

# STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, January 31, 2017  
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<https://library.ohio.gov/about/state-librarian-board/>

## Announcements

- Website



[Mandy Simon Joins State Library Staff](#)



[Elissa Lawrence Joins Research & Catalog Services Department](#)



[Penelope Shumaker Joins State Library Staff as Metadata Librarian](#)

- Email Listservs
  - The State Board of Education is seeking nominations for appointment to a five-year term on the board for the State Library of Ohio.
  - Remember, the eBook *Voices from the March on Washington*, a 2017 & 2018 Choose to Read Ohio selection, is available for unlimited downloads now through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Ohio Digital Library.
  - Learning opportunities for library staff with WebJunction – Highlighting content, Skillsoft, and free online webinars
  - The State Library of Ohio's Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Library Center is now scheduling *On Demand Technology Training*—a training program available at no cost to library staff, patrons, schools, and non-profit organizations located in Ohio.
  - The State Library is pleased to announce that applications are still being accepted for ILEAD USA – Ohio 2017. The application is on our website.

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## Choose to Read Ohio

- Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO), a project of the State Library of Ohio, Ohioana Library, and Ohio Center for the Book, encourages public libraries, schools, families, and others to build a community of readers and an appreciation of Ohio authors, illustrators, and literature. CTRO produces a biennial booklist, selected by Ohio educators and librarians, to spotlight the diversity and quality of Ohio literature.
- The 2017 & 2018 CTRO booklist features 20 notable titles for all ages by Ohio authors and illustrators, including Thrity Umrigar, Anthony Doerr, Edith Pattou, Tricia Springstubb, Julie Zickefoose, and the late Andrea Cheng. Download and share the booklist on the [CTRO webpage](#)
- Readers' toolkits for the 2017 & 2018 featured books are being published to the CTRO web page, along with parent caregiver tipsheets for the picture books on the list. Download and print them all for free and also explore previous CTRO booklists and readers' toolkits for all 75 books selected to CTRO since its inception in 2009. Additional information about CTRO is found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/ctro>.
- Questions on Choose to Read Ohio should be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov).

## Deaf History Month

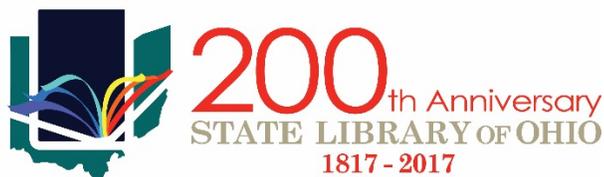
- Ohio libraries are encouraged to recognize Deaf History Month (March 13-April 15) by displaying materials and offering programs to highlight the significance of the many outstanding contributions made by deaf and hearing pioneers, particularly in the area of Deaf Education. These include:
  - April 15, 1817: The American School for the Deaf (ASD), the oldest permanent school for the deaf in the United States, was founded in Hartford, Connecticut by Thomas Hopkins.
  - April 8, 1864: Congress authorized the institution now known as Gallaudet University to confer college degrees and President Abraham Lincoln signed the bill into law.
  - March 13, 1988: the Deaf President Now (DPN) movement led to the appointment of Gallaudet University's first deaf president, Dr. I. King Jordan.
- If you have questions or would like more information regarding books and other materials relevant to deaf history and culture, please contact Ann Watson, Associate State Librarian for Library Services, at [awatson@library.ohio.gov](mailto:awatson@library.ohio.gov) or 614-728-4988.

## Displays and Exhibits

- The National Archives' pop-up exhibit commemorating the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bill of Rights was installed. The exhibit includes a display of a large printed poster of the Bill of Rights and items from the State Library's collections.



