

**Ohio Library Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**AGENDA**

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May 17, 2024  
OLC Offices  
10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (#)\*
2. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Mar. 15, 2024 – Regular Meeting (#)\*
3. Reports for Action
  - A. Financial Report: Month-End – March 2024 (#)\*
  - B. 2023 Financial Audit (#)\* *[Board Members Only]*
  - C. Nominating Committee Report: 2024 OLC Board of Directors Election Slate (#)\*
  - D. New Association Management Software and Website (#)\*
4. Reports for Discussion
  - A. Amazon Business Prime for Ohio’s Public Libraries
  - B. PLA 2024
  - C. Awards and Honors Committee Proposed Changes (#)
5. Reports for Information
  - A. ALA Councilor Report (#)
  - B. State Library of Ohio Report (#)
  - C. OPLIN Report (#)
  - D. Executive Director’s Report (#)
  - E. Staff Reports
    1. Government and Legal Services Report (#)
    2. Professional Development Report (#)
    3. Communications Report (#)
    4. Membership Services Report (#)
6. Announcements – Next Meeting: July 19 – Via Zoom
7. Adjournment

(#) Report included in background packet

\* Action Item

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OLC Offices  
March 15, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

- PRESENT
  - Kathy Bach, Cincinnati
  - Travis Bautz, Middletown
  - Julianne Bedel, Medina
  - Sarah Clevidence, Findlay
  - Aimee Fifarek, Youngstown
  - Sandra Hedlund Tunnell, Ashland
  - Mary Ellen Icaza, Canton
  - Robbie Jenkins, Gallipolis (virtual)
  - Cheryl Kuonen, Mentor
  - Rick Rubin, Cuyahoga Falls (virtual)
  - Stacey Russell, Zanesville
  - Jennifer Slone, Chillicothe
  - Laura Lee Wilson, Huron County, Willard
  
- GUESTS
  - Jason Elvers, Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease
  - Wendy Knapp, State Library of Ohio
  - Don Yarman, OPLIN
  
- GUESTS ABSENT
  - Nick Tepe, ALA Councilor
  
- STAFF
  - Michelle Francis, Executive Director
  - Jeanine D’Andrea, Director, Membership Services
  - Angie Jacobsen, Director, Communications
  - Denise Kise, Accounting/Data Services
  - Laurie Miller, Director, Professional Development
  - Jay Smith, Director, Government and Public Relations (virtual)
  
- CALL TO ORDER
  - The meeting was called to order by Chair Clevidence at 10:01 a.m.
  - Clevidence noted that Robbie Jenkins and Rick Rubin are joining via Zoom. OLC Staff member Jay Smith is also joining via Zoom. Clevidence welcomed Jason Elvers, OLC’s Legal Counsel from Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.
  
  - Clevidence thanked Laura Lee Wilson for her service as the 2023 Chair of the Board.
  
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  - Clevidence noted that Item 6.A – ALA Councilor report will be a written report. ICAZA MOVED AND SLONE SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - BAUTZ MOVED AND RUSSELL SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 2024, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
  - WILSON MOVED AND BAUTZ SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 2024, EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
  
  - Francis thanked the Board for the reinstatement of the retirement contribution at 8%.

2024 BOARD  
ORIENTATION

Francis introduced Jason Elvers of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. Elvers discussed the roles and responsibilities as an OLC Board Member. He discussed the fiduciary responsibilities of a Board member through the Duty of Care and the Duty of Loyalty. Francis thanked Elvers for his time.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
POLICY

Francis noted the OLC Board of Directors' Conflict of Interest Policy was included in the Board background materials. All Board members were asked to sign the form indicating their receipt, understanding and willingness to abide by the policy and return it to Francis within the next week.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
YEAR-END 2023

Francis presented the financial report for Year-End 2023.

Revenue. Institutional Membership Dues were over budget by \$61,756 and Individual Memberships were slightly under budget by \$594. The New London Public Library has joined for 2024. Francis thanked Laura Lee Wilson for working to bring New London on board. Publications were slightly under budget by \$205. Continuing Education was over budget \$29,385 due to increased attendance at Legislative Day; sponsorships and registration numbers at Convention and Expo; and Workshops were over budget due to strong attendance. Contract Income was over budget \$1,819 due to an increase in purchasing by public libraries. Other Income was over budget by \$96,655. Interest and Dividends are over budget \$50,671 due to returns on short-term investments. Unrealized Gain/(Loss) is over budget \$49,094 due to returns on long-term investments.

Expenses. Salaries and benefits were slightly under budget. Retirement is under budget \$1,065 due to timing of plan contributions. Health Insurance is under budget due to selection of plan \$8,309; Payroll taxes are over budget \$11,630. Consultants and Contractors are under budget \$10,289 due to timing of Legal Services from Vorys. Expo contractors is over budget \$18,913 due to cost of Wi-Fi and security at C&E. Communications were under budget due to timing of payments. Printing and Design are under budget \$4,073 due to reduced printing. Maintenance and Equipment are over budget \$10,916 due to Equipment Rental and Software Support is over budget \$8,223 due to the one-year AMS renewal. Office Space rental is over budget \$8,344 due to common area maintenance fees and workshop space rental is over budget \$7,639 due to coding of events. Travel is under budget mostly due to virtual meetings and Management and Expenses is over budget \$11,254 mostly due to catering and other meals for increased attendance and coding/billing for events.

The Net Change in Assets is \$177,904.

RUSSELL MOVED AND FIFAREK SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE YEAR-END 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BAUTZ MOVED AND SLONE SECONDED THAT THE OLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINT TARA SIDWELL, DIRECTOR, KATE LOVE SIMPSON MORGAN COUNTY LIBRARY, TO SERVE AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER ON THE OLC NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM (2024-2026). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ENDORSEMENT – PLA  
PRESIDENT

Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Deputy Director, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library is a candidate for the position of PLA President. The election will be held March 11 – April 3, 2024. She is currently accepting endorsements for her campaign and has asked for the endorsement of the Ohio Library Council Board of Directors.

KUONEN MOVED AND WILSON SECONDED TO ENDORSE KIM DeNERO-ACKROYD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS-UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF PLA PRESIDENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### OLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

In the 2024 elections, five positions on the Board of Directors will be on the ballot, including one MLIS position, one Trustee position and three At-Large positions. The ALA Councilor position is also up for election. The OLC Nominating Committee will be responsible for identifying and recommending candidates for election, including new candidates for election to the Board.

A call for candidates interested in being considered for election to the Board will be included in *This Week* and *Access* and posted on the OLC website beginning on the Monday following the March Board meeting and continuing through April. The Nominating Committee uses this information to select the nominees and create the election slate.

Clevence took the opportunity to thank the five Board members going off at the end of this year for their service – Wilson, Rubin, Fifarek, Kuonen and Slone.

#### AMAZON BUSINESS PRIME

Francis reported that OLC's partnership program with Amazon Business Prime officially launched 2 weeks ago, and so far, has been a huge success. OLC staff has received excellent feedback from the membership. So far as of March 14, 121 libraries have already switched over to OLC. There are 30 libraries that still don't have an account. There are 100 libraries who have NOT opted in yet. Some of the feedback is that the program is only authorized for one year. Tessa Sullivan will be presenting at the CPIM conference on Workflow. There are protections in place, so fiscal officers have what they need. Sullivan will also be at PLA and asked Francis to co-present at the ALA Annual Conference on the partnership. Some counterparts from other states are launching in March and May. Clevence shared that her library recently switched and has already saved \$116. Other members of the board shared their positive experiences as well.

#### PLA 2024

As of March 13, the Full Conference Registration is at 4,868; Ohio Registration for full conference registration is 1,594 (32.7%); Overall registration (Exhibitors/Speakers/Sponsors is 6,701; and Registration for OLC's Pre-Conference Workshop on the Science of Reading is at 68. There will be a Tuesday night welcome reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. OLC will have a room at the Hilton if any Board members need to use it let Francis know.

#### NEW ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AND WEBSITE

OLC staff has started to interview different vendors. One vendor already has about 4500 associations and therefore, is not likely to dissolve. During this process, staff has realized that we will have to redo our website as well. Unfortunately, our current website is built on a proprietary platform and the company that we originally contracted with is no longer in business. Francis will have a recommendation to the Board in May. Fifarek noted from recent experience with payroll system to have any vendor identify what their employee support level is. Quality of employee support is important.

#### ALA COUNCILOR REPORT

A written report was provided. Francis reported on the following:

ALA Press Release with 2023 Book Ban update. In 2023 there were 4240 titles that were challenged, a 55% increase. A list of the top 10 most challenged books will be available on April 8.

LibLearnX 2026. The ALA Board recently announced that they are canceling LibLearnX in 2026 for financial reasons. However, LibLearnX 2025 is still on for Phoenix.

## STATE LIBRARY REPORT

In addition to her written report, Knapp reported on the following:

Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative. Is a tool for considering collections that empower children and young adult readers by respecting and appreciating what makes them different and the same. It 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 and American Rescue Plan Act federal funds, granted to the State Library of Ohio.

Library Leadership Ohio. Library Leadership Ohio will be held July 23-25 at Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark, Ohio. Applications for the program open Tuesday, Feb. 20. The event will be facilitated by OhioNet and The State Library of Ohio. A virtual information session about Library Leadership Ohio will be held on Feb. 22.

Take Five Conference. The Take 5 Conference will be at the Huber Heights Branch, Dayton Metro Library on Friday, May 3. Take 5 is a day of dialogue and discovery for public library teen and youth services specialists, school librarians, and other youth advocates.

SEO Libraries. There are currently 99 libraries live on SEO.

## OPLIN REPORT

In addition to his written report, Yarman reported on the following:

Managed Branch Connections Pilot. The OPLIN Board approved a pilot program to provide libraries with their branch circuits for a fee. OPLIN will order and pay for branch connections, filing for the E-rate refunds, and billing the libraries for OPLIN's average post discounted cost (currently \$130 per month for a 1G circuit). They will pilot with Clark, Geauga and Harrison County libraries.

