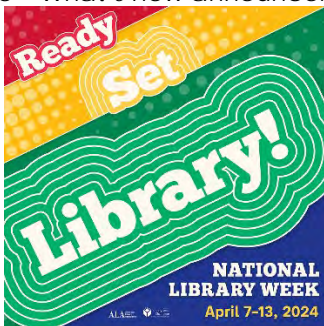# STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Acquisitions and Cataloging

- Reference/Cataloging Librarian Josh Jones researched, acquired, and cataloged new print titles for our department. Recent acquisitions focused on topics such as environmental science, public policy, and history.
- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library's collection for April is available on our website.

Announcements

Email Listservs
- Getting Started with the Ohio Collections Analysis Initiative Spring Webinar. April 2, 2024
- A Reimagining School Readiness Workshop will be held this month in Northeast Ohio. April 3, 2024
- Ryan Dowd is hosting his next live training tomorrow--Migrants: A conversation with Sheri Laigle about the current crisis (and how your organization can help). April 10, 2024
- Register for the 2024 Conservation/Preservation Grant Workshop. April 10, 2024
- Wendy Knapp accepts position as Dayton Metro Library Huber Heights Branch Manager. April 19, 2024

Website – What's new announcements

- National Library Week is April 7 - 13, 2024. April 7, 2024

- [Jarrett Bates Joins State Library Staff](). April 11, 2024

- [Wendy Knapp Accepts Position as Dayton Metro Library Huber Heights Branch Manager](). April 19, 2024

- [Elissa Lawrence Appointed to GPO Depository Library Council](), April 29, 2024

Choose to Read Ohio

- The [Ohioana Book Festival]() takes place at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Main Library, on Saturday, April 20. In celebration of the 15th anniversary of [Choose to Read Ohio]() (CTRO) the festival will feature over two dozen authors and illustrators who have appeared on the CTRO booklist, plus five [Floyd's Pick Book Award]()-winning authors/illustrators and several Floyd's Pick honor authors/illustrators. At the festival, Julia Kuo will be presented with the 2024 Floyd's Pick Book Award for *Luminous*.
- Choose to Read Ohio, a partnership initiative of the State Library of Ohio, Ohioana Library, and Ohio Center for the Book, spotlights Ohio authors and illustrators and encourages reading across Ohio. The [CTRO Advisory Council]() makes recommendations on statewide implementation of CTRO and administers the Floyd's Pick Book Award. Contact [Janet Ingraham Dwyer]() with any questions about CTRO.

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Collection Tours

- Research and Catalog Services staff gave many tours of the State Library of Ohio's collection. Tour attendees included staff from OCLC, members of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies Great Lakes Group and members of the public. These 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.

Government Documents

- Government Documents Librarian/Regional Depository Coordinator Elissa Lawrence has been appointed to the Depository Library Council (DLC) by U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO) Director Hugh Nathanial Halpern. DLC members advise the GPO Director on policy matters relating to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and access to U.S. Government information. Elissa will serve on the council from June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2027.
- 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.

Guiding Ohio Online

- The application period is now closed for the upcoming 2024-2025 Guiding Ohio Online (GOO) program year. Applications are currently under review; applicants recommended for funding will be brought before the State Library Board at their May 2024 meeting. Awardees will begin the grant period on July 1.
    - The GOO grant initiative provides funds for libraries serving rural populations to hire a dedicated technology trainer/contractor for their patrons and staff. The grant term will be from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- If you have any questions regarding the funding or budget of Guiding Ohio Online, please contact the LSTA Office at LSTA@library.ohio.gov.
- If you have any questions regarding Guiding Ohio Online trainers (hiring, best practices, etc.) please contact Anne Kennedy, Technology Consultant, at akennedy@library.ohio.gov or by calling 614-466-1710.

Library Leadership Ohio (LLO)

- Library Leadership Ohio (LLO)—a partnership between the State Library of Ohio and OhioNet—will take place July 23-25, 2024, at the Cherry Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Newark, Ohio. LLO is an individual-based, in-person, residential library leadership program for Ohio library staff at all position levels and library types.
    - The application period for LLO is now closed. Applications are currently under review, and those selected to participate will be informed in mid- to late-May.
    - If you have any questions regarding Library Leadership Ohio, please contact Erin Kelsey, Library Consultant, at ekelsey@library.ohio.gov.