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- The Bicentennial Exhibit committee met on January 4 and 20 to review timelines, documents and artifacts for the exhibit. Members of the exhibit committee include the following State Library staff: Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Shannon Kupfer, Julia Ward, Ann Watson, Nicole Merriman, Tracy Grimm, Missy Lodge, Kirstin Krumsee, and Steve Updegraff.
  - The exhibits include an online exhibit independent of the State Library’s website and physical exhibits at two locations (State Library of Ohio and Ohio Statehouse) during the year. The online exhibit will be available for visitors to view on a touch screen monitor in the physical exhibit. It is planned to be installed by March 10.
- The images and content for the wall of State Librarians, from 1817 to present, is in research and design. It is planned to be installed by March 1.
- The State Library will host an Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB) student art show. The students’ artwork will be based on their favorite books. Ten to fifteen pieces of artwork will be mounted on a six-panel display system which will be located within the reading area of the library. There will be a small reception to kick off the display on March 15, 2017. The reception will take place after 10:00 a.m., preceding the Talking Book Consumer Advisory Committee meeting.

**ILEAD USA – Ohio**

- The State Library is pleased to announce that ILEAD will take place in 2017. ILEAD USA is a program that teaches librarians to work with each other, develop their leadership skills, and use participatory and emerging technologies to solve a clear problem in their community.

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- The ILEAD USA – Ohio cohort will be comprised of up to five teams of four to five individuals. Teams are made up of individuals who have identified a community problem and are interested in learning how to use technology to solve that community need. Preference will be given to teams that are made up of individuals representing at least two different library types and at least three different libraries.
- Applications are available at: <https://library.ohio.gov/documents/ilead-usa-ohio-application/> and are due at the State Library no later than January 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Teams must apply as a single entity
- ILEAD USA – Ohio will be held March 21-23, June 13-15 and October 24-26, 2017 at Mohican State Park. Team members must commit to attending all three sessions of ILEAD USA – Ohio. Your commitment also involves time devoted between the three sessions to working on your project with your team.
- More information on the project can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/training-and-professional-development/ilead-usa-ohio/>.
- Questions should be addressed to Evan Struble, [estruble@library.ohio.gov](mailto:estruble@library.ohio.gov).

## List of New Acquisitions

- The list of new titles in the State Library Circulating Book Collection for January is available on our website at: <https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/>

## LSTA

- The LSTA Open Grant program is currently open. The RFP and information on the Open Grant program can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#AvailableGrants>. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Open grants were recently awarded to Orrville Public Library, NEO-RLS, Chillicothe City Schools, Bellevue Public Library, and Hudson Library and Historical Society.
- The State Library Board approved funding for two LSTA grants at their January meeting. Grants were awarded to Louisville Public Library and Mid-East Career and Technology Centers.
- At the January meeting, the State Library Board heard a presentation by a member of The Bishoff Group about their process for conducting the current LSTA Five-Year Evaluation and their recommendations for the State Library moving forward with the next Five-Year Plan. The Evaluation will be finalized by State Library staff and submitted to IMLS by March 31. Portions of the Evaluation will then be made available to the Ohio library community on the State Library website.
- Applications for LSTA grants supporting summer reading programs have been received and are currently being reviewed. Applicants will be notified if their project has been funded and funded projects will begin April 1, 2017.
- Beginning in 2017, the Guiding Ohio Online program will be funded with LSTA funds. Applications will be available online in mid-February 2017. Information and grant-writing workshops will be held around the state in late March/early April and applications will be due in mid-May.
- A special LSTA grant for Conservation will be available again in 2017. In order to qualify for the grant, applicants must attend a mandatory workshop on June 15, 2017 conducted by the Ohio Preservation Council. More details on the workshop and the application will be available in late spring.
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, [cboyden@library.ohio.gov](mailto:cboyden@library.ohio.gov)

## Ohio Digital Network [Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Project]

- The DPLA Service Hub application was approved on October 4. DPLA staff estimates that it will take approximately nine months between acceptance of the application and having Ohio content loaded into DPLA.
- The DPLA Advisory Committee has been selected. A kick-off meeting for the Executive Committee, Advisory Committee, Working Group Chairs, and Operational Liaisons was held January 15. At the meeting, preliminary charges for the working groups were developed and Chairs will be reaching out to potential members. The goal is to have all working groups in place by the end of February.