LinkedIn Learning. OhioNet has negotiated a group discount of up to 15% on LinkedIn Learning renewals for those libraries wishing to pick up the resource after OPLIN's subscription ends June 30.

Ohio Persistent Cyber Improvement. Public libraries are eligible for the Ohio Persistent Cyber Improvement (O-PCI) project, a State of Ohio initiative to provide local government entities with free cybersecurity training. Register your library and O-PCI will reach out to discuss your participation options. All cybersecurity courses are designed to be interactive and engaging by using real-world scenarios and active learning techniques. Yarman will share an electronic copy of the flyer to send to Board members. Fifarek would like to have more information as this could be really useful.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to her written report, Francis reported on the following:

City Club of Cleveland. Francis was honored to participate in the panel forum at The City Club of Cleveland entitled "Can Libraries Be Everything to Everyone?". A recording is available at [cityclub.org/archives](http://cityclub.org/archives).

Bricker Graydon Women in Networking Panel. Francis participated in a panel discussion for Bricker Graydon's Women in Networking group in celebration of Women's History Month and on International Women's Day.

GOVERNMENT AND  
LEGAL SERVICES REPORT

Institutional Membership Dues and Billing. OLC has received payment for 204 libraries. There are still 21 libraries where we are working to correct inaccurate information from a few county auditors. New London Public Library has paid their dues and will be joining OLC as an Institutional Member library.

Lifetime Member. Mary Dwyer, Mansfield-Richland County Public Library has joined as a Lifetime Member. Her membership was acknowledged in *Access Weekly*, sent a thank you note from the Membership Committee and a personal thank you note from Francis on behalf of the OLC Board and staff.

Short-term Reserves. Francis will be meeting with OLC's advisors at Morgan Stanley to invest our short-term investments and review our CD options.

OLC Employee Benefits. Health insurance was renewed with Medical Mutual Insurance (OLC pays 90% of employee premium and 80% of dependent premium.) Vision insurance was renewed with Ameritas. Life Insurance was changed from Guardian to One America.

Staff Notes. Francis celebrated her 10-year anniversary with OLC on February 12.

In addition to his written report, Smith reported on the following:

PLF Update. The March 2024 PLF distribution was \$717,948 (or 1.97%) above ODT's original estimate that was issued in July 2023 and \$751,022 (or 2.06%) above ODT's updated estimate issued in December 2023. Overall state tax receipts for the month of February came in 1.8% or \$38.4 million above estimates.

Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform. A final report from the Committee must be submitted to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024, making recommendations on reforms to property tax law.

HB 344 – Replacement Levies. This legislation seeks to eliminate the authority of political subdivisions to levy replacement property tax levies beginning with elections held on or after October 1, 2024. The rationale is to alleviate voter confusion over whether they are the same as a renewal levy. This provision was previously included in HB 33, as passed by the House, but taken out of the budget bill while being considered in the Senate. OLC provided testimony in opposition to HB 344 on Jan. 23.

HB 257 – Virtual Meetings Bill. To provide certain public boards, including library boards, with the opportunity to have virtual meetings. A few amendments have been added to help clarify certain provisions of the bill. One of the changes includes a requirement for public bodies to define in their virtual meeting policy what would constitute a "major nonroutine expenditure; or "significant hiring decision" which are factors that can trigger a requirement to meet in person.

One-Time State Funding. OLC is attempting to reframe the conversation at the Statehouse on funding Ohio Public Library Facilities. In February, OLC hosted a webinar on the state's Capital Bill, One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund and how libraries can submit requests for funding. A recording and additional resources are available on the OLC Website.

Voices for Libraries 2024 – Congressional Fly-In. OLC participated in the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies "Voices for Libraries 2024" event in Washington DC. COSLA collaborated with ALA in this advocacy event to

promote support for LSTA funding from Congress. Those attending from Ohio included, State Librarian Wendy Knapp, Otterbein University Library Director Tiffany Lipstreu, Lorain Public Library Director Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz and Jay Smith, OLC.

OLC Library Legislative Day. Library Legislative Day is scheduled for Wed., April 24 at the Sheraton on Capitol Square. There will be a welcome and legislative briefing beginning at 8:15 a.m. and repeated at 10:30 a.m. We are looking forward to having a property tax legislative panel discussion with Sen. Bill Blessing, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform, and Rep Dan Troy, Ranking Member on the House Ways and Means Committee. Our keynote speaker is Steve Dackin, Director of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

In addition to her written report, Miller reported on the following:

Stand Alone Conference Updates. Stand Alone Conference Chairs have been named and they will populate their committees by March 15.

Adult Service and Customer Service  
Chair: Ada Myers, Guernsey County District Library  
Call for Programs opens April 10 – May 10

Library Management & Leadership Conference  
Chair: Jennifer Buch, Huron Public Library  
Call for Programs opens June 12-July 12

Trustee Dinners. OLC will continue to promote them as they have low attendance. The Board may want to go in a different direction after May 2 and have a discussion. Many trustees work full-time, and there is some difficulty with engagement. Trustees like to network not necessarily have dinner. Some indicate that the Director keeps them up to date so they don't need to attend. Maybe they are only offered in state budget years. Maybe daytime or luncheons?

The Board would like a breakdown of how many attendees at the Trustee dinners are directors versus trustees after this year's dinners are complete.

## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

In addition to her written report, Jacobsen reported on the following:

PLA 2024 Conference. PLA issued a press release for OLC to share with local media. This gives Ohio's public libraries an opportunity to shine.

Media Coverage. Recent press regarding Intellectual Freedom Issues and accessibility are available.

Solar Eclipse. Eclipse events and resources continue to be added to [olc.org/eclipse](http://olc.org/eclipse) page. Some government agencies are utilizing these.

Legislative Day. Registration is open. Resources and advocacy tools continue to be added.

Amazon Business and the Science of Reading. Each have landing pages. ODEW recently approved a curriculum list. It is a good resource for your youth librarians.

Election Day. There are seven libraries on the ballot. OLC will send out a press release the next day.

Standalone Conferences. A call for Planning Committee members was published in Access and on the OLC website. An online application form was created for volunteers to submit.

Website. The most popular pages on the OLC website over the past two months are: Jobline; News; Conferences, Workshops and Webinars; Access LinkedIn Learning Courses; Event Calendar, Certification; CPIM.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES  
REPORT

In addition to her written report, D'Andrea reported on the following:

2024 Membership. A third membership renewal was sent at the end of February and Individual Memberships continue to come in. We are above target from last year at this time. New members are above 505 now as compared to 268 new members at this time in 2023.

Quick Poll. The Membership Committee sent a one-question quick poll to library directors regarding their policy on paying individual membership for staff. A total of 185 responses were received. 22 – No; 88 – Pay All; 75 Pay Partial; 66 did not respond. This means of the 185 responses – 163 of our libraries are paying some or all individual membership dues. A list of those libraries will be posted to the OLC website with our thanks for their support, along with a letter to those directors.

Nominations. Staff is currently working with each of our 14 divisions to complete their slates of candidates for election this summer. Thanks to Jacobsen for putting the Get Involved Form in Access last week, as we have begun to receive interest in serving on Division Action Councils.

Awards and Honors. The Committee met on March 7 to discuss recommendations for simplifying the 2025 Awards program. They reviewed each award, the criteria and requirements trying to remove any barriers for inclusion or nominating. Any recommendations will be referred to the full Board in May.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 17 at the OLC Office. The auditor will attend the May meeting to present the 2023 Audit and answer questions from the Board. Other upcoming meeting dates include: July 19 at the OLC Office; Sept. 20 via Zoom; and Nov. 15 at the OLC Office.

ADJOURNMENT

FIFAREK MOVED AND ICAZA SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:07 PM. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



**Ohio Library Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.A**

MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Financial Report: March 2024**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

**REPORT FOR ACTION**

**REVENUE**

<b>Cost Center</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Dues	\$ 1,165,689	\$ 1,243,425	\$ (77,736)
Publications	100	250	(150)
Continuing Education	49,481	18,090	31,391
Contract Income	1,042	1,250	(208)
Other Income	33,456	20,704	12,752
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,249,768</b>	<b>\$ 1,283,719</b>	<b>\$ (33,951)</b>

Dues Income (- \$77,736)

- Institutional Membership: under budget due to delayed invoicing (- \$92,135).
- Other Institutions: under budget due to delayed invoicing (- \$6,075).
- Individual Memberships: over budget due to increase in membership (+ \$20,674).
- Friends: slightly under budget (- \$200).

Publications (- \$150)

- Sales: slightly under budget (- \$150).

Continuing Education (+ \$31,391)

- Legislative Day: over budget due to increased attendance (+ \$2,330).
- Workshops: over budget due to increase in attendance (+ \$28,950).

Contract Income (- \$208)

- Sourcing Office: slightly under budget due to timing of Q1 payment (- \$208).

Other Income (+ \$12,752)

- Interest and Dividends: over budget due to returns on short-term investments (+ \$953).
- Worker's Compensation: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$10,000).
- Unrealized Gain/(Loss): over budget due to returns on long-term investments (+ \$21,654).
- Jobline: under budget due to less use of out-of-state postings (- \$175).
- Management/Consulting Revenue: over budget due to background checks (+ \$320).

## EXPENSES

Cost Center	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 241,541	\$ 233,016	\$ 8,525
Consultants and Contractors	22,277	32,690	(10,413)
Supplies and Resources	14,028	15,080	(1,052)
Communications	4,355	5,961	(1,606)
Printing/Design	175	2,283	(2,108)
Maintenance and Equipment	16,912	3,736	13,176
Space Rental	31,139	30,498	641
Travel and Catering	8,340	14,165	(5,825)
Management Expenses	45,761	52,344	(6,583)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 384,527</b>	<b>\$ 389,773</b>	<b>\$ (5,246)</b>

### Salaries and Benefits (- \$8,525)

- Staff Salaries: under budget due to timing of 2024 adjustments (- \$10,093).
- Accrued Vacation: reflects accrued vacation (+ \$20,419).
- Retirement: under budget due to timing of plan contributions (- \$858).
- Health Insurance: under budget due to selection of plan (- \$1,404).
- Worker's Compensation: under budget due to BWC rebates (- \$96).
- Payroll Taxes: slightly over budget due to 2024 adjustments (+ \$131).