LSTA

- The planned relaunch of the State Library of Ohio's LSTA Conservation and Preservation grant is underway. State Library staff have been working with members of the Ohio Preservation Council to make this grant available in 2024. The Conservation and Preservation grant provides qualifying libraries up to $4,999 to conserve a single item or preserve a small, discrete group of items within their collections.
    - To apply for this grant, applicants must attend a required workshop, scheduled for May 8, 2024. The workshop is hybrid in nature, so interested parties may attend online, or in person at the State Library. Click here to register.

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o   The grant application will open on May 9. Applications will be due by August 15, 2024. Libraries awarded funding will have from November 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025, to complete their projects.
- Submissions for the State Library of Ohio's LSTA Open Grant program remain closed. The application is currently undergoing revisions and will be reopened in May. No Open Grants were awarded in April.
- Questions regarding the LSTA program should be addressed to Jeff Regensburger, Library Consultant/LSTA Coordinator, at LSTA@library.ohio.gov.

Medial Library Association Certification
- 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 trustworthy consumer health information to patrons.

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.
  o   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.
  o   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.
  o   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.
  o   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:
  o   Free for staff working in all types of Ohio libraries! It is available at no cost to you.
  o   There are no time constraints for completing this program. Set your own goals and progress at your own pace.
  o   Personalized support. You have access to a dedicated, full-time specialist for assistance at any time.
  o   Unlimited access to a Collection Analysis Toolkit. This toolkit complements the collection development work you already have in place.

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- o Unlimited access to a vetted collection of materials about children's & young adult books and authors.
    - o 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 April, OCAI has over 800 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.
    - o On April 4, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone presented the workshop, "Getting Started with the Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative."
    - o On April 11, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone presented the workshop, "Celebrating and Surveying African American Youth Literature."
    - o On April 24, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone presented the workshop, "Navigating the Literacy Landscapes: Phonics and Collection Analysis."
    - o A "Recap: The Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative" workshop will be held on May 9 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. [Click here](#) to register.
- 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.
    - o On April 2, 16, and 30, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone co-hosted drop-in Office Hours
    - o Drop-in Office Hours are from 11 a.m. to Noon (EST). Upcoming schedule, TBD.

Ohio Digital Library
- In the month of April, ODL patrons checked out 831,328 items. The total for 2024 stands at 3,450,352 checkouts.
- The most popular magazine title in April was *The New Yorker* and most popular non-magazine title was *Twisted Love*, a viral TikTok romance sensation.
- 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 April 2024, 3,304 registrations took place.
- Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at [the real-time checkouts and holds](#).

Ohio Digital Network [Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Project]
- 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 Memory
- [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:
    - o Photographs, maps, drawings, and paintings
    - o Manuscripts, letters, diaries, and journals
    - o Archaeological artifacts, natural history specimens and historical objects
    - o Newspapers, books, and e-publications
    - o Audio and video

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- Materials are selected for inclusion on Ohio Memory based on their historical significance, scanning potential, complementary value, ownership, and copyright.
- Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch researched and wrote the Ohio Memory blog post: **Reprise: Ohio School for the Deaf**.
- 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
- **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. **Registration is open for an Early Literacy 101 workshop on May 21 in Akron.** Register and learn more about the Early Literacy 101 workshop.
- **Storytime Foundations**, a statewide library conference created by Ohio Ready to Read and devoted to storytime practice, took place on April 30 at the State Library of Ohio with 100+ library practitioners in attendance. The event was based on the Five Practices from the Every Child Ready to Read® initiative. Keynote speakers Dr. Laura Justice (Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy, Ohio State University) and Dr. Katie Campana (School of Information, Kent State University) contextualized public library workers' important work in support of young children and their families. Librarian-led breakout sessions explored storytime applications of the Five Practices. Access conference materials and further information here.
- Ohio Ready to Read is a partnership initiative of the Ohio Library Council and State Library of Ohio that helps librarians and library workers to educate Ohio's families on the importance of early childhood literacy.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer with any questions about Ohio Ready to Read.

OhioLINK
- Migration project leads Research and Catalog Services Manager Ryan Burley and IT Library Systems Analyst David Green continue to work on the OhioLINK LSP migration project by attending weekly meetings with over 110 Library staff from OhioLINK's 117 libraries. Currently they are completing migration forms which will set up our new Library Services Platform that will go live in 2025.

Outreach
- **Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections**
  - On April 2, Research and Catalog Services Manager Ryan Burley and Manager of Circulation & Special Services Tracy Grimm presented to over 30 Correctional Librarians at the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Library Services Training. Tracy and Ryan spoke to the Correctional Librarians about several State Library of Ohio services and programs that can assist them in their work.

