

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, September 30, 2016
Reports are posted on the State Library of Ohio website at
<https://library.ohio.gov/about/state-librarian-board/>

Announcements

- The State Library of Ohio received a \$25,000 IMLS Sparks! grant for the "Libraries by the Numbers" project. The project will develop and pilot lightweight data visualization with libraries across the state. This web-based tool will enable public libraries to create customized infographics based on their own unique library statistics collected for the Public Library Survey.

Bicentennial

- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney and Ann Watson presented the Marketing Plan for the State Library's Bicentennial Celebration at the State Library Board meeting on September 15th.

Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)

- The DPLA Service Hub application was submitted on August 5. We are now awaiting a request for revisions to the application.
- Three working groups will be a part of the prototype project: Advocacy, Metadata, and Technology. Chairs for the groups have already been appointed and a call for members will be sent out in the fall.
- More information on the project can be found at <http://dplaohio.org>. Questions should be addressed to Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov.

Displays and Exhibits

- Plans are underway for the State Library of Ohio's Bicentennial displays. 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 Choose to Read Ohio display was de-installed from the cases in the Map Room of the Ohio Statehouse during the second week of September.
- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney met with Chris Matheney, Curator at the Ohio Statehouse Education Center, to discuss the history of State Library in the Ohio Statehouse. They reviewed available images and research material for a book he is writing about the Statehouse. They also discussed exhibits for 2017 at the Statehouse.

List of New Acquisitions

- The list of new titles in the State Library Circulating Book Collection for September 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.
- An open grant was recently awarded to Jackson Local Schools. The State Library Board awarded a TV Whitespace grant to Jackson City Library at the September Board meeting.
- The LSTA competitive grant program closed September 1. Thirteen applications were received. They have been sent to review committees. Recommended applications will be taken to the December State Library Board meeting for funding approval and approved projects will begin January 1, 2017.
- Thirteen applications were funded as part of the collaborative program between the Ohio Preservation Council and the State Library. Funded projects will begin November 1, 2016. The conservation class and accompanying LSTA grant will be repeated in 2017. Details will be released in late spring 2017.

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- The State Library is in the process of developing a special grant program to encourage libraries to form a Next Chapter Book Club. It is anticipated that applications will be available in late fall/early winter.
- Every five years, the State Library is required by IMLS to conduct an independent evaluation of the current LSTA Five-Year Plan. The State Library has selected The Bishoff Group to conduct Ohio's evaluation. The process will include a survey and focus groups. The survey is being tested and will be released, via a variety of listservs to the Ohio library community in early October. Five focus groups have been scheduled for the week of October 31. Invitations have been sent to targeted individuals for the focus groups. Questions on the LSTA evaluation should be addressed to either Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov or Cindy Boyden, cboyden@library.ohio.gov.
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, cboyden@library.ohio.gov

Outreach and Promotion at Library Conferences

- The State Library had a booth at the Ohio Library Council Convention & Expo 2016. The event was September 27-30, 2016. Nearly 700 library professionals attended the conference. Exclusive vendor times were held each day. While an exact count is not available, an estimated 75 individuals stopped to visit with library staff, ask questions and pick up information about the State Library's programs and services.



Personnel

- Katy Klettlinger, Library Consultant, has accepted another position. Her last day at the State Library is October 7. A Library Consultant position will be posted in early October.
- Amber Shedd has joined the State Library staff as a Human Capital Management Senior Analyst in Employee Services. Amber will assist and coordinate human resources programs and services for the agency and assist with outreach to state government. www.library.ohio.gov/news/amber-shedd-joins-state-library-staff/

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Public Spaces Reconfiguration

- The final piece of the State Library public spaces reconfiguration took place on Friday, September 30.
- Eighteen upholstered chairs in coordinating fabrics were delivered to the State Library by the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Ohio Penal Industries (OPI) and placed in the public areas of the State Library.
- Following state regulations the new furniture was ordered through OPI. OPI's mission is "to assist Ohio Prisons in the management of offenders through training, by producing quality, cost efficient products and services; thereby, contributing to their successful reentry to society."
- OPI worked with Ann Watson and Katy Klettlinger to find suitable furniture styles and appropriate fabrics at a cost-effective price.



Signage

- Wayfinding signage in the stacks is complete.
- Wayfinding signage in the library is underway to help visitors locate meeting rooms, restrooms, and vending.

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- The library book return box decal was updated with the current logo.



Training

- Library Development staff presented at several sessions during the Ohio Library Council Convention. Presentations included: "Bringing the Library Outside and Nature In: Creating Outdoor Learning Spaces Using Biophilic Design to Enhance the Visitor Experience" (Katy Klettlinger), "Digital Media in Early Childhood Programming" (Janet Ingraham-Dwyer, co-presenter), and "Is the Tweet a Public Record? Record Policies for Electronic Documents" (Katy Klettlinger and Mandy Knapp).
- Kirstin Krumsee, Library Consultant, attended the Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL), September 30 – October 3.

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