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- Penelope Shumaker has been selected for the position of Metadata Librarian. Her primary responsibilities will be metadata aggregation and harvesting. She will also be working on the development of metadata policies and procedures.
- A Knight Foundation grant proposal has been submitted to assist with the development of the Ohio Digital Network website and marketing materials.
- Library staff is encouraged to explore the riches of DPLA at <https://dp.la>.
- More information on the project can be found at <http://dplaohio.org>. Questions should be addressed to Missy Lodge, [mlodge@library.ohio.gov](mailto:mlodge@library.ohio.gov), or Jen Johnson, [jjohnson@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jjohnson@library.ohio.gov).

## Presentations

- Janet Ingraham Dwyer co-presented a national webinar sponsored by ASLC on “Early Literacy Library Spaces” along with two colleagues from ALSC’s Early Childhood Programs and Services Committee. The recorded webinar is free for ALSC members and may be found here: [www.ala.org/alsc/early-childhood-programs-and-services-series-part-2-early-literacy-library-spaces](http://www.ala.org/alsc/early-childhood-programs-and-services-series-part-2-early-literacy-library-spaces).

## Staffing

- Mandy Simon joined the Library Programs and Development staff on January 9 as a Library Development Consultant. Mandy’s responsibilities include strategic planning and library space planning/design.
- Elissa Lawrence joined the Research and Catalog Services department on January 9 as a Library Assistant 2. Elissa will be responsible for helping to provide resources to state employees and Ohio residents.
- Penelope Shumaker joined the Library Programs and Development staff on January 23 as a Metadata Librarian. Penelope will be working with the Ohio Digital Network, specifically with metadata aggregation and harvesting.

## Summer Reading Program

- The 2016 Ohio SRP/SLP Evaluation Report appears in the latest [Ohio Libraries Quarterly](#). In 2016, 399,133 people enrolled in summer reading programs at Ohio libraries. While enrollment is trending downward, drop-in attendance at scheduled programs and events is skyrocketing. In 2016, total attendance at Ohio library programs and events related to SRP was 1,248,836.
- The 2017 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) will have the theme and slogan, “Build a Better World,” for ALL ages. This is the first time the CSLP delegates have chosen one slogan across children’s/early literacy, teen, and adult programs, and is something many librarians have requested.
- 2017 CSLP manuals were shipped from the State Library to all Ohio public libraries in late October and early November. If you have not received your manual or if you have any questions, please contact the State Library at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov). The manual was distributed in USB flash drive format and is also available online. USB and online manuals are provided at no cost to Ohio public libraries. This service is supported in whole by Institute of Museum and Library Services LSTA funds. Libraries may purchase paper manuals from Upstart if desired. See <http://library.ohio.gov/ohio-summer-reading-program> for details.
- Information on upcoming Summer Reading workshops can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/library-programs-development/youth-services/ohio-summer-reading-program/#SRP2017Workshops>.
- The 2017 Ohio Renaissance Festival incentive is now available. Readers bringing the coupon to the 2017 Festival receive 50% off admission. Libraries must order coupons from the Renaissance Festival by April 7. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) for the order form or with any questions about SRP/SLP.

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## Take 5

- Take 5: Where We've Been and Where We're Going: Empowering Youth Advocates will take place in Dayton on Friday, May 5, 2017 with optional activities on Thursday, May 4. Author Katrina Kittle will be the featured speaker. Registration opens in early February and will be announced on various Ohio library listservs. You may e-mail Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) for updates about Take 5, watch the [Take 5 web page](#), or like the [Take 5 Facebook page](#). Take 5 is an annual event and an ongoing dialogue on new ideas and creative approaches for people who work with teens and youth in libraries, museums, arts organizations, and other learning environments. The event takes place at a different Ohio location each spring.

## Training

- The State Library is partnering with the Ohio State Universities Health Sciences Library to present a workshop on using online consumer health information. The workshop, aimed at public libraries, will be held March 9 at the State Library and is made possible by an Outreach grant through the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) Greater Midwest Region (GMR).