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- **Legislative Service Commission Fellows**

  - o   On April 22, State Library staff shared information about our services and resources and provided a tour of the State Library for the Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) Fellowship Program's class of 2024. Each year participants in the [LSC Fellowship Program,](#) an internship program designed to provide college graduates with practical experience in the legislative process, visit the library as part of their professional development to expand their knowledge of the state. State Library staff assisting with the presentation and tour included: Wendy Knapp, Ryan Burley, Stephanie Michaels, Tracy Grimm, Shannon Kupfer-Traush, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, and Julia Ward. See more photos on the State Library's [Facebook](#) page.

- **Meeting with OCLC**
  - o   On April 25, Ryan Burley, Tracy Grimm, Library Systems Analyst David Green, and Customer Service & Library System Manager Jay Miley met with OCLC Product Managers Tony Melvin and Chloe Kie and several OCLC Software Developers to discuss the State Library of Ohio's ILL program and to give OCLC feedback on their ILL WorldShare product.

- **Ohio Public Health Combined Conference**
  - o   On April 30, Ryan Burley accompanied Library Consultant Katy Hite to the Ohio Public Health Combined Conference in Lewis Center, Ohio. Katy and Ryan were able to speak with Public Health Commissioners from many counties around the State about the State Library of Ohio services and were able to talk to Commissioners about collaborative opportunities for them with their local Public Libraries.

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Partnerships with State Agencies
- **State Agency Library Meeting**
  - On April 18, Research and Catalog Services Manager Ryan Burley and Manager of Circulation and Special Services Tracy Grimm held a state agency library meeting for library administrators, directors, and staff from state agency libraries. The meeting brought together library staff from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Ohio History Connection, Ohio Legislative Service Commission, Ohio Public Defender's Office, Ohioana Library Association, Supreme Court of Ohio, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The meeting was productive and allowed the agencies' library staff members to talk about their current services and provide updates to the group.
- **Ohio Department of Health**
  - Reference/Cataloging Librarian Josh Jones worked with the Ohio Department of Health's Public Health Consultant Jill Price to facilitate the distribution of public health informational DVDs to all 251 Ohio public library systems.
- **Department of Development**
  - On April 12, Ryan Burley and Government Documents Librarian/Regional Depository Coordinator Elissa Lawrence met with the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Research Chief Grace Snider to discuss their library collection. We are working with Chief Snider to preserve several volumes from their collection at the State Library.

Presentations
- As part of the Public Library Association Conference held in Columbus, Ohio, Erin Kelsey (along with representatives from two other State Library Administrative Agencies) co-presented the session "Your State Library: A Resource For All" with nearly 80 attendees.

Publications
- In addition to all of the statistical questions libraries answer every year, the State Library also asks Ohio's public libraries to share something they did in the last year that they're proud of. Read a selection of their responses featured in Ohio Libraries Are Simply The Best (PDF) created for 2024 National Library Week.

Reference Services
- Research and Catalog 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 Department of Health
  - Ohio Department of Public Safety
  - Ohio Department of Taxation
  - Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
  - Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
  - Ohio Legislative Service Commission
  - Office of the Governor
  - State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy
- Research and Catalog services staff provided reference services to businesses such as the Bricker Graydon Law firm and Royal Canin Pet Food Manufacturer this month. We also provided reference assistance to the public and universities such as Case Western Reserve.

Reference Statistics
- Reference staff answered 91 reference questions in April totaling 2007 minutes of reference research.

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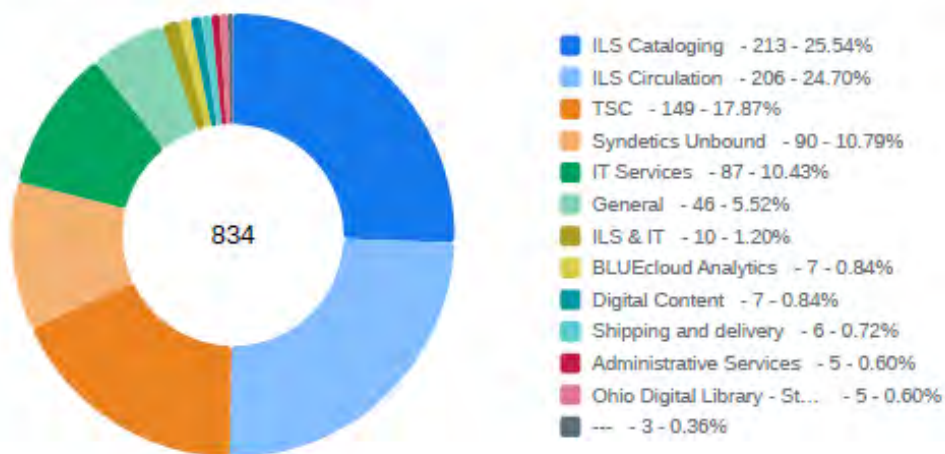
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Reimagining School Readiness