### Consultants and Contractors (- \$10,413)

- Legal Services: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$6,826).
- Consultants/Contractors: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$3,587).

### Supplies and Resources (- \$1,052)

- Supplies: under budget (- \$1,309).
- Subscription/Resource Materials: under budget due to timing of payments and coding (- \$4,040).
- Computer Software/Supplies: over budget due to timing of payments and coding (+ \$4,297).

### Communications (- \$596)

- Telephone: Local/Mobile/Conf. Calls: on budget (- \$99).
- Postage/Courier Service: under budget (- \$444).
- Internet: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$1,063).

### Printing and Design (- \$2,108)

- Printing: under budget due to reduced printing (- \$1,330).
- Copying: under budget (- \$778).

### Maintenance and Equipment (+ \$13,176)

- Equipment Rental: slightly over budget (+ \$143).
- Equipment Maintenance: on budget (+ \$68).
- Software Support: over budget due to one-year AMS renewal (+ \$12,965).

Space Rental (+ \$641)

- Office Space: slightly under budget due to CAM (- \$859).
- Workshops / Meetings: slightly over budget due to timing of payments (+ \$1,500).

Travel and Meals (- \$5,825)

- Board: slightly over budget due to timing of Emerging Leader stipend (+ \$1,010).
- Staff: under budget (- \$3,336).
- Committees and Divisions: under budget due to reduced requests for reimbursement (- \$3,500).

Management Expenses (- \$6,583)

- Bank Services: on budget (+ \$113).
- Investment Fees: on budget (+ \$60).
- Depreciation Replacement: under budget (- \$854).
- Employee Hiring: slightly over budget due to increase in library background checks (+ \$259).
- Insurance: on budget (- \$5).
- Organization Memberships: under budget (- \$625).
- Staff Development and Memberships: under budget due to timing (- \$1,431).
- Catering and Other Meals: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$4,099).

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Net Change in Assets</b>	\$ 865,241	\$ 893,946	\$ (28,705)

**Ohio Library Council**  
**Income Statement**  
**For the 3 Months Ending Sunday, March 31, 2024**

	<u>March</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>						
<b>Dues</b>						
Institutional	\$190,553.45	\$150,000.00	\$40,553.45	\$935,864.64	\$1,028,000.00	(\$92,135.36)
Other	275.00	2,275.00	(2,000.00)	2,200.00	8,275.00	(6,075.00)
Personal	6,388.50	21,500.00	(15,111.50)	225,424.00	204,750.00	20,674.00
Friends	875.00	200.00	675.00	2,200.00	2,400.00	(200.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$198,091.95</b>	<b>\$173,975.00</b>	<b>\$24,116.95</b>	<b>\$1,165,688.64</b>	<b>\$1,243,425.00</b>	<b>(\$77,736.36)</b>
<b>Publications</b>						
Sales	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	250.00	(150.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>(\$150.00)</b>
<b>Continuing Education</b>						
Legislative Day	2,745.00	1,000.00	1,745.00	3,330.00	1,000.00	2,330.00
Convention & Expo	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.70	0.00	110.70
Workshops	33,720.00	14,507.00	19,213.00	46,040.00	17,090.00	28,950.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$36,465.00</b>	<b>\$15,507.00</b>	<b>\$20,958.00</b>	<b>\$49,480.70</b>	<b>\$18,090.00</b>	<b>\$31,390.70</b>
<b>Contract Income</b>						
Sourcing Office	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)	1,042.16	1,250.00	(207.84)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>(\$1,250.00)</b>	<b>\$1,042.16</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>(\$207.84)</b>
<b>Other Income</b>						
Interest & Dividends	3,883.82	3,333.00	550.82	10,952.40	9,999.00	953.40
Workers Compensation	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	17,864.10	0.00	17,864.10	21,654.00	0.00	21,654.00
Jobline	200.00	165.00	35.00	320.00	495.00	(175.00)
Mgmt & Consulting Revenue	365.00	60.00	305.00	530.00	210.00	320.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$22,312.92</b>	<b>\$13,558.00</b>	<b>\$8,754.92</b>	<b>\$33,456.40</b>	<b>\$20,704.00</b>	<b>\$12,752.40</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$256,969.87</b>	<b>\$204,290.00</b>	<b>\$52,679.87</b>	<b>\$1,249,767.90</b>	<b>\$1,283,719.00</b>	<b>(\$33,951.10)</b>

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**Income Statement**  
**For the 3 Months Ending Sunday, March 31, 2024**

	March			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Salary &amp; Benefits</b>						
Staff Salaries	\$61,337.43	\$61,054.00	\$283.43	\$173,069.24	\$183,162.00	(\$10,092.76)
Accrued Vacation	3,331.47	0.00	3,331.47	20,418.74	0.00	20,418.74
Retirement Contribution	4,515.14	4,812.00	(296.86)	13,578.08	14,436.00	(857.92)
Health Insurance	8,393.36	6,272.00	2,121.36	17,412.18	18,816.00	(1,403.82)
Workers' Compensation	0.00	48.00	(48.00)	47.65	144.00	(96.35)
Payroll Taxes	4,288.48	5,105.00	(816.52)	15,740.80	15,315.00	425.80
LTD & Life Insurance	361.21	381.00	(19.79)	1,273.87	1,143.00	130.87
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$82,227.09</b>	<b>\$77,672.00</b>	<b>\$4,555.09</b>	<b>\$241,540.56</b>	<b>\$233,016.00</b>	<b>\$8,524.56</b>
<b>Consultants &amp; Contractors</b>						
Legal Services	1,924.00	8,750.00	(6,826.00)	1,924.00	8,750.00	(6,826.00)
Consult / Contractors	6,646.70	7,980.00	(1,333.30)	20,352.52	23,940.00	(3,587.48)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$8,570.70</b>	<b>\$16,730.00</b>	<b>(\$8,159.30)</b>	<b>\$22,276.52</b>	<b>\$32,690.00</b>	<b>(\$10,413.48)</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Resources</b>						
Supplies	1,866.28	1,640.00	226.28	4,800.92	6,110.00	(1,309.08)
Subscriptions / Res Mat	509.83	90.00	419.83	1,529.57	5,570.00	(4,040.43)
Computer Sftwr / Supplies	2,440.50	1,110.00	1,330.50	7,697.41	3,400.00	4,297.41
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,816.61</b>	<b>\$2,840.00</b>	<b>\$1,976.61</b>	<b>\$14,027.90</b>	<b>\$15,080.00</b>	<b>(\$1,052.10)</b>
<b>Communications</b>						
Telephone - Local	184.80	285.00	(100.20)	754.28	853.00	(98.72)
Postage	246.34	201.00	45.34	718.86	1,138.00	(419.14)
Courier / Special	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	0.00	25.00	(25.00)
Internet	960.60	1,315.00	(354.40)	2,881.80	3,945.00	(1,063.20)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,391.74</b>	<b>\$1,826.00</b>	<b>(\$434.26)</b>	<b>\$4,354.94</b>	<b>\$5,961.00</b>	<b>(\$1,606.06)</b>
<b>Printing &amp; Typesetting</b>						
Printing	0.00	260.00	(260.00)	0.00	1,330.00	(1,330.00)
Copying	76.95	126.00	(49.05)	174.93	953.00	(778.07)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$76.95</b>	<b>\$386.00</b>	<b>(\$309.05)</b>	<b>\$174.93</b>	<b>\$2,283.00</b>	<b>(\$2,108.07)</b>

**Ohio Library Council**  
**Income Statement**  
**For the 3 Months Ending Sunday, March 31, 2024**

	March			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Maintenance &amp; Equip</b>						
Equipment Rental	\$800.14	\$934.00	(\$133.86)	\$2,951.87	\$2,809.00	\$142.87
Equipment Maintenance	636.73	231.00	405.73	764.08	696.00	68.08
Software Support	4,398.59	76.00	4,322.59	13,195.77	231.00	12,964.77
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,835.46</b>	<b>\$1,241.00</b>	<b>\$4,594.46</b>	<b>\$16,911.72</b>	<b>\$3,736.00</b>	<b>\$13,175.72</b>
<b>Space Rental</b>						
Office Space	9,879.66	10,166.00	(286.34)	29,638.98	30,498.00	(859.02)
Workshops / Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,879.66</b>	<b>\$10,166.00</b>	<b>(\$286.34)</b>	<b>\$31,138.98</b>	<b>\$30,498.00</b>	<b>\$640.98</b>
<b>Travel</b>						
Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,010.44	2,000.00	1,010.44
Staff Travel	2,894.18	2,955.00	(60.82)	5,329.10	8,665.00	(3,335.90)
Committees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	(1,400.00)
Divisions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	(2,100.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,894.18</b>	<b>\$2,955.00</b>	<b>(\$60.82)</b>	<b>\$8,339.54</b>	<b>\$14,165.00</b>	<b>(\$5,825.46)</b>
<b>Management Expenses</b>						
Bank Services	912.45	1,000.00	(87.55)	3,112.91	3,000.00	112.91
Investment Fees	524.93	491.00	33.93	1,535.84	1,476.00	59.84
Depreciation	1,132.48	1,340.00	(207.52)	3,165.76	4,020.00	(854.24)
Employee Hiring	225.00	56.00	169.00	430.00	171.00	259.00
Insurance	657.45	657.00	0.45	1,972.27	1,977.00	(4.73)
Organizational Mbrshps	175.00	400.00	(225.00)	575.00	1,200.00	(625.00)
Staff Devel & Mbrshps	1,144.00	110.00	1,034.00	1,569.00	3,000.00	(1,431.00)
Catering & Other Meals	7,840.34	31,100.00	(23,259.66)	33,400.67	37,500.00	(4,099.33)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$12,611.65</b>	<b>\$35,154.00</b>	<b>(\$22,542.35)</b>	<b>\$45,761.45</b>	<b>\$52,344.00</b>	<b>(\$6,582.55)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$128,304.04</b>	<b>\$148,970.00</b>	<b>(\$20,665.96)</b>	<b>\$384,526.54</b>	<b>\$389,773.00</b>	<b>(\$5,246.46)</b>
<b>Net Change in Assets</b>	<b>\$128,665.83</b>	<b>\$55,320.00</b>	<b>\$73,345.83</b>	<b>\$865,241.36</b>	<b>\$893,946.00</b>	<b>(\$28,704.64)</b>

