



Exercise Your Mind / Get in the Game / On Your Mark, Get Set... READ! 2016 SRP community partner prospects - Ohio organizations & institutions

This is a list of Ohio establishments that align well with the 2016 Collaborative Summer Library Program "sports/wellness" theme. If you are seeking partners to offer programs, provide incentives or prizes, or otherwise support your SRP, these may be worth a look.

You may also reach out to recruit program speakers/performers and incentives locally, including:

- Athletic Clubs and Gyms
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Community and Recreation Centers
- Dance/Yoga Studios
- Farms, Orchards, and Farmers' Markets
- Fire Departments
- Food Pantries
- Go-Karting Tracks
- Golf/Putt-Putt Courses
- Health Departments
- Horseback Riding Facilities
- Hospitals and Clinics
- Inflatables Rental Companies
- Jump Rope Teams/Clubs
- Karate/Martial Arts Dojos
- Local 5K Events
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Nutritionists
- Outdoor Stores
- Parks & Recreation Departments
- Pools
- Roller Skating Rinks
- Schools, Colleges, and Universities (especially Athletic Departments)
- Scouting and Outdoor Youth Organizations
- Sports Teams, at all levels from children's to professional

The USDA's **Summer Food Service Program** enables libraries to provide free healthy meals to children and youth in communities with high rates of poverty. Though sites incur no monetary cost, this program is among the most underutilized government programs: only 1 in 10 eligible Ohio students receive food through the SFSP. To learn more about how to incorporate the healthy meals offered through the SFSP into your Summer Reading Program, go to <http://library.ohio.gov/summer-food>.

Ohio State Parks support Ohio libraries' SRPs with a certificate for 50% off camping that may be distributed to all SRP participants. Contact jdwyer@library.ohio.gov for a master copy of the certificate. Besides camping, Ohio's 74 State Parks also offer many additional opportunities, such as educational programs that are free and open to all. Check the calendar of events here: <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/calendar>. Some of the State Parks have excellent nature centers, and several have naturalists on staff.

Ohio State University Extension offices in every county provide practical education and resources about family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, community development, and agriculture and natural resources. Its Ohioline information database is available through the Ohio Web Library or directly at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/>. Find your county extension office: <http://extension.osu.edu/>

The **Ohio Division of Wildlife** has one or more Wildlife Officers in each county: <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/about-contacts/contact-information>. The Division also publishes a low-cost magazine, *Wild Ohio*: <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/stay-informed/wild-ohio-magazine>.

Other Ohio Department of Natural Resources divisions also offer a range of opportunities. The ODNR works with wildlife, parks, boating, nature preserves, forests, soil and water, recycling, mineral resources, and geology. Browse the Divisions' websites at <http://www2.ohiodnr.gov/> or contact Jason Fallon, Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator, at Jason.fallon@dnr.state.oh.us.

The **Ohio State Fair** is open from July 27 – August 7, 2016, offering hundreds of performances and displays showcasing Ohio's many agricultural talents. Learn more here: <http://www.ohiostatefair.com/>. The Ohio State Fair also offers a discount voucher to libraries. This voucher may be distributed to summer readers ages 5-14. Contact jdwyer@library.ohio.gov for a master copy of the voucher.

Note: The following links are provided as a service to libraries planning summer programs. Inclusion does not constitute an endorsement or promotion by the State Library of Ohio.

American Whistle Corp. (Columbus)
<http://www.americanwhistle.com/index2.html>

Camp Miakonda Museum (Scouting – Toledo)
<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/museum>

Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame & Museum
<http://cincinnati.reds.mlb.com/cin/hof/>

Costume Specialists (Columbus)
<http://costumespecialists.com/>
Costumes are provided free of charge by publishers for promotional use at libraries. The only cost to you is second-day air shipping to send the costume to its next event. If you can hand-return costumes to Costume Specialists' downtown Columbus location, there is no monetary cost at all.

Dittrick Medical History Center (Cleveland)
<http://artsci.case.edu/Dittrick/>

Hocking Hills Canopy Tours (Rockbridge)
<http://www.hockinghillscanopytours.com/>

Melnick Medical Museum (Youngstown)
<http://melnick.yzu.edu/>

Mentor Safety Village
<http://www.mentorsafetyvillage.com/>

Ohio Metroparks
Ashtabula County Metroparks: <http://www.ashtabulacountymetroparks.org/>
Cleveland Metroparks: <http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/>
Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks: <http://www.metroparks.net/>
Erie MetroParks: <http://eriemetroparks.org/> (Erie County)

Five Rivers MetroParks: <http://www.metroparks.org/> (Dayton area)
Lake Metroparks: <http://www.lakemetroparks.com/> (Lake County)
Lorain County Metro Parks: <http://www.metroparks.cc/>
MetroParks of Butler County: <http://metroparksofbutlercounty.org/>
Metroparks of the Toledo Area: <http://www.metroparkstoledo.com/>
Mill Creek Metro Parks: <http://www.millcreekmetroparks.org/> (Youngstown area)
Summit Metro Parks: <http://www.summitmetroparks.org/> (Summit County)
Trumbull County MetroParks: <http://www.trumbullmetroparks.org/>

Phoenix Bats (Baseball bat manufacturer – Plain City)
<https://www.phoenixbats.com/take-a-plant-tour.html>

Pro Football Hall of Fame (Canton)
<http://www.profootballhof.com/>

Sky Zone Trampoline Park (Boston Heights, Columbus, Dayton, Highland Heights, Springdale, Toledo, and Westlake)
<http://www.skyzone.com>

Summit Vision (Adventure education – Westerville)
<http://summit-vision.com/wp/>

The Wilds (Cumberland)
<http://www.thewilds.org/default.aspx>

The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art and Technology (Newark)
<http://www.attheworks.org/>

Valley Riding (Cleveland)
<http://valleyriding.org/>

Ving Tsun Martial Arts Museum (Dayton)
<http://home.vtmuseum.org/>

W. C. Moorhead Museum (Scouting – Zoarville)
<http://www.tuscazoar.org/museumpage.html>

Wilson Football Factory (Ada)
<http://www.wilson.com/en-us/football/nfl/wilson-and-the-nfl/factory/>

Call 419.634.9901 for all info regarding the Wilson Football factory tour, as details change regularly.

Young Chefs Academy (Gahanna, Mentor, Solon, Strongsville)
<http://strongsvilleoh.youngchefsacademy.com/>

Please note: We have not contacted these institutions and cannot guarantee that any of them have the capacity to offer speakers, incentives, or other collaborations. If you contact any and get feedback that may be useful to other libraries, or if you know of additional establishments of interest, please email us and we'll add the info to this list.

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