- 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.
- Penelope Shumaker and Pam Brockway facilitated a Reimagining School Readiness Workshop on April 23 at the Willowick Branch of the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library. Thirteen library staff members attended.
- 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).

SEO Service Center

- Total automation consortium circulation for the past 30 days—**1,052,824**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—**7,347**
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**631**
- Total number of support tickets created for the previous month—**834**
- Support tickets logged with Integrated Library Software (ILS) vendor SirsiDynix—**9**

Total Tickets by Month

- ILS Cataloging - 213 - 25.54%
- ILS Circulation - 206 - 24.70%
- TSC - 149 - 17.87%
- Syndetics Unbound - 90 - 10.79%
- IT Services - 87 - 10.43%
- General - 46 - 5.52%
- ILS & IT - 10 - 1.20%
- BLUEcloud Analytics - 7 - 0.84%
- Digital Content - 7 - 0.84%
- Shipping and delivery - 6 - 0.72%
- Administrative Services - 5 - 0.60%
- Ohio Digital Library - St... - 5 - 0.60%
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- **Phone Support**
  - **1,009** Total calls
    - **360** Incoming
    - **333** Outgoing
    - **316** Internal staff calls
 - **49 hrs. 58 min.** total call duration

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- **Remote Customer Support On-Demand Access**
  - o **21** on-demand remote sessions

- **SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMobile) Stats**
  - o **3,100** new devices
  - o **24,726** holds placed
  - o **69,534** app launches
  - o **75,679** total searches

- **Click and Collect Curbside service with the Consortium Libraries App**
  - o **29** service locations actively using Click and Collect "Curbside Pickup" to serve their patrons
  - o **103** Page Loads – number of times the "Curbside Pickup" button was engaged
  - o **60** Patrons arrived and completed their session

- **Consortium Service Highlights**
  - o On April 1, SEO Team members met with Kat Stephens, Library Software Consulting Team Lead, SirsiDynix, for the monthly SureSailing call.
  - o On April 2, the SEO Migration team attended an in-person site visit to Marvin Memorial Library.
  - o On April 2-5, Heather Miller attended the PLA Conference in Columbus, OH.
  - o On April 3, Heather Miller connected with Ray Biscaro, SirsiDynix, at PLA.
  - o On April 4, Heather Miller connected with Kirby Gill, SirsiDynix, at PLA.
  - o On April 5, Heather Miller connected with Clarivate at PLA.
  - o On April 5, SEO and State Library held a joint IT Management meeting
  - o On April 10, Jay Miley met with staff from Tiffin-Seneca Public Library to review the Acquisitions module in WorkFlows.
  - o On April 10, Heather Miller connected with the Preble County District Library.
  - o On April 11, the OPLIN Executive Director met with SEO Management to discuss projects and updates.
  - o On April 15, Heather Miller connected with the Ridgemont Public Library Director.
  - o On April 16, the SEO Team members attended the monthly SirsiDynix meeting with Kirby Gill, SirsiDynix Library Relations Manager.
  - o On April 16 and 26, Heather Miller connected with Monroeville Public Library.
  - o On April 17, the SEO Migration Team met with SirsiDynix to discuss profiling the data from the upcoming Marvin Memorial Library migration.
  - o On April 17, John Stewart and Michael Postlethwait met with Carey Miller, Product Sales Manager for Clarivate in Marietta, Ohio, to discuss demos on their Polaris and Vega products.
  - o On April 18, Nicole Brown, Brenda Michel, and Jay Miley met with Julia Walden, Director, and Heidi Smith, Circulation Services Manager of Licking County Library, to discuss the addition of their upcoming Lakewood Branch.
  - o On April 18, John Stewart attended the special State Library Board meeting in Columbus.
  - o On April 19, Ron Woods, Jay Miley, and John Stewart attended the quarterly WhoFi check-in meeting.
  - o On April 19, Heather Miller delivered cargo supplies to Ashland Public Library.
  - o On April 23, Heather Miller attended the NEO-RLS "Canva Basics" webinar.
  - o On April 25, Jay Miley attended the State Library of Ohio/OCLC ILL Discussion.
  - o On April 25, Jay Miley and John Stewart had a consortium touch base meeting with Wes Osborne, Executive Director of the Central Library Consortium.
  - o On April 25, Heather Miller connected with Niche.
  - o On April 25, Jay Miley attended the ParentTV: Supporting the Caregiving Community webinar.