**Ohio Library Council**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**ASSETS**

**Cash and Short Term Investments**

Commerce Nat'l Bank - Checking	\$303,560.81
Commerce Nat'l Bank- Money Market	634,026.32
Investments - Money Market	4,771.40
Investments - TRAK Account	568,453.21
Investments - Mutual Funds	749,265.66
<b>Total Cash and Short Term Investments</b>	<b><u>\$2,260,077.40</u></b>

**Other Current Assets**

Accounts Receivable	11,704.23
Office Equipment (net of Accum Depr)	30,127.34
Prepaid Postage	1,537.65
Prepayments	49,196.65
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$92,565.87</u></b>

**Total Assets**

**\$2,352,643.27**

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	\$11,361.18
Advances	1,269.86
Accrued Salaries	13,488.68
Accrued Vacation	50,380.53
Accrued Insurance	625.25
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$77,125.50</u></b>

**Net Assets**

Unappropriated Fund Balance	1,410,276.41
YTD Change in Net Assets	865,241.36
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$2,275,517.77</u></b>

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets**

**\$2,352,643.27**

**Ohio Library Council  
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ITEM NO.: **3.C**

MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Nominating Committee Report:  
2024 OLC Board of Directors  
Election Slate**

SUBMITTED BY: **Laura Lee Wilson, Chair**

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**REPORT FOR ACTION**

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The OLC Nominating Committee conducted a virtual meeting on May 2 to discuss potential candidates for the 2024 OLC Board of Directors elections. Members of the committee include Sarah Clevidence Ex-Officio; Laura Lee Wilson, Chair; Kathy Bach; Nieca Nowels; Michael Penrod; and Tara Sidwell. OLC staff members Michelle Francis and Jeanine D'Andrea also participated in the meeting.

The committee recommends the following slate of candidates for election to three-year terms beginning in January 2025.

**MLIS Director** [one to be elected]

Elizabeth Muether, Director/CFO, Mercer County District Library

**Library Trustee Director** [one to be elected]

Bernie Rochford, Trustee, Akron Summit County Public Library

**At-Large Director** [one to be elected]

Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Deputy Director, Cleveland Heights-University Heights PL  
Andrew Harant, Director, Cuyahoga Falls Public Library

**At-Large Director** [one to be elected]

Monica Baughman, Director of Support Services, Worthington Libraries

**At-Large Director** [one to be elected]

William Rutger, Director, Avon Lake Public Library

In addition to the OLC Board of Directors slate, the following individuals are running for ALA Councilor:

**ALA Councilor** [one to be elected]

Nick Tepe, Director, Athens County Public Libraries, *Incumbent*  
James Hill, Executive Director, Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library  
Tony Howard, Director, Pickerington Public Library



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ITEM NO.: **3.D**

MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **New Association Management  
Software & Website**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

**REPORT FOR ACTION**

OLC staff has been reviewing and analyzing different options for new Association Management Software (AMS) and a new website. Please see the following background information. More information will be shared at the meeting.

**OLC's Current AMS**

GO Members/AMS		
2015	Upgrade Build	\$12,000
	Customization/Migration	\$4,858
	Project Management Migration	\$7,400
	Annual Support	\$16,045
	Support Fees	\$18,786
2016	Upgrade Work	\$11,125
	Annual Support	\$16,491
	Upgrade Work/Migration	\$5,723
2017	Annual Support	\$16,950
2018	Annual Support	\$15,676
	Upgrade Work	\$2,280
2019	Annual Support	\$15,020
2020	Annual Support	\$16,631
2021	Annual Support	\$17,130
2022	Annual Support	\$17,644
2023	Annual Support	\$51,872

**OLC's Current Website**

Proprietary	
OLC Website	174 Pages
Library Funding Microsite	27 Pages
Convention & Expo Microsite	29 Pages
Ohio Reference Excellence (ORE) Online Microsite	73 Pages
Total	303 Pages

**3.D: New Association Management Software & Website**

**Growth Zone – Option 1**

Enterprise Package w/Website	
Implementation w/90-Day Project Manager	\$1,499
Implementation w/Basic Data Import	\$1,000
Growth Zone Subscription/Support Team	\$2,300/year
Enterprise Package	\$9,500/year
Additional Website Pages/Design Team (50)	\$6,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,549</b>

**iMIS – Option 2**

OLC Staff - 8 Users	
iMIS Annual Subscription	\$25,600 (\$3200 x 8 Users)
One-Time Setup Fee	\$24,500 (OLC Staff Involvement)
	Or
	\$75,000 (Configured for You by iMIS)

**Action:** OLC staff is requesting permission to continue negotiations with possible vendors and authorization for up to \$50,000 of spending authority. OLC staff will return to the Board of Directors for final approval if needed.

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ITEM NO.: **4.C**

MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Awards & Honors Committee  
Proposed Changes**

SUBMITTED BY: **Krista Lackey, Chair**

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**REPORT FOR DISCUSSION**

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The Awards & Honors Committee respectfully puts forward the following changes to make the Awards & Honors program more inviting and inclusive and to address feedback from OLC members who have found submitting awards challenging or difficult.

**For All Awards:**

- Make submitting a work history or resume optional. **Feedback from members suggested this made the award less of a surprise for the nominee.**
- Change “Requirements” to “Eligibility Requirements” **This makes it clear to the nominator that by meeting these requirements the nominee is eligible for the award.**
- Change testimonials from 3-5 testimonials to 2-3 testimonials except for Hall of Fame Librarian. **Feedback suggests that there are too many testimonials to collect, however Hall of Fame should highlight the impact the nominee has made and therefore should require 3-5 testimonials.**

**Hall of Fame**

- Remove “local” from the criteria. **The assumption is if the nominee is managing to get to state impact, they have probably already had an impact on the local level.**

**Librarian of the Year**

- Requirement: Modify “significant professional achievement in the Ohio Libraries within the past 2 years”. **This puts an emphasis on the most recent achievements.**

**Service Excellence**

- Change Criteria to the following:
  - 1) Exhibits exceptional customer service internally and externally
  - 2) Exemplifies the values of their organization and goes above and beyond to serve their library’s community
  - 3a) Displays exceptional achievements in community engagement and/or outreachOR
  - 3b) Demonstrates outstanding collaboration within their organization

The committee felt that the previous criteria for the Service Excellence Award was not clear. This new format and criteria will help the nominators to better understand the criteria.

### **Local Library Champion**

- Change description to “Recognizes exceptional volunteer service of an individual or group to a library community.” **The current description is too long and redundant so to be consistent with other awards, this award description should be shortened while still incorporating the spirit of the award.**

### **Emerging Leader Award**

- Change description to “Recognizes an individual early in their library career who shows exceptional promise for future contributions to the library profession.” **The current definition does not accurately reflect the award.**
- Change eligibility requirements:
  - Remove MLIS and age requirement
  - Change 5 years to “working 6 years or less in libraries.”
  - Remove “Ohio”

**The committee strongly feels these requirement changes are necessary as many librarians are 2nd career librarians, libraries are not requiring MLIS degrees to be a librarian anymore, and submissions have declined due to the restrictiveness of the requirements.**

- Change criteria to:
  1. Displays a commitment to professional growth and library service
  2. Demonstrates initiative that motivates and engages others
  3. Exhibits passionate commitment to professional values such as intellectual freedom and access to library services

**The committee changed the criteria to better fit what they defined as leadership qualities.**

### **Library Innovation Award**

- Change description to “Recognizes an individual or group for a groundbreaking initiative or program.” **The original definition was too lengthy.**
- Add eligibility requirement “Program or initiative must have been implemented within the past two years.” **Changing the requirement eliminates the submission of the same program repeatedly. The committee has had multiple programs or initiatives resubmitted for several years and this should help eliminate that issue and encourage new submissions.**
- Change criteria to:
  1. Program or Initiative is original, distinct or applied in new ways
  2. Program or initiative significantly benefits employees, library patrons, library operations, or the community-at-large
  3. Program or initiative can be replicated regardless of the size of the library

**These criteria better define the idea of innovation, and capture the need for scalable projects that can benefit all public libraries that was previously in the definition.**

## **4.C: Awards and Honors Committee Proposed Changes**

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ITEM NO.: **5.A**

MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **ALA Councilor Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Nick Tepe**

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**REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

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ALA President and Council Election Results

Raymond Pun, Academic and Research Librarian at the Alder Graduate School of Education in California has been elected 2024-2025 president-elect of the American Library Association.

Pun received 5,611 votes, while his opponent, Sam Helmick, Community & Access Services Coordinator at Iowa City Public Library, received 2,778 votes.

Upon learning the outcome of the election, Pun said, "Thank you to each and every member who voted, and became part of the ALA community to make our profession and association stronger together. I am truly honored for this opportunity to lead our association with you all. My deepest thanks to Sam Helmick for standing in the election with me during this critical time."

Pun currently serves as the immediate past president of the Chinese American Librarians Association and was past president of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association. Pun previously served on the ALA Council, ALA Policy Corps, and as a member of the advisory committees for two ALA past presidents. Pun is a member of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

Pun holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from California State University, Fresno; a Master of Library Science from CUNY Queens College; a Master of Arts in East Asian Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in History from St. John's University in New York.

