Monthly Report, December 31, 2023
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Announcements
Email Listserv
- Apply for a COBAA Collection Development LSTA Grant. December 5, 2023
- State Library Board Awards 2023 Ohio LSTA Competitive Grants to Six Libraries. December 8, 2023

Website – What’s new announcements
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- State Library Honors Laurie Gemmill Arp for Service. December 11, 2023

Buckeye Children’s and Teen Book Awards
- The winners of the 2023 Buckeye Book Awards include:
  - Grades K–2: Pizza and Taco: Too Cool for School by Stephen Shaskan
  - Grades 3-5: Endlessly Ever After by Laurel Snyder and Dan Santat
  - Grades 6-8: Play Like a Girl by Misty and David Wilson
  - Teen: Heartstopper (Vol. 4) by Alice Oseman
- Students are invited to 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 is Ohio’s readers’ choice book award. It 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, the Kent State University School of Information, and State Library of Ohio. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions.

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

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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.

Government Documents
- This month, Government Documents Librarian Elissa Lawrence submitted the State Library of Ohio’s response to the Government Publishing Office’s questionnaire about which Government Document titles we would like to continue to receive in print as opposed to receiving them only in a digital format. The State Library is a Preservation Steward for some of these titles which means that the State Library will preserve print copies of these titles for the GPO.
- The State Library of Ohio is a Congressionally designated depository for U.S. Government Publications and the official Ohio government documents depository, and our Government Documents Librarian Elissa Lawrence is the Regional Depository Coordinator for Ohio. If you have questions about Government Documents, feel free to contact Elissa with questions at elawrence@library.ohio.gov.

Library Leadership Ohio (LLO)
- Library Leadership Ohio (LLO)—a partnership between the State Library of Ohio and OhioNet—will return in 2024! LLO is an individual-based library leadership program for Ohio library staff at all position levels and library types. This three-day, in-person, residential program will take place in late-July 2024. Please keep an eye on the various library e-mail listservs for application information, date, location, etc.
  - At the December 2023 State Library Board meeting, OhioNet was awarded an LSTA grant of up to $50,000 in support of the 2024 iteration of LLO. A planning committee of State Library staff and OhioNet staff will convene in early-January.

List of New Acquisitions

- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library’s collection for December is available on our website at: https://library.ohio.gov/home/news-and-events/all-news/new-books-dec-2023.
LSTA

- The State Library of Ohio’s LSTA Competitive Grant application period closed on October 31. Applications have been reviewed, and final recommendations for award funding were presented at the State Library of Ohio Board Meeting on December 7. Applicants for this year’s Competitive Grant were able to request up to $50,000.00 in federal funds. Proposals are expected to align with the focus areas that reflect and support Ohio’s new LSTA Five Year Plan 2023-2027. The following six institutions were awarded an LSTA Competitive Grant:
  - Eastern Local Schools (Pike County)
  - Harris-Elmore Public Library
  - Hiram College
  - Ohio Wesleyan University
  - Otterbein University
  - Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County

- The State Library of Ohio’s Celebrating Ohio Book Awards and Authors (COBAA) grant initiative began accepting applications on Tuesday December 5, 2023. The COBAA grant initiative provides libraries and eligible institutions with up to $2,000.00 in federal LSTA funds to build or expand a collection of books by Ohio authors and books recognized by Ohio-based book award programs. Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, January 16, 2024. The grant term will begin in March. Click here to apply.

- Two additional LSTA grant opportunities will be made available to libraries in January of 2024. On Wednesday, January 10, the Summer Library Program (SLP) grant initiative will be announced, and on Tuesday, January 23, the Guiding Ohio Online (GOO) grant application will go live. The SLP grant initiative allows eligible libraries the opportunity to request up to $2,000.00 to enhance their summer program offerings. The GOO grant provides funds for libraries to hire a dedicated technology trainer contractor for their patrons and staff.

- Submissions for The State Library of Ohio’s LSTA Open Grant program remain closed. Submissions will be reopened in January 2024. No Open Grants were awarded in December.

