

Annual Report | Goals & Objectives

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):

- Youth Managers Virtual Meet-Up - Aug. 22 (attendance: 20) & Dec. 5 (attendance: TBD) -Led youth managers from across Ohio in conversation about public library youth topics.
- OLC Sensory Storytime Webinar (attendance: 74) - October 17 - Information on presenting sensory-friendly storytimes and programs at your library.
- OLC Countdown to the Eclipse Webinar - Dec. 5 (attendance: TBD) - Shared information about 2024 eclipse including programming tips for public libraries and family programs
- OLC Youth Services Conference - March 30 - Early Literacy & Speech Delays Post-Pandemic: How Librarians Can Help Foster Speech Development in Storytime
- OLC Convention & Expo - Sept. - FamilySpace: Collaborating to Create a Safe Space for Young Families at Your Library, It's Elementary: Self-Guided Learning and Family Engagement for Elementary Schoolers, Equity, Engagement, and Empowerment: Turning Social Justice Principles Into Community-Centered Programming, Summer of Solar STEM Program, Storytime Foundations: Basics of Storytime and Every Child Ready to Read Initiative, Fun Is For Everyone: Keeping Play in Children's and Teen Programming

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:

- Spring, Summer, Winter Email Newsletters to OLC Children's Division Members
- Hosted table at Ohio Convention & Expo (distributed print brochures at table), Grant Writing 101, Reimagining School Readiness Mini-Workshop

Did you utilize the OLC website?

Yes

Did you create any new partnerships or initiatives?

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Yes

If yes, please describe partnerships/initiatives:

- Partnership: Ohio Ready to Read - see Ohio Ready to Read annual report
- New Initiative: Quarterly Youth Manager Virtual Meet-Ups

Please list Goals and Objectives for next year:

The Children's Services Division of the Ohio Library Council seeks to identify and address issues relevant to children's services in public libraries and to the changing needs of children and their caregivers. We strive to help others provide equitable, diverse, and inclusive service to children and all those who support them. Each year, we will determine the best way to support children's services by focusing on the following areas:

Providing Continuing Education for Library Staff

- Offer a minimum of two continuing education opportunities for library staff directly related to at least two different OLC core competencies, virtually or in person.

Supporting Families & Caregivers

- Provide and support trainings/resources that encourage developmentally-appropriate best practices in Ohio public libraries
 - o Ohio Ready to Read trainings
 - o School Readiness trainings
- Provide information on how library staff can support caregivers in their role as a child's first teacher
 - o Early literacy initiatives like the Ohio Family Literacy Calendar

Supporting Library Staff

- Update members on sponsored activities and support two-way communication through the publication of a regular electronic newsletter
- Contribute to the State Library Youth Services Listserv, the Ohio Ready to Read website & Facebook page, and other local or regional virtual or in-person forums with the goals of increasing CSD membership/visibility, encouraging participation in events, and providing useful forums to discuss our vocation
- Coordinate communication spaces and resources specifically for Youth Managers and Supervisors