

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

MEETING DATE: **July 19, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Communications Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Media Coverage

A [press release](#) was issued on June 11 about the state's \$4 million investment in public library projects through the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF). In addition to OTSCIF coverage, an article about the decline in state revenues and its impact on the Public Library Fund (PLF) ran in the Ohio Capital Journal.

[Ohio libraries bracing for tough choices as state funding revenue continues to dip](#)

The OLC was also quoted in articles about House Bill (HB) 622 and HB 556:

- [The Columbus Dispatch](#)
- [Yahoo News](#)
- [Ohio Capital Journal](#)
- [WLWT News Cincinnati](#)
- [Fox 19 Cincinnati](#)

Website

Work has begun on the new OLC website. A meeting with our website design project manager is scheduled for July 18. The new website will be fully integrated with OLC's new Association Management Software and will include enhanced functionality and a modern, mobile responsive design.

Intellectual Freedom

Additional resources have been added to the password-protected page on the [OLC website](#) to help library administrators prepare for and respond to a challenge or complaint. This page also includes information on handling First Amendment Audits and petitioning.

Division/Committee Projects

- The Children's Services Division sent its quarterly e-newsletter on June 4.
- Certified Public Librarian and Certified Public Library Staff certification holders (new and renewals) were featured in Access and on the OLC website.
- Information on voting for OLC Leadership was included in Access, This Week and on the OLC website.
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Event Promotion

- A Call for Programs was issued for the Library Management and Leadership Conference. The deadline for submissions was July 12.
- The New Directors Workshop series, Outreach and Special Services Retreat and the Adult Services and Customer Service Conference continue to be promoted in This Week, Access and the OLC website.

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