- Questions regarding the LSTA program should be addressed to Jeff Regensburger, Library Consultant/LSTA Coordinator, at LSTA@library.ohio.gov.

Meetings

- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney coordinated the Library PR Communications & Marketing Interest Group quarterly virtual meeting on December 7, 2023. This interest group is a community of practice hosted by the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA). Members of the group shared processes and strategies for disseminating library news. The purpose of this community of practice is to provide a forum to exchange best practices and discuss trends, challenges, and initiatives in public relations, communications, and marketing for state libraries and the libraries they serve.

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 2 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.
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- 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 on sense with our normal senses.
- Kit reservations may be made on the State Library's website.
- Questions about the NASA@ My Library 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 December, OCAI has over 750 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. The 2024 slate of workshops and webinars will be posted soon.
- 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/times for 2024 will be posted soon.

Ohio Digital Library
- In the month of December, ODL patrons checked out 815,327 items. The total for the year stands at 9,121,896 checkouts—another record-smashing year for ODL!
  - 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 his/her 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 December 2023, 4,037 registrations took place.

Ohio Digital Network [Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Project]
- Through December, the Ohio Digital Network (ODN) now has over 402,000 items on dp.la from 40 active contributors.
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- On December 4 and 5, Penelope Shumaker visited Kent State’s Geauga Campus and Twinsburg Academic Center to share information on the Ohio Digital Network and DPLA, as well as other State Library programs. Penelope hosted a table at both locations and shared resources with over 25 students.
- On December 13, Penelope Shumaker attended DPLA-hosted discussion meetings on DPLA’s strategic plan and visioning process.
- 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 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 Memory
- Librarian Stephanie Michaels researched and wrote the Ohio Memory blog post “Of Mice and Music: Public Domain Day 2024.”
- Manager Ryan Burley researched and wrote the Ohio Memory blog post “Hidden History Discovered at the State Library.”
- Ohio Memory is the collaborative statewide digital library program of the Ohio History Connection and the State Library of Ohio. On this free website, you can explore digital content from over 390 cultural heritage institutions representing all 88 of Ohio’s counties covering a wide range of topics from prehistory to present day.
- Ohio Memory contains over 1,600,000 digital images from a variety of primary and secondary source image types, including:
  - Photographs, maps, drawings, and paintings
  - Manuscripts, letters, diaries, and journals
  - Archaeological artifacts, natural history specimens and historical objects
  - Newspapers, books, and e-publications
  - Audio and video
  - Materials are selected for inclusion on Ohio Memory based on their historical significance, scanning potential, complementary value, ownership, and copyright.
- If you have questions about this program, you can contact our Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch at strausch@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Ready to Read
- 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 recently been added, incorporating information from the Ohio Library Council’s Science of Reading guide, webinar recordings, and more.
- 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 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. Workshop dates for spring 2024 will be announced in coming months.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer with any questions about Ohio Ready to Read.

Professional Activities
- Research and Catalog Services Librarians Josh Jones, Stephanie Michaels, and Phil Willke hold the Consumer Health Information Specialist certification from the Medical Library Association and provide support to medical professionals.
Professional Development

- There is an upcoming symposium from the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM):
  - **NNLM Showcase: A Show-and-Tell of Funded Projects**
    January 24, 25, and 26, 2024
    Free and open to everyone!
    The 2024 NNLM Virtual Symposium is designed to showcase a variety of health-related events and programs sponsored by the NNLM over the past few years. It will provide an opportunity to learn about the exciting projects being done by the NNLM as well as by grant recipients. A wide range of topics will be covered, including programs and projects you can adapt to meet the needs of your community. All sessions are live and will be recorded for later viewing. For more information and to register for this free event, visit [https://nnlm24.vfairs.com/en/](https://nnlm24.vfairs.com/en/).

Reference Services

- Research and Cataloging services staff provided reference assistance to the public, businesses, and universities. This included finding and providing articles, finding government documents, answering reference questions, assisting with electronic resources, etc.