Congratulations to Dayton Metro Library branch manager Bradley Kuykendall for his election as Councilor-at-large.

ALA Releases State of America's Libraries 2024 Report

On April 8, the American Library Association released its [State of America's Libraries 2024](#) report, an annual summary of library trends. The report was published during National Library Week, this year being held April 7–13.

Censorship attempts took center stage again in the 2024 report. The number of unique titles targeted for censorship surged by 65% from 2022 to 2023, reaching the highest levels ever documented by ALA, according to the report.

ALA recorded 1,247 attempts to censor materials and services at libraries, schools, and universities in 2023. 4,240 unique titles were challenged or banned in 2023. The most frequently challenged are featured in [Unite Against Book Bans' book résumés resource](#).

**5.A: ALA Councilor Report**

Launched in February, these résumés provide information to help librarians, educators, parents, students, and other community advocates defend books from censorship.

Each résumé summarizes the book's significance and educational value, including a synopsis, reviews from professional journals, awards, and accolades. Where available, book résumés include information about how a title has been successfully retained in school districts and libraries after a demand to censor the book.

#### ALA Cancels LibLearnX 2026

The American Library Association (ALA) announced March 11 that its Executive Board has decided not to hold LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience in 2026, citing financial reasons and other factors. LibLearnX will be held January 24–27, 2025, in Phoenix as scheduled. ALA's full announcement can be read [here](#). Efforts are underway to determine how best to present some of the events traditionally held at the January conference: the I Love My Librarian Awards; the RUSA Book & Media Awards, which features the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction; the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sunrise Celebration; and the Youth Media Awards. The Executive Board affirmed that LibLearnX will be held January 24–27, 2025, in Phoenix as planned.

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Monthly Report, April 30, 2024

Reports are posted on the State Library of Ohio website at <https://library.ohio.gov/about/publications/state-librarian-reports>

## Acquisitions and Cataloging



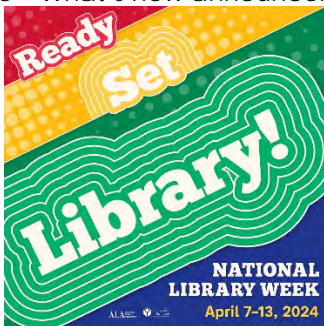
- Reference/Cataloging Librarian Josh Jones researched, acquired, and cataloged new print titles for our department. Recent acquisitions focused on topics such as environmental science, public policy, and history.
- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library's collection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

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- [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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Nathaniel 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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- 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](mailto:LSTA@library.ohio.gov).

## Medial Library Association Certification

- Research and Catalog Services Librarians Josh Jones, Stephanie Michaels, and Phil Wilke 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.
  - 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 [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.
  - 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](mailto: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.

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- 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 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.
  - On April 4, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone presented the workshop, "Getting Started with the Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative."
  - On April 11, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone presented the workshop, "Celebrating and Surveying African American Youth Literature."
  - On April 24, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone presented the workshop, "Navigating the Literacy Landscapes: Phonics and Collection Analysis."
  - 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.
  - On April 2, 16, and 30, Erin Kelsey and Jake Stone co-hosted drop-in Office Hours
  - 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:
  - 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

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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 [trausch@library.ohio.gov](mailto:trausch@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**



- 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**
  - 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**
  - 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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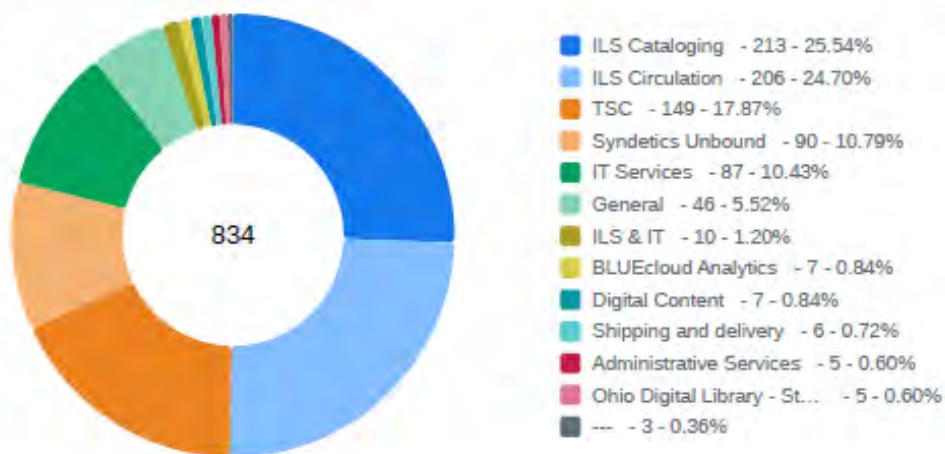
## Reimagining School Readiness

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



## Phone Support

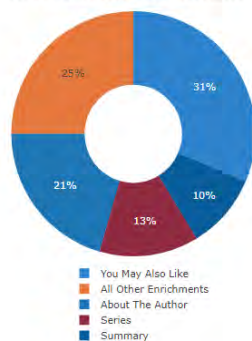
- **1,009** Total calls
  - **360** Incoming
  - **333** Outgoing
  - **316** Internal staff calls
- **49 hrs. 58 min.** total call duration

- **Remote Customer Support On-Demand Access**
  - 21 on-demand remote sessions
  
- **SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMobile) Stats**
  - 3,100 new devices
  - 24,726 holds placed
  - 69,534 app launches
  - 75,679 total searches
  
- **Click and Collect Curbside service with the Consortium Libraries App**
  - 29 service locations actively using Click and Collect “Curbside Pickup” to serve their patrons
  - 103 Page Loads – number of times the “Curbside Pickup” button was engaged
  - 60 Patrons arrived and completed their session
  
- **Consortium Service Highlights**
  - On April 1, SEO Team members met with Kat Stephens, Library Software Consulting Team Lead, SirsiDynix, for the monthly SureSailing call.
  - On April 2, the SEO Migration team attended an in-person site visit to Marvin Memorial Library.
  - On April 2-5, Heather Miller attended the PLA Conference in Columbus, OH.
  - On April 3, Heather Miller connected with Ray Biscaro, SirsiDynix, at PLA.
  - On April 4, Heather Miller connected with Kirby Gill, SirsiDynix, at PLA.
  - On April 5, Heather Miller connected with Clarivate at PLA.
  - On April 5, SEO and State Library held a joint IT Management meeting
  - On April 10, Jay Miley met with staff from Tiffin-Seneca Public Library to review the Acquisitions module in WorkFlows.
  - On April 10, Heather Miller connected with the Preble County District Library.
  - On April 11, the OPLIN Executive Director met with SEO Management to discuss projects and updates.
  - On April 15, Heather Miller connected with the Ridgmont Public Library Director.
  - On April 16, the SEO Team members attended the monthly SirsiDynix meeting with Kirby Gill, SirsiDynix Library Relations Manager.
  - On April 16 and 26, Heather Miller connected with Monroeville Public Library.
  - On April 17, the SEO Migration Team met with SirsiDynix to discuss profiling the data from the upcoming Marvin Memorial Library migration.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - On April 18, John Stewart attended the special State Library Board meeting in Columbus.
  - On April 19, Ron Woods, Jay Miley, and John Stewart attended the quarterly WhoFi check-in meeting.
  - On April 19, Heather Miller delivered cargo supplies to Ashland Public Library.
  - On April 23, Heather Miller attended the NEO-RLS “Canva Basics” webinar.
  - On April 25, Jay Miley attended the State Library of Ohio/OCLC ILL Discussion.
  - On April 25, Jay Miley and John Stewart had a consortium touch base meeting with Wes Osborne, Executive Director of the Central Library Consortium.
  - On April 25, Heather Miller connected with Niche.
  - On April 25, Jay Miley attended the ParentTV: Supporting the Caregiving Community webinar.

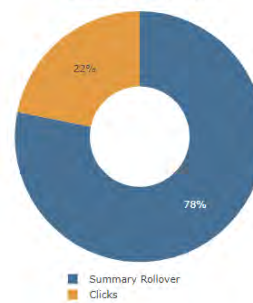


- On April 29, the migration team met with SirsiDynix to discuss the Marvin Memorial Library test data load.
  - On April 29, the SEO Support Team hosted April Office Hours with 26 attendees. The team discusses how to do inventory in WorkFlows and the MobileStaff App.
  - On April 30, Heather Miller met with the Director and staff at Dorcas Carey Public Library.
  - On April 30, Jay Miley attended the Engage Your Borrowers and Save Time with LendingKey webinar.
  - On April 30, Jay Miley attended the Leadership Strategies for Building Connection and Diffusing Difficult Strategies webinar.
- **Niche Academy Stats**
    - Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views – **533**
    - Online Catalog Tutorials views – **408**
    - Technical Services Committee – **58**
    - ASL Storytime – **1**
- **Syndetics Unbound Statistics**
    - **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.