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- o On April 29, the migration team met with SirsiDynix to discuss the Marvin Memorial Library test data load.
- o On April 29, the SEO Support Team hosted April Office Hours with 26 attendees. The team discusses how to do inventory in WorkFlows and the MobileStaff App.
- o On April 30, Heather Miller met with the Director and staff at Dorcas Carey Public Library.
- o On April 30, Jay Miley attended the Engage Your Borrowers and Save Time with LendingKey webinar.
- o On April 30, Jay Miley attended the Leadership Strategies for Building Connection and Diffusing Difficult Strategies webinar.

- **Niche Academy Stats**
    - o Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views – **533**
    - o Online Catalog Tutorials views – **408**
    - o Technical Services Committee – **58**
    - o ASL Storytime – **1**

- **Syndetics Unbound Statistics**
    - o **Enterprise Catalog**
        - ▪ **11,176,731** cover images loaded in online catalog searches.
        - ▪ Syndetics Unbound enriched **94,761** (**95%**) out of **99,484** pages loaded.
        - ▪ **44,284** patron interactions with enriched content.
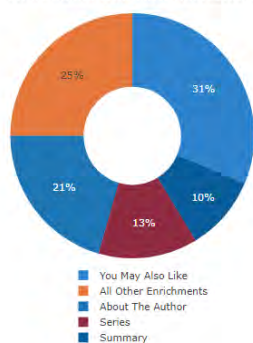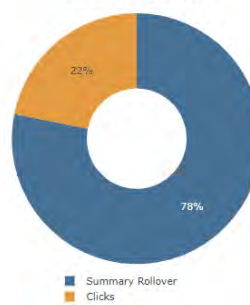
- o **90** display widgets updated.
- o **60,094** widgets loaded
- o Patrons have interacted with display widgets **10,267** times.

- **PatronPoint Notices sent to consortium patrons**
    - o **111,756** email notices sent
    - o **85,001** SMS notices sent
    - o **50,386** unique patrons notified

- **Offsite Storage**
    - o **7,370** items are housed at SEO for offsite storage.
    - o **73** 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.

Staffing
- After nearly four years of devoted service, State Librarian Wendy Knapp has resigned and accepted a position at Dayton Metro Library as Huber Heights Branch Manager. Her last day at the State Library was April 26, 2024.
  - During Wendy's tenure there was tremendous growth in the LSTA grants program, Ohio Digital Network, Ohio Digital Library, SEO Consortium membership and services, and use of library consultant services. There were also technology upgrades for staff, visitors, and meeting rooms, as well as the launch of a new State Library website on the Innovate Ohio Platform.
  - Wendy led the library through an extraordinary time of challenges and achievements due to the COVID-19 pandemic, state funding budget reductions, upheaval and subsequent vendor change in statewide delivery, exponential growth in demand and potential for digital resources, and innovations in library services and management.
  - Wendy led initiatives to strengthen the State Library's engagement with state government agencies, boards, and commissions, state agency librarians, and residents in the Columbus area and throughout the state. She steered innovative adaptations in response to the pandemic despite limited state funding to raise awareness and ensure access to vital library resources and services for Ohio residents and state government employees.
- The State Library of Ohio Board appointed Beverly Cain as Interim State Librarian beginning April 29, 2024. Beverly retired from the State Library on March 30, 2020, following ten years as Agency Director and State Librarian of Ohio.
  - As State Librarian, Beverly led both innovative and needs-based initiatives and positioned the State Library as a leader and exemplary partner in collaborations with Ohio's libraries and library organizations. She implemented a strategic plan with a vision of a Smarter Ohio, focusing on improving access to collections and use of meeting rooms for state government employees, growing statewide library resource sharing and collaboration, and using federal IMLS funds for special Ohio Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants to encourage collection development of books by award winning Ohio authors and illustrators and assist libraries with joining an existing library consortium.
  - Beverly guided the formation of Regional Digitization Hubs and steered the Ohio Digital Library, SEO Consortium, and Statewide Delivery through exponential growth during her State Library leadership service.
  - She has over 34 years of library experience in Ohio, having served as the Director of the Portsmouth Public Library System from 1997 to 2010 and Branch Manager at the Upper Arlington Public Library Lane Road Branch from 1992 to 1997. Prior to that, Beverly worked at the Medina County District Library from 1986 to 1992, first as a Reference Librarian and then as a Manager of Reference and Adult Services.
  - Beverly Cain earned a Master of Public Administration degree in 2009 and a Master of Library Science degree in 1986 from Kent State University. She also has a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Akron. Beverly received the Diana Vescelius Memorial Award from the Ohio Library Council in 1992, the Friend of the Year Award from the KSU School of Library and Information Science in 2012, and she was a member of the COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies) Legislation Committee and Research and Statistics Committee.