Reference Services to State Government

- In December, Research and Cataloging services staff provided reference assistance to the following state agencies. This included finding and providing articles, finding government documents, answering reference questions, assisting with electronic resources, etc.
  - Ohio Attorney General
  - Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation
  - Ohio Department of Agriculture
  - Ohio Department of Health
  - Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
  - Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
  - Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction
  - Ohio Department of Public Safety
  - Ohio Governor’s office
  - Ohio History Connection
  - Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

Reference Statistics

- Reference questions staff answered 109 questions totaling 1041 minutes of reference research.

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](https://www.bayareadiscovery.org) in collaboration with the California State Library and the Pacific Library Partnership.
- 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](https://www.library.ohio.gov). Questions regarding Reimagining School Readiness should be addressed to Penelope Shumaker (pshumaker@library.ohio.gov).
SEO Service Center

- Total automation consortium circulation for the past 30 days—960,225
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—5,075
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—517
- In-house periodicals filled—11
- Total number of support tickets created for the previous month—649
- Support tickets logged with Integrated Library Software (ILS) vendor SirsiDynix—18

![Total Tickets by Month](image)

- **Phone Support**
  - 933 Total calls
    - 345 Incoming
    - 289 Outgoing
    - 299 Internal staff calls
  - 51 hrs. 9 min. total call duration

- **Remote Customer Support On-Demand Access**
  - 15 on-demand remote sessions

- **SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMobile) Stats**
  - 3,347 new devices
  - 21,625 holds placed
  - 61,948 app launches
  - 72,256 total searches

- **Click and Collect Curbside service with the Consortium Libraries App**
  - 33 service locations actively using Click and Collect “Curbside Pickup” to serve their patrons
  - 119 Page Loads – number of times the “Curbside Pickup” button was engaged
  - 40 Patrons arrived and completed their session
• **Consortium Service Highlights**
  - On December 1, Heather Miller connected with the Minerva Public Library Director.
  - On December 4, the SEO ILS Support Team held Open Office Hour and presented on WorldShare Record Manager, the CatExpress replacement, with 73 participants.
  - On December 6, SEO attended the COSI Kit wrap-up meeting.
  - On December 6, Heather Miller completed a draft of changes for the Advisory Agreement document.
  - On December 6, Jay Miley attended the final presentation of Return on Investment for the Serving Every Ohioan Library Consortium created by senior applied mathematics students from Baldwin Wallace University.
  - On December 6, Jay Miley met with Licking County Library and LibraryIQ to discuss the data LibraryIQ gathers from the Symphony database.
  - On December 7, Heather Miller and John Stewart attended the State Library Board Meeting.
  - On December 7, Heather Miller delivered COSI kits to Mansfield Richland County Public Library.
  - On December 8, John Stewart, Michael Postlethwait, and Jay Miley attended the Byesville Branch Library reopening.
  - On December 11, Heather Miller and Michael Postlethwait created a holiday greeting card.
  - On December 11, Heather Miller sent out holiday greeting card to the entire SEO membership. Jamie Price placed the same card in shipping bags.
  - On December 11, Heather Miller and Jay Miley attended the monthly SureSailing call with Kat Stephens, SirsiDynix Lead Consultant.
  - On December 14, Jay Miley met with Gene Shimshock, COO of Patron Point.
  - On December 14, Nicole Brown, Brenda Michel, and Jay Miley met with staff at Licking County Library to discuss the workflow of adding materials to the 24/7 Kiosk branches.
  - On December 18, Paula Clark and Jay Miley provided a demonstration of Patron Point Marketing to staff from Logan County Libraries.
  - On December 21, Paula Clark and Jay Miley provided a demonstration of Patron Point Marketing to staff from Carnegie Public Library (Washington Courthouse).
  - On December 21, the Migration Team met with staff from the Brumback Library to discuss the upcoming migration to SEO.
  - During the week commencing December 26, the SEO team successfully dispatched a total of 18 lots of Brumback Library audiobooks to various libraries within the consortium.
  - On December 28, 2023, Heather Miller delivered the last of the COSI Kits to Medina County District Library.

