the program next year and expand access to more communities across the state.
- Contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) or [Marsha McDevitt-Stredney](#) for more information about Storytime in the Parks.

Strategic Planning

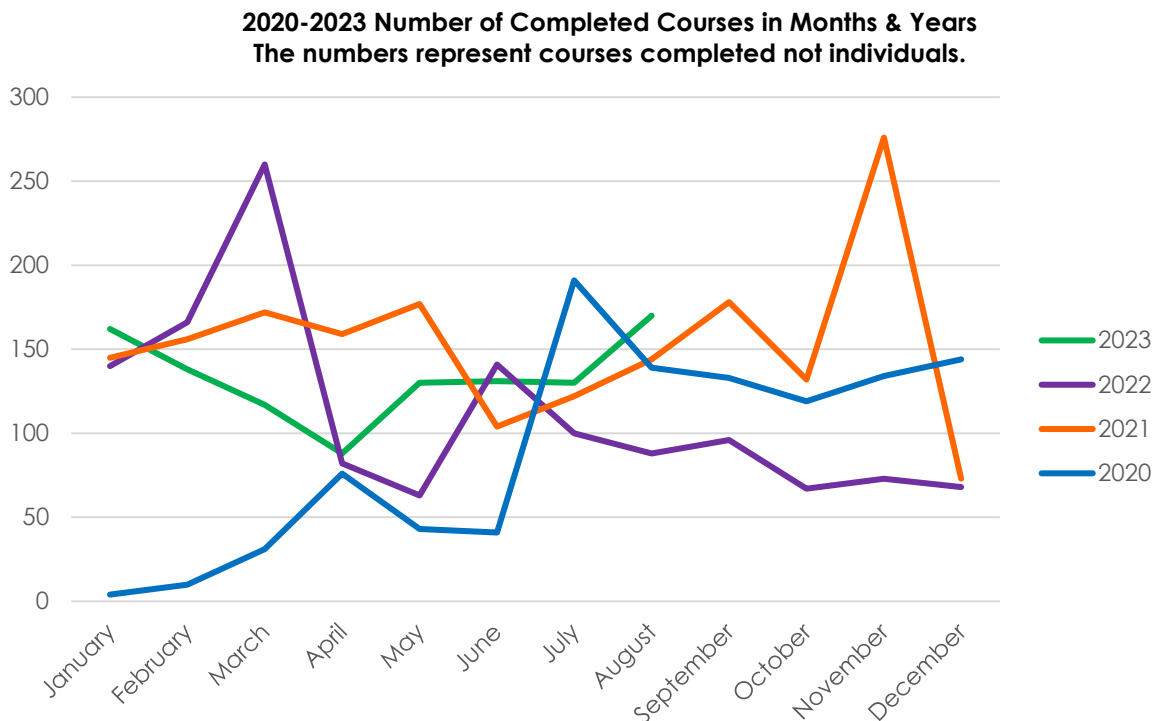
- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
 - Loudonville Public Library
 - Monroeville Public Library
 - Findlay-Hancock County Public Library
 - Champaign County Public Library
 - Ashtabula County District Library
 - Oberlin Public Library
- If you have questions about the [State Library's strategic planning services](#), or would like to be placed on the waiting list for this service, please contact Evan Struble at estruble@library.ohio.gov.

Summer Library Program

- As summer programming is winding down, please note that the [2023 Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation survey](#) is open until September 9. All Ohio public libraries are asked to complete this survey after your summer program ends. Your response helps ensure high-quality resources and support for future SLPs and documents the value and impact of summer programs at Ohio libraries. Find the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/slpeval2023>
- The 2024 Collaborative Summer Library Program theme will be Adventure, with the slogan "Adventure Begins at Your Library / La aventura comienza en tu biblioteca" and featuring artwork by Juana Martinez-Neal. The 2024 programming manual access code will be distributed in fall 2023.
- See the [Ohio Summer Library Program website](#) for resources to support summer planning, and contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer](#) with any questions about SLP.