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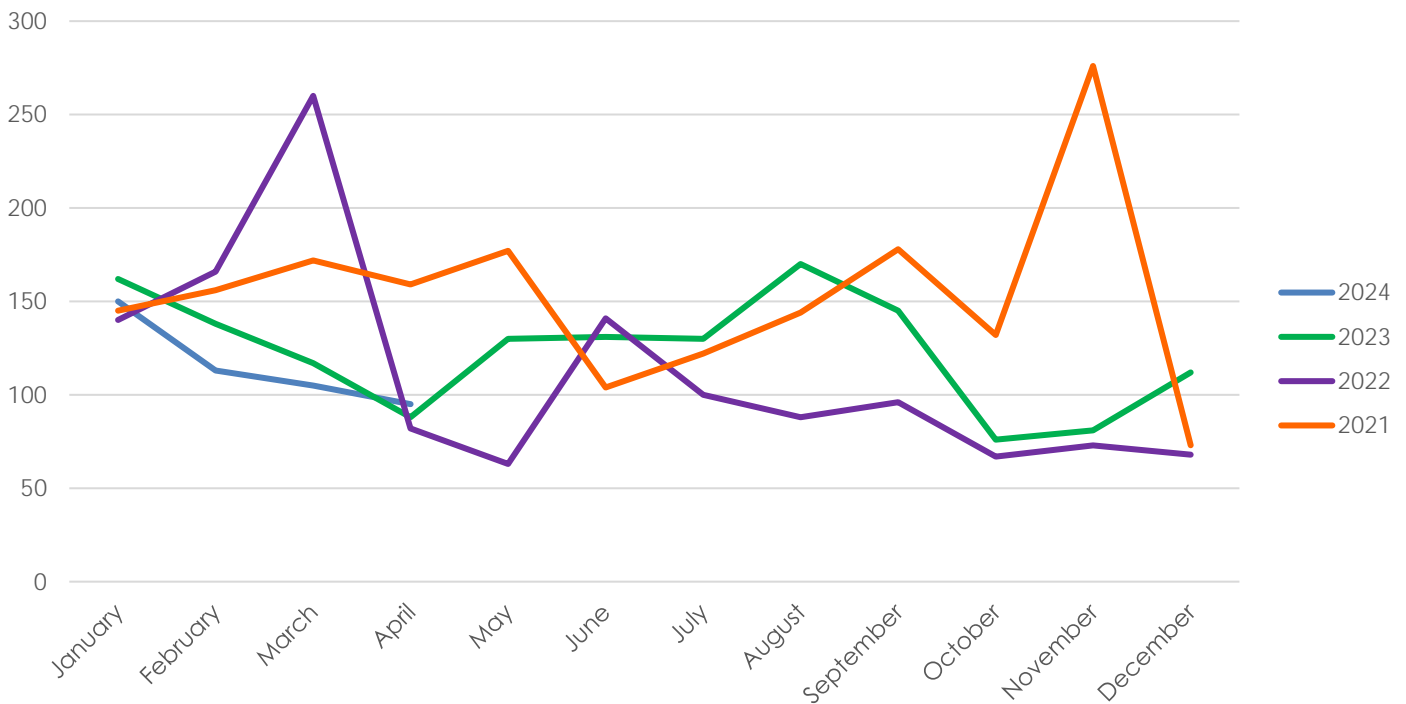
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- o Ms. Cain served as President of the Ohio Library Council, was a former member of the Board of Directors of the Scioto County Law Library Resources Board and has served as a member or chairperson to numerous local, state, and national committees.