Enrichments With Most Interactions



Kinds of Interactions



- **90** display widgets updated.
  - **60,094** widgets loaded
  - Patrons have interacted with display widgets **10,267** times.
- **PatronPoint Notices sent to consortium patrons**
    - **111,756** email notices sent
    - **85,001** SMS notices sent
    - **50,386** unique patrons notified
- **Offsite Storage**
    - **7,370** items are housed at SEO for offsite storage.
    - **73** items were sent to fill holds for consortium members

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## 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](mailto: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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- 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:
  - Milton-Union Public Library
  - Williams County Public Library
  - Alexandria Public Library
  - 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](mailto: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:
  - 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
  - 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](http://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:
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

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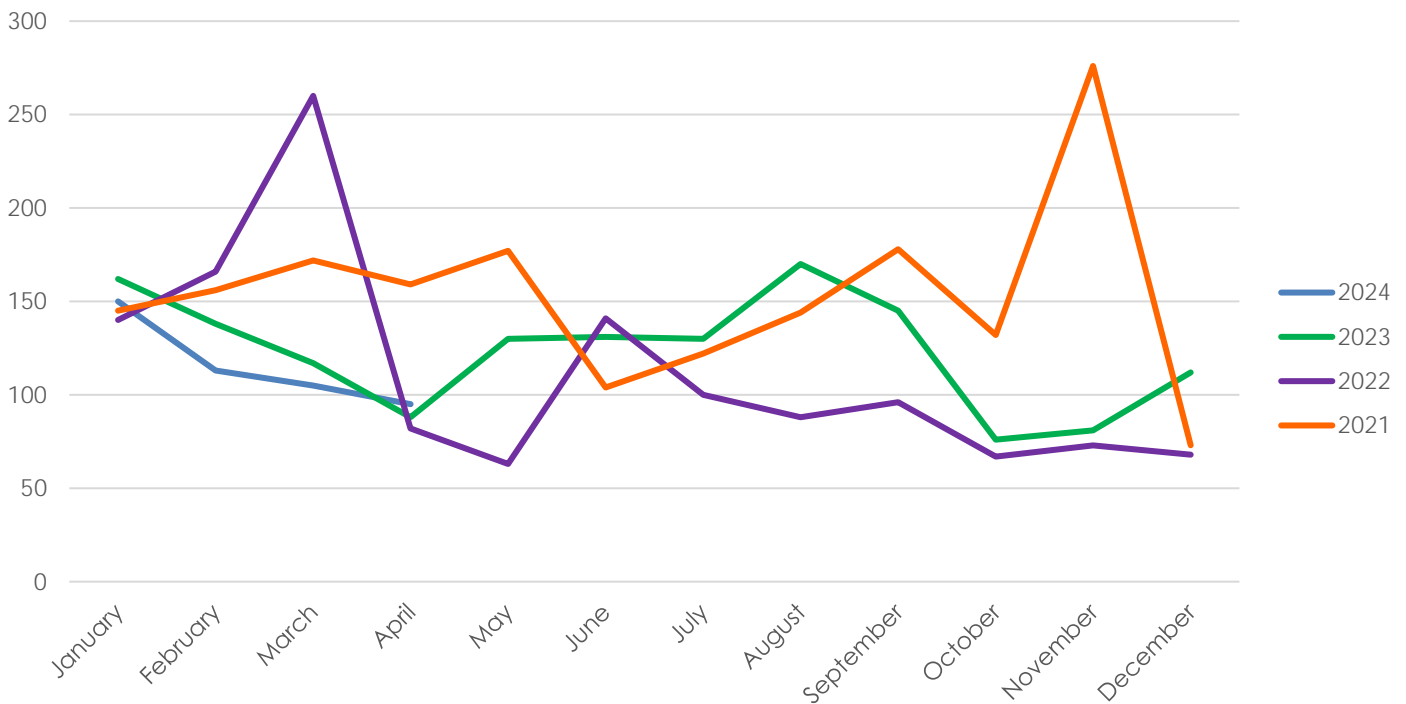
## Take 5

- [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.



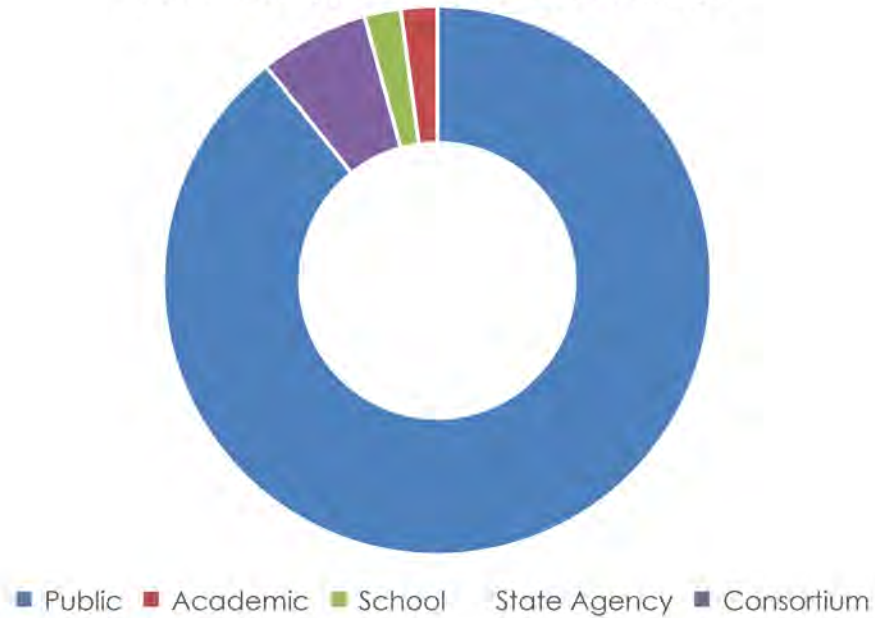
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2021-2024 Number of Completed Courses in Months & Years

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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>1480</b>	<b>1344</b>	<b>1838</b>	<b>5125</b>

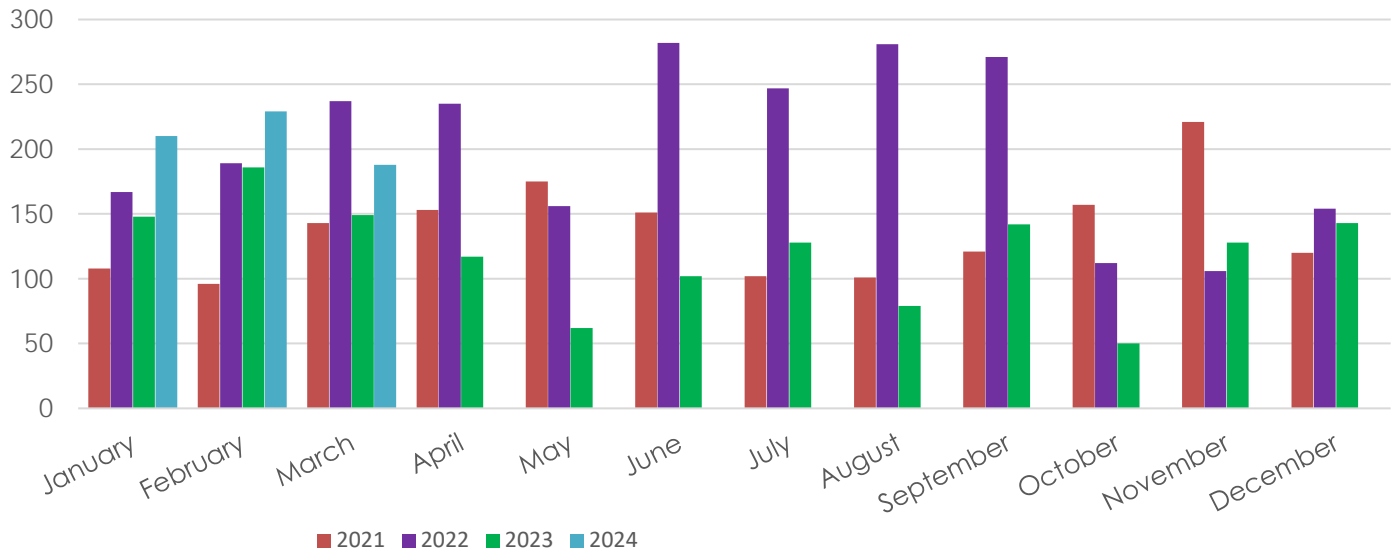
Course Completions in April by Library Type



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**2021-2024 Number of Active Users in WebJunction Courses**  
*Number of unique logins accessing course within each month*



- **WebJunction Webinar Reports** are received on a quarterly basis.
  - 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](#)
  - 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.

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ITEM NO.: **5.C**

MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **OPLIN Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Don Yarman**

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**REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

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Ohio Persistent Cyber Improvement Program

OPCI starts its free, in-person cybersecurity training in Hocking County on May 23. Twenty-four counties are on OPCI's agenda to train in 2024:

- Hocking
- Jackson
- Morrow
- Tuscarawas
- Holmes
- Fairfield
- Portage
- Lake
- Hamilton
- Miami
- Ashtabula
- Scioto
- Geauga
- Stark
- Cuyahoga
- Lucas
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- Washington
- Knox

If any county corresponded by paper mail with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency late last year, **they should fill out the web form on OPCI's website**. (That letter from EMA did not get them on OPCI's list.)

If your county isn't listed above and you need help persuading your county leadership to sign the MOU with the Cyber Range, there are two very clear handouts outlining the training on OPCI's website now. Visit [www.ohiocyberrangeinstitute.org/opci](http://www.ohiocyberrangeinstitute.org/opci).

Email Authentication Enforced

In April, Google and Yahoo began enforcing the *Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting and Conformance* (DMARC) protocol. Domains that send email to more than 5,000 Google or Yahoo hosted recipients daily must pass a series of validity checks to be delivered successfully. These standards affect any library domain that regularly sends email to patrons. Jessica set up a free DMARC reporting tool for library use; seventy-seven libraries and consortia now use it to receive automated weekly summaries of their DMARC reports. If you're not one of them, reach out to OPLIN Support to get signed up.

Somewhat related: this week, Microsoft announced that next year their hosted Exchange solution will limit tenants to sending email to 2,000 unique external addresses daily, down from 10,000 currently. We suspect this change is meant to force large customers to Azure.

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MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

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2024 Institutional Membership Dues

As of May 16, I am happy to report that 236 public library systems are Institutional Members of OLC. We have 12 library systems that are still in the process of renewing their memberships and submitting payment. We did have a few counties where invoices were delayed due to inaccurate information from county auditors.