WebJunction

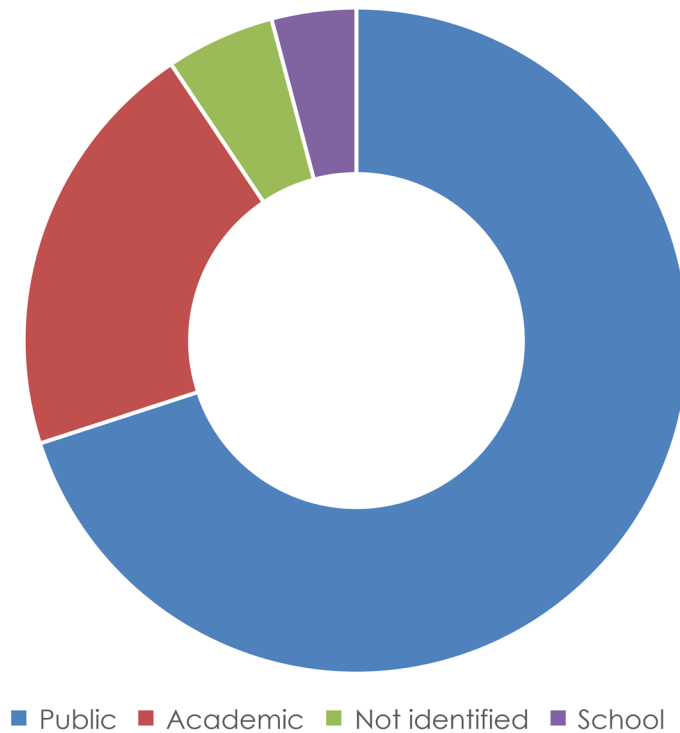
- There were 170 WebJunction course completions in August 2023, up from 130 in July. Individuals completing courses in August represented the following types of libraries: 90 public, 36 academic, 1 school, and 3 did not include identity for a library type.



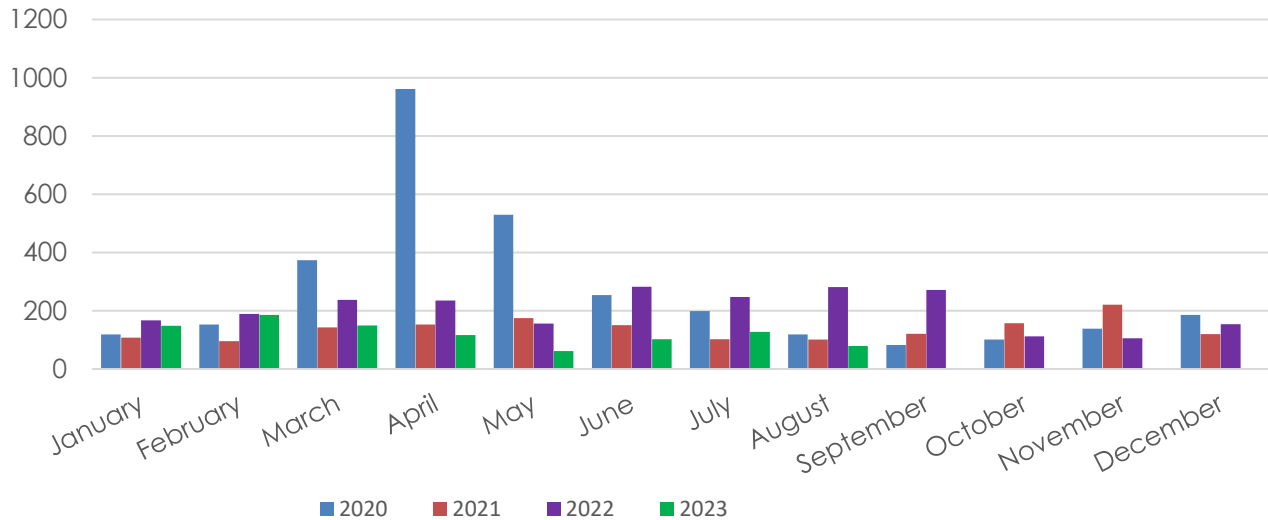
2021-2023 Number of Completed Courses in Months & Years

Months	2023	2022	2021
January	162	140	145
February	138	166	156
March	117	260	172
April	88	82	159
May	130	63	177
June	131	141	104
July	130	100	122
August	170	88	144
September		96	178
October		67	132
November		73	276
December		68	73
Total	1066	1344	1838

Course Completions in August by Library Type



2020-2023 Number of Active Users in WebJunction Courses
Number of unique logins accessing course each month



- **WebJunction Webinar Reports** are received on a quarterly basis.
 - In the second quarter of calendar year 2023 (April -June), five webinars were offered and there were 207 views from Ohio (combined all webinars, live and recorded viewings)—up from 173 views in the fourth quarter of 2022. The six webinars included:
 - [Proactive Planning for Library Staff Transitions](#)
 - [Library Safety and Security: A Holistic Approach](#)
 - [School Librarians Lead Learning and Transformation](#)
 - [Promoting Voter and Civic Engagement at Your Library](#)
 - [Low Morale in Libraries: Impacts and Countermeasures](#)
 - Recordings of WebJunction webinars can be found in the [WebJunction Course Catalog](#)

Note: The number of views does not reflect occurrences when more than one person gathers to view together.