Strategic Planning
- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
  - o Milton-Union Public Library
  - o Williams County Public Library
  - o Alexandria Public Library
  - o Pemberville 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 Food Service Program
- Many libraries in Ohio and around the USA participate in the **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**, 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, SFSP participation benefits libraries through:
  - o Access to new user groups, especially underserved and marginalized populations
  - o Increased visibility of the library as a community asset
  - o Opportunities for new partnerships
  - o Positioning of the library as an important stakeholder in community well-being and positive child outcomes
  - o Support for summer library programming through increased attendance
- If you are already an SFSP site or have been in the past, work with your current/previous sponsor to prepare for summer 2024.
- If you want to become an SFSP site, the Collaborative Summer Library Program offers a thorough, clear how-to guide: **Libraries and Summer Food** provides a step-by-step for libraries interested in becoming SFSP sites, or otherwise getting involved in addressing child food insecurity during the summer.
- The State Library also offers a basic guide for Ohio libraries: library.ohio.gov/summer-food.
- The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce administers the SFSP in Ohio. Contact the DEW with questions or for assistance in identifying a potential sponsor.
- A non-congregate option for rural communities allows sites in rural-designated areas to provide grab-and-go meals. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, Office of Nutrition is developing guidance about this option. More information will be shared via Ohio library listservs in coming weeks. Find out if your library is in a rural-designated area.

Summer Library Program
- Several partners are again supporting Ohio public libraries' summer programming with incentives and special offers:
  - o The Ohio Renaissance Festival is providing a coupon good for 50% off gate admission for all ages. The request period for this coupon ended in mid-March.
  - o The Ohio Expo Center is providing a printable voucher for free child (ages 5-18) admission to the Ohio State Fair. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is providing a certificate for all ages, good for $10 off camping/lodging at Ohio State Parks. These incentives were emailed to a representative of each Ohio public library system in March.
  - o The Greater Cleveland Aquarium offers a specially discounted virtual program for libraries. Each booking of the Virtual Aquatic Escape program by an Ohio public library comes with two complimentary Aquarium admission passes that you can use as SLP prizes. Learn more and book a program. This offer is available year-round.
- See the **Ohio Summer Library Program website** for resources to support summer planning. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer with any questions about SLP.

Take 5
- The **2024 Take 5** event took place at the Huber Heights Branch, Dayton Metro Library, on Friday, May 3. The event featured 2022 YALSA Innovation Award winner Grace Hammond, leading a hands-on Whole Learner mini-workshop. The event also featured an expert troubleshooting panel and small group discussion breakouts on timely topics and big-picture perspectives. Registration closed on Tuesday, April 30 with 80 registrants.
- 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. This year's Take 5 event is co-sponsored by SWON Libraries.

WebJunction
- There were 95 WebJunction course completions in April, down from 105 in March. Individuals completing courses in March represented the following types of libraries: 83 public, 2 academic, 2 school libraries, and 6 consortia.

2021-2024 Number of Completed Courses in Months & Years
The numbers represent courses completed not individuals.

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2021-2024 Number of Completed Courses in Months & Years

Months	2024	2023	2022	2021	Grand Total
January	150	162	140	145	597
February	113	138	166	156	573
March	105	117	260	172	654
April	95	88	82	159	424
May		130	63	177	370
June		131	141	104	376
July		130	100	122	352
August		170	88	144	402
September		145	96	178	419
October		76	67	132	275
November		81	73	276	430
December		112	68	73	253
Grand Total	**463**	**1480**	**1344**	**1838**	**5125**

