

Annual Report | Goals & Objectives

Division or Committee Name:

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

Submitted by:

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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.)

Yes

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

2023 Convention & Expo

- Reimagining School Readiness Mini-Workshop presented by Pam Brockway, Julia Shaheen, Penelope Shumaker, and Celeste Swanson
- Storytime Foundations presented by Kerry O'Brien-Rhoad and Celeste Swanson.

Early Literacy 101: Ohio Ready to Read trainers presented ten Early Literacy 101 workshops, with a total of 229 attendees representing 69 public library systems. The workshops were hosted by: Geauga County PL, MidPointe Libraries, Cincinnati and Hamilton County PL, Warren-Trumbull County PL, Bucyrus PL, Stark Library, PL of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Mentor PL, Muskingum County PL, and Cuyahoga County PL. See <https://www.ohreadytoread.org/early-literacy-101> for workshop details.

Reimagining School Readiness: Seven workshops were held in 2023, including 5 in-person and 2 online, with a total of 174 attendees representing 46 Ohio public library systems. The RSR trainers also provided a mini-workshop at the OLC Convention & Expo (see above) and a mini-workshop at Heights Library. 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/attachments/ORTR_flyer_2022.pdf

ORTR also had an info table at the OLC Youth Services conference in April.

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Did you utilize the OLC website?

Yes

Did you create any new partnerships or initiatives?

Yes

If yes, please describe partnerships/initiatives:

The Reimagining School Readiness trainers participated on a panel, "Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit for Libraries," at the 2023 ALA Annual Conference.

Julia Shaheen presented a Flash Talk about Ohio Ready to Read at the OSU Crane Center's 2023 Symposium on Children (<https://crane.osu.edu/event/2023-symposium-on-children/>) in October. Julia, along with Janet Ingraham Dwyer, also set up and staffed a display table featuring ORTR and Reimagining School Readiness materials during this event.

Julia Shaheen co-presented a Webjunction webinar, "Tools for Reimagining School Readiness," (<https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/school-readiness-toolkit.html>) in December.

Please list Goals and Objectives for next year:

- Plan and produce Storytime Basics workshop in central Ohio in spring 2024.
- Package Storytime Basics workshop outline, handouts, and other materials to offer as a semi-annual workshop to be held at locations around Ohio.
- Facilitate at least 5 offerings of the Early Literacy 101 workshop.
- Continue to offer Reimagining School Readiness (RSR) training and publicize the RSR toolkit.
- Review (and update as needed) every calendar page of the Day by Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar.
- Explore additional methods for sharing information, networking, and providing learning opportunities.
- Complete investigation and recommendation re. text-based early childhood parent/caregiver tip services.

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.