The following three public library systems have not paid any portion of their 2024 dues and were not included in the revenue projections for the 2024 OLC operational budget:

<b>Library</b>	<b>2024 Dues</b>
Bettsville Public Library	460
Franklin Public Library	5,195
Plain City Public Library	1,674
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,329</b>

Library Levies on March Primary Ballot

On March 19, voters approved five out of seven public library levies on local ballots around Ohio. The issues included four renewals, two replacements and one renewal with an increase. The five levies that passed did so by significant margins with an average voter approval rate of 67 percent. More information is available on OLC's website:

<https://olc.org/blog/2024/03/20/ohio-voters-approve-5-out-of-7-public-library-levies/>

Trustee Dinners

This spring, OLC returned to our tradition of having in-person Trustee Dinners around the state. These are dinner meetings throughout the state for public library trustees and administrators. These events focus on the challenges and opportunities ahead for Ohio's public libraries and provide a venue for library trustees and administrators to share information and ideas with their counterparts throughout the region. Below is a summary of attendance for this year with the number of trustees in parentheses. Overall, 102 trustees attended.

<b>Date</b>	<b>2022 Locations (In-Person)</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Mar. 28	SE Ohio – Guernsey County Library	16 (9)
Apr. 11	NW Ohio – Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	45 (26)
Apr. 25	SW Ohio – Walnut Grove Country Club, Dayton	21 (12)
May 2	NE Ohio – Embassy Suites, Independence	85 (55)



## PLA 2024

More than 7,500 people attended the Public Library Association's national conference in Columbus last month. It was great to see so many OLC members in attendance and presenting! We hope you were energized by the inspiring sessions and speakers.

- Overall Registration for Full Conference (Exhibitors/Speakers/Sponsors) – 7,573
- Registration for OLC's Pre-Conference Workshop on the Science of Reading – 75

PLA does not have full financials yet from the conference. It is usually a 60-day turnaround for ALA financials so we should have more information on OLC's Pre-Con Workshop in June.

Overall, it was a wonderful event and opportunity for Ohio's public libraries to shine. Also, I had the ability to do the following:

- Hosted my fellow Library State Assoc. Executive Directors from Virginia, Illinois, Washington and Pennsylvania.
- Met w/PLA's Executive Director.
- Met w/ALA's Interim Executive Director.
- Supported our OLC members as they presented in more than 10 different breakout sessions.

Unfortunately, the Welcome Reception at the Columbus Metropolitan Library had to be canceled due to severe weather and concern for public safety. The food for the reception was kept in coolers by the caterer and redistributed through their local networks, including the Life Care Alliance. More information will be shared at the meeting.

## Science of Reading – Literacy Roundtables & Right to Read Film

It was an honor to have our public libraries included in the Governor's Literacy Roundtable tour earlier last month. The governor made stops in Youngstown, Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati for community conversations on the importance of the Science of Reading and overall literacy in general. We were fortunate to have public libraries host two of the stops on the tour and have local public library directors invited to the other locations.

Also, thank you to everyone who was able to come to Columbus on April 16<sup>th</sup> for the Right to Read film screening at the Lincoln Theatre. Thank you for traveling during this busy month and thank you for bringing your staff. OLC shared a sampling of the media coverage:

## OLC Staff Anniversaries

Recent OLC staff anniversaries include:

- Angie Jacobsen: March 28 – 8 years
- Laurie Miller: April 19 – 3 years
- Ro Swanson: May 8 – 24 years

## Activities

Activities since the last Board meeting include:

Mar. 18 2024 PLA Presidential Candidates Forum  
Mar. 19 Planning Meeting for OLC Broadband Session at PLA  
Meeting on Columbia University Study  
ALA Town Hall Meeting  
Planning Meeting for OLC Science of Reading Session at PLA  
Mar. 20 Meeting w/North Hill Consulting  
Mar. 25 Planning Meeting for OLC ODE/LAL Grant Session at PLA  
Mar. 26 America 250 Planning Meeting  
Onboarding with Adult Services Conf. Chair  
Meeting on Columbia University Study  
Mar. 27 OLC/PLA Planning Meeting  
Mar. 28 SE Ohio Trustee Dinner – Cambridge  
Mar. 29 Onboarding with Management & Leadership Conf. Chair  
Law for Libraries Meeting  
Apr. 2 PLA 2024 Set-up  
OLC Pre-Con Workshop at PLA  
Apr. 3 ALA Public Policy Meeting  
Unite Against Book Bans Session  
Reception for George Needham  
PLA President’s Reception  
State Association ED’s Dinner  
Apr. 4 Meeting w/ALA Interim Executive Director  
OLC Broadband Session at PLA  
PLA All Conference Reception  
Apr. 5 LJ Librarian of the Year Breakfast  
PLA President’s Breakfast/Coffee  
Expo Hall Meetings w/Vendors  
Apr. 10 Meeting w/OLC’s Legal Counsel  
State of the State  
Apr. 11 Meeting w/Nebula on OLC Phone System  
OLC Science of Reading Webinar II – Prof. Development  
NW Ohio Trustee Dinner – Bowling Green  
Apr. 12 CPIM Planning Meeting  
OPLIN Board Meeting  
Meeting w/Sen. Blessing  
OLC Leg Day Prep Webinar  
Apr. 16 Literacy Roundtable w/Gov. DeWine & ODEW Director Dackin  
Right to Read Reception  
Right to Read Film Screening  
Apr. 17 Library Accounting Division Meeting on Handbook  
Apr. 18 OLC CPIM Library Fiscal Officer Conference  
Library Fiscal Officer 102 Planning Meeting  
Apr. 19 OLC CPIM Library Fiscal Officer Conference  
Meeting w/ODEW Director Steve Dackin  
Apr. 22 OLC Audit  
Apr. 23 Meeting w/LTG’s Team on Social Media  
Apr. 24 OLC Legislative Day  
Apr. 25 SW Ohio Trustee Dinner – Dayton  
Apr. 26 Meeting w/Nebula on OLC Phone System  
Book Ban Meeting w/Mike Curtain  
Apr. 29 OLA Luncheon w/ORP Chair Alex Triantafilou  
Apr. 30 Meeting w/iMIS on new Assoc. Management Software

May 1	Meeting w/Heartland Forward on PLA Telehealth Module
May 2	Meeting w/iMIS on new Assoc. Management Software OLC Intellectual Freedom Comm. Meeting OLC Nominating Committee Meeting NE Ohio Trustee Dinner – Independence
May 3	Meeting w/Howard Fleeter
May 6	Meeting w/School Principals Assoc.
May 7	PLA Debrief with CML
May 8	CMC Forum w/Gov. DeWine Nominating Committee Calls
May 9	ODEW Planning Meeting on Science of Reading ODEW Meeting OLC Small Libraries Division Action Council Meeting OLC Science of Reading Webinar III – Office Hours ALA Chapter Leaders Orientation
May 10	Meeting w/Amazon Business
May 13	Meeting w/Growth Zone on new Assoc. Management Software Meeting w/Howard Fleeter Meeting w/Nebula on OLC Phone System Meeting w/OLC Legal Counsel
May 14	OLC New Directors Workshop
May 15	OLC Staff Demo w/iMIS on new Assoc. Management Software Meeting w/ODEW on Science of Learning Next Steps
May 16	Meeting w/Growth Zone on new Assoc. Management Software OLC Diversity Committee Meeting

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MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Government and Legal  
Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jay Smith**

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PLF Update

According to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), state tax receipts came in below estimate again last month by \$224.4 million (– 8.4% below estimate for the month of April). OBM has indicated that the shortfall is related to higher-than-expected personal income tax refunds. In addition, the Commercial Activities Tax for April came in \$39.9 million below estimate. With two months left in Fiscal Year 2024, overall fiscal year-to-date state tax revenues are down by \$446 million (or - 1.9%).

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) posted the May 2024 Public Library Fund (PLF) distribution of \$42,174,542 – which is \$3.9 million (or – 8.49%) below ODT’s original estimate that was issued in July 2023; and \$3.87 million (or – 8.42%) below ODT’s updated estimate issued in December 2023.

Because state tax receipts have continually come in underestimate, the PLF is continuing to come in underestimate. For the first five months of this year, the PLF is now \$12 million below what was anticipated.

A look at the PLF distribution for the past three years and a link to an Excel spreadsheet listing each county’s distribution total for May 2024 can be found on the [OLC website](#).

Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform

This joint legislative committee has continued to meet throughout the spring and hold hearings with invited testimony from a variety of stakeholders including county auditors, schools, county commissioners, townships trustees and mayors. Recently, Dr. Howard Fleeter offered testimony on behalf of the Ohio Education Policy Institute. OLC is expected to offer testimony on May 22. More will be discussed at the board meeting.

HB 344 – Replacement Levies

HB 344 is legislation introduced by Reps. Mathews (R-Lebanon) and Hall (R-Middletown) seeking to eliminate the authority of political subdivisions to levy replacement property tax levies beginning with elections held on or after Oct. 1, 2024. The rationale for eliminating this option is to alleviate voter confusion over whether they are the same as a renewal levy. This provision was previously included in HB 33, as passed by the House, but taken out of the budget bill while being considered in the Senate. OLC provided testimony in opposition to HB 344 on January 23. Recently, the bill was voted out of the House Ways and Means Committee on a party line vote. More will be discussed at the board meeting.

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### HB 257 - Virtual Meetings Bill

HB 257 is legislation sponsored by Rep's Hoops (R-Napoleon) and Claggett (R-Newark) to provide certain public boards, including library boards, with the opportunity to have virtual meetings. Since its introduction a few amendments have been added to help clarify certain provisions of the bill. One of the changes includes a requirement for public bodies to define in their virtual meeting policy what would constitute a "major nonroutine expenditure" or "significant hiring decision," which are factors that can trigger a requirement to meet in person.

Another change requires a virtual meeting notification to be distributed 72 hours prior to the meeting with an agenda. Objections to agenda items must be sent to the president of the board at least 48 hours before the meeting. If two or more members or the board object to an agenda item, the issue can be discussed, but the public body cannot take action on that item during the virtual meeting. HB 257 was voted out of the House on Nov. 29 and is now being heard in the Senate Government Oversight Committee. Currently, trustees of library boards are still required to have their meetings in-person.