Course Completions in April by Library Type

■ Public ■ Academic ■ School ■ State Agency ■ Consortium
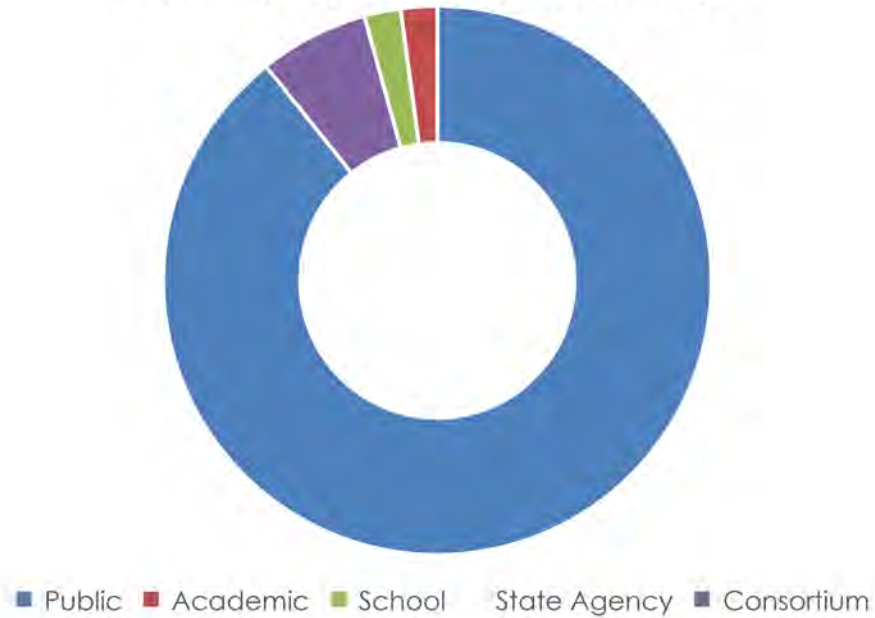
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2021-2024 Number of Active Users in WebJunction Courses
Number of unique logins accessing course within each month

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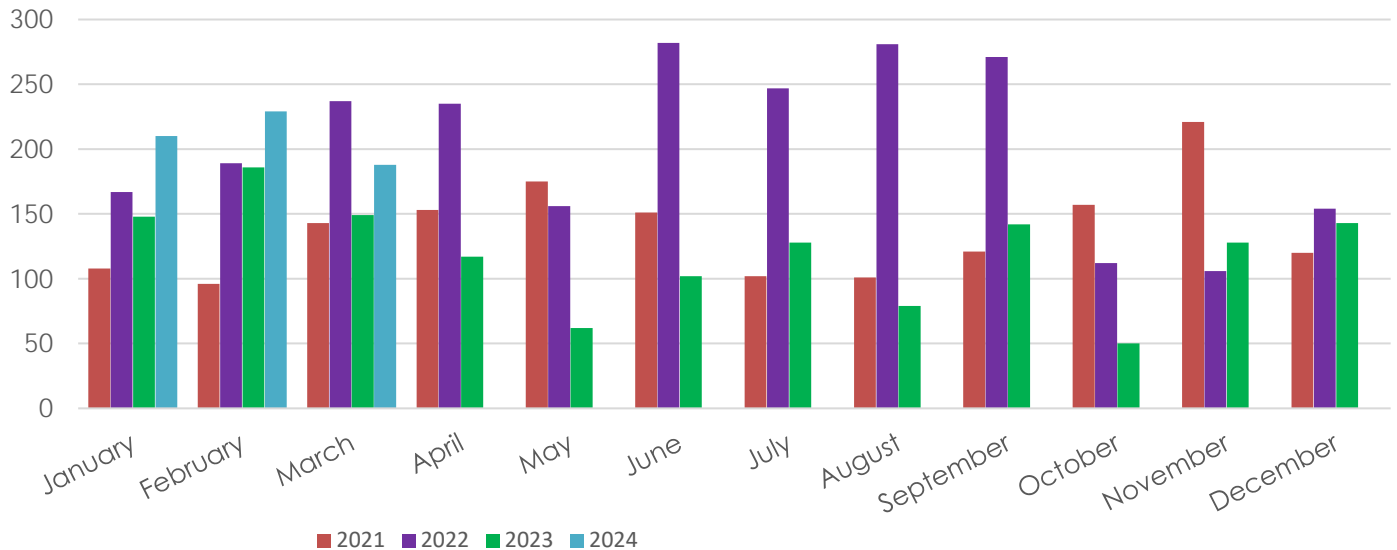
- **WebJunction Webinar Reports** are received on a quarterly basis.
  - o In the first quarter of calendar year 2024 (January-March), five webinars were offered and there were 254 views from Ohio (combined all webinars, live and recorded viewings)—up from 230 views in the fourth quarter of 2023. The five webinars included:
    - ▪ Libraries Foster Social Connection: Responding to the Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation
    - ▪ Building Authentic Relationships with Underserved Communities
    - ▪ Switching it Up! Creating a Video Game Collection for Your Library
    - ▪ Co-Creating Library Services for Transformative Impact
    - ▪ Creating a person-centered library: Supporting patrons while avoiding burnout
  - o 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.