• **Niche Academy Stats**
  - Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views – 584
  - Online Catalog Tutorials views – 466
  - Technical Services Committee – 88
  - ASL Storytime – 1

• **Syndetics Unbound Statistics**
  - **Enterprise Catalog**
    - 12,129,981 cover images loaded in online catalog searches.
    - Syndetics Unbound enriched 80,152 (94%) out of 84,538 pages loaded.
    - 34,068 patron interactions with enriched content.
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- Patrons have interacted with display widgets 9,970 times.
  - 68 display widgets updated.
  - 62,703 widgets loaded.

- PatronPoint Notices sent to consortium patrons
  - 103,277 email notices sent
  - 59,185 email notices read
  - 78,273 SMS notices sent
  - 46,973 unique patrons notified

- Offsite Storage
  - 4,434 items are housed at SEO for offsite storage.
  - 55 items were sent to fill holds for consortium members.

Services for the Blind and Print Disabled
- Library service for the blind and print disabled in the United States is delivered through a network of libraries and agencies coordinated by the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), in partnership with the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (OLBPD) at the Cleveland Public Library, the State Library of Ohio serves as the machine lending agency for the state providing playback equipment to eligible blind, visually impaired and print disabled residents. To help in this effort, we have machine sub-lending agencies, local public libraries, or social service organizations to help assist eligible residents in their areas.
- Contact Tracy Grimm at tgrimm@library.ohio.gov with any questions concerning the Talking Book Program.

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Staffing

- Mandy Simon recently left her role as a library consultant to join the library consulting firm Bradbury Miller Associates as a Managing Consultant. Mandy’s last day at the State Library was Thursday, December 21, 2023. Mandy was hired at the State Library in January 2017 as a library consultant responsible for providing strategic planning and space planning assistance to libraries around the state. During her time in this position, Mandy has led numerous strategic planning processes for libraries big and small, which includes the development of community surveys, administration of focus groups, local library Board presentations, and finalized reports with recommendations. Mandy was called upon to utilize her strategic planning prowess at the State Library as well, as she was instrumental in leading the process to first overhaul, and then update, the State Library’s own strategic plan. With a keen eye for design and library usage, Mandy was able to offer space planning expertise and consultation to libraries as well, often working with library directors on heat maps, usage studies, furniture/department layouts, and more. Over the years, Mandy threw herself into education about new and emerging strategic planning methods and tactics and worked to incorporate those into the State Library’s strategic planning services, most recently through the addition of Appreciative Inquiry techniques. Mandy gave back to the library community through presentations at various library events and conferences and her work behind the scenes on planning committees for continuing education events, as well as serving as an LSTA grant reviewer. Mandy was an LSTA grant reviewer on many grant initiatives, including the ARPA Outreach grants and Competitive grants. She assisted with the planning of continuing education events, such as Take 5, and served on the internal committee that brought about the State Library’s own State Agency Liaison program. Mandy was recognized as an Emerging Leader by the American Library Association in 2012, was a member of the 2014 Library Leadership Ohio cohort and the 2015 ILEAD USA – Ohio cohort, and obtained her Certificate in Public and Nonprofit Leadership from the Ohio State University’s John Glenn College of Public Affairs. We will miss Mandy and wish her nothing but the best in her next endeavor!

- After 23 years of service at the State Library of Ohio, Library Assistant Paul Seedhouse has retired from his position. Congratulations to Paul and we wish him a happy retirement!