### One-Time State Funding (OTSCIF)

OLC is attempting to reframe the conversation at the Statehouse on funding Ohio Public Library Facilities. Currently the Ohio Senate is considering what projects should be prioritized around the state in utilizing a portion of the \$700 million that was appropriated through last year's biennial budget. Earlier this year, the House passed HB 2 which is now before the Senate. More will be discussed at the Board Meeting.

### OLC Library Legislative Day Wrap-Up

For being a non-budget year, this year's Library Legislative Day was a success on Wednesday, April 24 at the Sheraton on Capitol Square with over 200 library advocates attending. The property tax legislative panel discussion with Sen. Bill Blessing and Rep. Dan Troy provided attendees with some insight as to what the committee is discussing and where it's heading. Additionally, Steve Dackin, Director of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, was able to speak to attendees first thing in the morning about the importance of the Science of Reading. This event is only one step in our overall advocacy plan, and we need to keep the momentum going forward. This coming fall, we'll be busy laying the groundwork for next year's biennial budget through our "Road Ahead" tour around the state. Followed by the General Election in November and then the inevitable "Lame Duck" session.

### Virtual Ballot Issues Workshop Scheduled for June 12

The OLC will host the [Ballot Issues Workshop](#) on Wed., June 12 from 9:45 a.m.– 2 p.m. This will be a virtual event. The workshop will provide all the elements needed to run a successful levy campaign in an environment that's making it harder to pass local levies.

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MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Professional Development  
Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Laurie Miller**

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Meetings Participation:

OSAP Q1 Luncheon & Meeting – March 21, OCLC

DEI Committee Meeting (Jay) – March 21, virtual

Onboarding call with Chair of ASCSC – March 26, virtual

Professional Development Committee Meeting – March 27, virtual

Onboarding call with Chair of LMLC – March 29, virtual

PLA – April 2-5, GCCC

Science of Reading Webinar – April 11, virtual

MAD Meeting (Jay) – April 17, virtual

CPIM Conference – April 18-19, Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center

DMS Division Meeting – April 22, virtual

OLC Library Legislative Day – April 24, Sheraton/Plaza Hotel Columbus at Capitol Square

ASCSC Committee Meeting – April 25, virtual

Outreach & Special Services Division Meeting – May 8, virtual

Science of Reading Webinar – May 9, virtual

OSAP Q2 Luncheon & Meeting – May 10, Marriott Columbus NW

New Directors Workshop 1 – May 14, OLC/virtual

PDC Meeting – May 15, virtual

AMS Demo – May 15, OLC

<b>2024 Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Location</b>
OTSCIF Webinar	Feb. 20	134	Virtual
Amazon Business Prime Webinar	Feb. 29	224	Virtual
Library Trustee Workshop	Mar. 9	94	OLC/Virtual
Science of Reading 1 of 3	Mar. 14	103	Virtual
Library Trustees Dinner (East)	Mar. 28	16 (9)	Guernsey County Library, Cambridge
PLA 2024	Apr. 2-5		GCCC
OLC Pre-Con Workshop @ PLA	Apr. 2	75	GCCC
Science of Reading 2 of 3	Apr. 11	156	Virtual
Library Trustees Dinner (NW)	Apr. 11	45 (26)	Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green
CPIM – Fiscal Officer Conf.	Apr. 18-19	131	Nationwide Hotel & CC, Lewis Center
Library Legislative Day	Apr. 24	209	Plaza Hotel Columbus (Sheraton on Cap. Square)
Library Trustees Dinner (SW)	Apr. 25	21 (12)	Walnut Grove Country Club, Dayton
Library Trustees Dinner (NE)	May 2	85 (55)	Embassy Suites Independence
Science of Reading 3 of 3	May 9	115	Virtual
New Director Workshop 1 of 4	May 14	27	OLC/Virtual
New Director Workshop 2 of 4	Jun. 4	27	OLC/Virtual
Legal Update Webinar	Jun. 5		Virtual
Ballot Issues Workshop 1	Jun. 12	9	Virtual
New Director Workshop 3 of 4	Jul. 17	27	OLC/Virtual
Outreach Retreat	Aug. 9		OCLC, Dublin
Adult Services & Customer Service Conf.	Aug. 23		Quest Conf. Center, Columbus
New Director Workshop 4 of 4	Aug. 28	27	OLC/Virtual
Library Fiscal Officer 102	Sept. 12		OLC/Virtual
Tech Services Webinar	Sept. 24		Virtual
Ohio Library for the Blind & Print Disabled Webinar	TBD		Virtual
Library Management & Leadership Conf.	Oct. 25		Embassy Suites Akron Canton Airport
Ballot Issues Workshop #2	Nov. TBD		OLC/Virtual
OLC Planning & Leadership Conf.	Nov. 13		Columbus Metropolitan Library
2025 OLC Legislative Day	Apr. 8		Ohio Statehouse
2025 CPIM – Fiscal Officer Conf.	May 1-2		Nationwide Hotel & CC, Lewis Center
2025 OLC Convention & Expo	Nov. 19-21		Huntington CC, Cleveland

## 5.E.2: Professional Development Report

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ITEM NO.: **5.E.3**

MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Communications Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Angie Jacobsen**

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Legislative Day

Legislative Day and the Preparing for Legislative Day webinar were promoted via This Week, Access and the OLC website. Resources and advocacy tools were added to the OLC website, including a [new template on how libraries are funded and how the funds are spent](#). Collateral materials were distributed to attendees on the day of the event.

Legislative Day received coverage in the Hannah Report and Gongwer. Libraries around the state utilized the sample news release on the OLC website. The event also gained attention on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) (Twitter) with #OhioLibraryDay. Sample media coverage:

- [Library Leaders Meet with Local Politicians](#)
- [Williams County Public Library Meets with Members Of Ohio General Assembly](#)
- [Local Library Officials Take Part in Networking Event](#)
- [Library Leaders Join OLC's Advocacy Efforts at Statehouse](#)

PLA 2024 Conference

More than 7,500 people attended the Public Library Association's national conference in Columbus in April. OLC had a table in the main concourse near the registration area. Membership materials and other resources were distributed, including OLC-branded eclipse glasses. Sample media coverage:

- [Axios](#)
- [The Columbus Dispatch](#)
- [Hannah News](#)

Library Levies

A press release was sent about Ohio voters approving five out of seven public library levies on the March 19 ballot. The five levies that passed did so by significant margins with an average voter approval rate of 67 percent. Press release and levy results:

<https://olc.org/blog/2024/03/20/ohio-voters-approve-5-out-of-7-public-library-levies/>

Science of Reading

Governor DeWine hosted roundtable discussions to discuss child literacy and the science of reading. Two were held at public libraries. The special screening of The Right to Read film on April 16 was promoted in This Week and covered on OLC's social media pages.

Sample press coverage:

- [Toledo Lucas County Public Library](#)
- [Cleveland Public Library](#)
- [Youngstown](#)

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### Division/Committee Projects

- The Children's Services Division sent its quarterly e-newsletter on March 8.
- A Call for Board of Directors nominations was published in This Week, Access and the OLC website.
- The Outreach and Special Services Division issued a Call for Programs for its Outreach and Special Services Retreat. The program is scheduled for Aug. 4.
- The Library Trustee Workshop and Trustee Dinners were promoted in This Week, Access and the OLC website.
- A Call for Programs was issued for the new Adult Services/Customer Service Conference. The conference is scheduled for Aug. 23.
- The names and libraries of new and renewed certification holders (CPL/CPLS) were listed in Access and the OLC website along with more information on the Ohio Public Library Certification program.

### Website

The most popular pages on the OLC website over the past two months are:

1. JOBLine
2. Legislative Day
3. Ohio Library News
4. Conferences, Workshops & Webinars
5. Calendar
6. Certification
7. Access LinkedIn Learning Courses with Your Ohio Library Card
8. Library Funding/PLF
9. Webinars & Online Reference Training
10. Science of Reading Resources for Libraries

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ITEM NO.: **5.E.4**

MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

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2024 Membership

As of May 8, 2024, there are a total of 2580 Individual Members as compared to 2235 on May 8, 2023. There are currently 1971 renewals and 580 new Individual Members. In addition, there are currently 90 Friends Groups. New Member Packets have been sent electronically to members through April 30.

The Membership Committee met via Zoom on March 14 at 2:30 p.m. Agenda items included: statistics; new member update; quick poll of those libraries who pay OLC staff dues; Honor Roll Libraries; drop date for non-renewals; email to those who have selected no divisions and Access articles.

ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program

To date there are 32 members who have joined through the ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program which offers students the opportunity to join ALA and OLC for one price of \$46. ALA sends out the renewal notices and our Student Representative will continue to promote the program through her professional and personal communications.

Committee Tracking

A review of our records of those participating on a Division Action Council or Committee identified 6 people who had not renewed their Individual Membership for 2024. A reminder was sent to all, and three have yet to renew.

Public Library Association Conference

Staff attended the PLA Conference April 2-5, 2024. The OLC had a table in the main hallway and assisted PLA with projects and directions. It was a wonderful opportunity to mingle with many of our Ohio members, as well as answer questions from other states' members.

Nominations and Elections

Slates of candidates for Division Action Councils were due to OLC by April 1. Staff continues to work directly with each division coordinator to ensure contested slates. There are a few units who need additional candidates. Nomination acceptance forms will be sent to candidates requesting biographical information for the ballots. The deadline for response is May 27, 2024.

Awards and Honors

The Awards and Honors Committee met on April 25. Discussion included updates or changes to the Awards process. The Awards & Honors Committee is respectfully putting forward changes to the awards to make them more inviting and inclusive and to address feedback from OLC members who have found submitting awards challenging or difficult.

**5.E.4: Membership Services Report**