- Katy Hite will begin Monday, January 8, 2024, as the State Library’s newest Library Consultant, a position that has an Adult Services focus. Katy comes to us from Delaware County District Library (DCDL), where she currently serves as Assistant Branch Manager of the Orange Branch in Lewis Center. Prior to DCDL, Katy served as Emerging Technology Librarian at the Upper Arlington Public Library, Adult Services Librarian at Worthington Libraries, and Reference/Instruction & Distance Learning Librarian at Roosevelt University in Chicago. Katy is two-time ILEAD USA alumni, having been a part of the ILEAD Illinois cohort in 2013 and ILEAD Ohio in 2019. Katy is active in the Ohio Library Council, specifically the Digital & Media Services Division, and was that division’s Chair in 2021. With her guidance, the division brought about a refresh of the statewide Gadget Gallery “petting zoo” for new and emerging technology tools. Throughout her career, Katy has spearheaded programming with a focus on the senior population (specifically work with the Alzheimer’s Association centered around compassionate caregiving) as well as digital equity issues that adults of all ages may face.

- Ron Woods joined the State Library at SEO Library Center on December 18, 2023, as a Library Technology Specialist. Ron brings a wealth of experience and expertise, having spent an impressive 15 years at the St. Clairsville Public Library as the Technology and Facilities Manager. During his tenure, he played a pivotal role in shaping and advancing technology services for the library, contributing significantly to its growth and modernization. Beyond his dedicated service to the St. Clairsville Public Library, Ron has also been actively involved in public service as the Mayor of Belmont, Ohio. His commitment to community development and passion for technology aligns seamlessly with our mission and values. Ron will be a valuable asset to our organization as our new Library Technology Specialist. His unique combination of technical skills, leadership experience, and community engagement will contribute to the continued success and innovation of our State Library team.
Strategic Planning

- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
  - Champaign County Public Library
  - Ashtabula County District Library
  - Milton-Union Public Library
  - Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library
  - Williams County 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

- The 2023 Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation report is now available (download/print a PDF copy here). SLP participation continues to rise across Ohio libraries and communities. If participation and attendance trends over the past two summers continue, summer challenge participation and event attendance in 2024 will be very near pre-pandemic levels. Some libraries have already reported turnout exceeding their previous records. But the numbers tell only a small part of the story. See the full report for anecdotes, observations, and lots of photos from libraries around Ohio!

- The Regional Library Systems will host summer planning workshops around the state. For a list of SLP workshops and links to register, go to https://library.ohio.gov/ohio-summer-library-program and click on the “Workshops and Webinar Recordings” tab. Additional workshops will be added as announced.

- See the Ohio Summer Library Program website for resources to support summer planning, and contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer with any questions about SLP.

Take 5

- The 2024 Take 5 event is in the early planning stages and is expected to take place at the Huber Heights Branch, Dayton Metro Library, on Friday, May 3. Details and registration will be posted on Ohio library listservs and to https://library.ohio.gov/take5 in early February 2024.

- Take 5 is a day of dialogue and discovery for public library teen and youth services specialists, school librarians, and other youth advocates. Take 5 events feature active learning opportunities, speaker sessions with allies outside the library field, hands-on activities, and networking. Learn more about Take 5.

Tours

- Manager Ryan Burley gave tours of the State Library of Ohio’s collection this month to staff from the Ohio Department of Transportation and Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence. The tours included the State Library of Ohio’s Rare Book Rooms which include many rare and unique items such as original letters written by President George Washington, Medieval Manuscripts and early Federal and State Documents.

WebJunction

- There were 112 WebJunction course completions in December 2023, up from 81 in November. Individuals completing courses in November represented the following types of libraries: 94 public, 11 academic, 2 school, and 5 did not include identity for a library type.

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2020-2023 Number of Completed Courses in Months & Years
The numbers represent courses completed not individuals

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- In the third quarter of calendar year 2023 (July-September), seven webinars were offered and there were 217 views from Ohio (combined all webinars, live and recorded viewings)—up from 207 views in the second quarter of 2023. The seven webinars included:
  - Designing for Diversity in Your Library’s Communications
  - Sustainability 101
  - AI and Libraries: Enhancing Services and Engaging Communities
  - Climate Action Planning (Part 1): An Introduction
  - Libraries Helping Refugees and New Immigrants Learn the US Financial System
  - Bridgebuilding: Fostering Community Engagement and Dialogue
  - Climate Action Planning (Part 2): Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience

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