Choose to Read Ohio

- Floyd's Pick Book Award
    - ○ ***Hello*** by Aiko Ikegami (Creston Books, 2019) has been named the sixth annual Floyd's Pick Book Award winner in memory of children's literature expert, advocate, and librarian Floyd Dickman.
    - ○ The Floyd's Pick Book Award is given annually to a book written by an Ohio author or illustrated by an Ohio illustrator that is representative of high-quality literature created for children. It is given to carry on the legacy of Floyd Dickman's work to support and share children's literature. The Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) Advisory Council established Floyd's Pick in December 2015 and selects the annual winner and honor books.
    - ○ The CTRO Advisory Council has also selected three Floyd's Pick Honor Books for 2021: ***The Arabic Quilt*** by Aya Khalil, illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan (Tilbury House Publishers, 2020); ***Go, Girls, Go!*** by Frances Gilbert, illustrated by Alison Black (Beach Lane Books / Simon & Schuster, 2019); and ***The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read*** by Rita Lorraine Hubbard, illustrated by Oge Mora (Schwartz & Wade / Penguin Random House, 2020).
    - ○ To learn more about these books and about the Floyd's Pick Book Award, visit the Floyd's Pick website.
- The 2021 & 2022 Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) program cycle officially kicked off in January. The **2021 & 2022 CTRO booklist** features 20 notable titles for all ages and reading levels. The booklist includes five books each for young children, middle grades, teens, and adults, and encompasses fiction and nonfiction and a variety of geographic and cultural interests. Ohio librarians, teachers, and other book experts help to select the biennial CTRO booklist.
- Readers' toolkits for the 2021 & 2022 titles are in development and are being posted to the CTRO website (https://library.ohio.gov/ctro), along with other information about the featured books and about CTRO.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions about CTRO.

Continuation of Service During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with Governor DeWine's order for state employees to continue to telework when at all possible, State Library staff continue to work from their homes.
    - ○ While office phone lines are being checked, but email is the best way to get in touch with staff during this time of prolonged library closure. Email contact information can be found here. You can also live chat with a librarian here.
- The State Library of Ohio has resumed lending materials. **Items will be available via contact-free front door pickup at the State Library on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** The address for the State Library of Ohio is 274 E. 1st Avenue, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43201.
    - ○ How contact-free front door pickup works:
        - ▪ Have your library card number ready.
        - ▪ Look for the contact-free front door pickup signs posted in the parking lot and on the library door. Call the number posted on the signs: 614-560-1646.
        - ▪ Deaf or hard of hearing patrons, please text 614-560-1646.
        - ▪ Staff answering the phone will check out your items and place them inside the vestibule on the table.
        - ▪ You must wear a face covering to pick up your items inside the vestibule.
        - ▪ You will enter the vestibule and pick up your items on the table. Your items will be in a plastic bag.
        - ▪ If you have additional questions, please email circhelp@library.ohio.gov.

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- Our reference and cataloging librarians are working remotely, responding to reference requests from state employees and the general public alike. With an eye toward the future, staff are also cataloging and archiving state agency web publications regarding COVID-19.
- As the regional federal documents depository and state of Ohio documents depository, our physical collections are not accessible but our librarians are still responding to government documents-related questions.
    - Government Documents Librarian Elissa Lawrence is working with the Government Publishing Office (GPO) Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to assist with questions from Ohio depository libraries. Any questions or issues? Email govdocs@library.ohio.gov.

Interlibrary Loan
- The State Library of Ohio has been selected for participation in OCLC's new Express Digital Delivery program. The selection was made due to the exceptional work of the State Library's ILL staff, who consistently deliver articles and other digital resources within 18 hours or less with an average turnaround time of 10 hours, through OCLC's WorldShare ILL network. The State Library joins an exclusive group of 1,100 libraries selected to participate in this program. OCLC Express was developed to help libraries respond to the continuing pandemic, tighter budgets, and the shift to more virtual learning. The State Library of Ohio participates in the LVIS (Libraries Very Interested in Sharing) resource group.

Library Leadership Ohio 2021
- After a successful pivot to an all-online format in 2020, Library Leadership Ohio will return in 2021, again in an all-online format. Library Leadership Ohio allows library staff from all library types around the state to define, refine, and inspire their leadership skills and potential. Additional details, including application requirements and deadlines, will be shared with the library community soon.
    - Library Leadership Ohio is a partnership between the State Library of Ohio and OhioNET and is partially supported by federal LSTA funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, awarded by the State Library of Ohio Board.

List of New Acquisitions
- A selection of ebooks and audiobooks recently added to the Ohio Digital Library for January is available on our website at: https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/january-2021/. Due to the closure of the library building and staff working remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the list was limited to ebooks and audiobooks.

LSTA
- The State Library invited Ohio libraries to apply for the 2021 Celebrating Ohio Book Awards & Authors (COBAA) grant. This grant program is an opportunity for Ohio libraries to receive funds to build or expand a collection of books receiving honors and awards in Ohio and by Ohio authors. This grant initiative provides funds specifically for collection development purposes, connecting Ohio readers to Ohio authors and Ohio book award winners. This year, in its sixth iteration, the grant award is a maximum of $2,000 per eligible institution. The application period closed on January 15, and applications are currently being reviewed.
- The State Library invited Ohio libraries to apply for the 2021 Summer Library Program (SLP) Grant. This grant program empowers libraries to enhance their 2021 SLP/SRPs with library-led activities that spark creativity and productivity, engage individuals, and benefit their communities. Libraries may apply for up to $1,500 in federal funds to support their SLP. Libraries may use the awarded federal funds to purchase program materials, supplies, and/or contractual services for the activities offered to the community during the 2021 SLP. The application period closed on February 1, and applications are currently being reviewed.
- Libraries may apply for an LSTA Open Grant at any time. Information on Open Grants can be found at: https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#AvailableGrants.

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- o The following libraries received an Open Grant in January:
  - ▪ Greenville Public Library
  - ▪ Troy-Miami County Public Library
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, cboyden@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Digital Library
- Through January 31, 2021, ODL has tallied 631,664 checkouts.
- Interest in the popular Netflix series, *Bridgerton*, has driven that series of books to the top of the most-popular titles checked out in January; those are marked with an asterisk below:
  - o The Last Flight (ebook)
  - o The Duke and I* (audiobook)
  - o Where the Crawdads Sing (ebook)
  - o The Viscount Who Loved Me* (audiobook)
  - o Where the Crawdads Sing (audiobook)
  - o Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at the real-time checkouts and holds.
- In January 2021, ODL welcomed its newest member, Westlake Porter Public Library.
- In 2020, ODL patrons checked out tallied **6,710,060** items—a record-breaking year! This is the first time in its existence that ODL has exceeded six million checkouts. In 2019, ODL's circulation was 5,628,889.
- 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 January 2021, 6,808 registrations took place.

Ohio Digital Network [Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Project]
- Through January, the Ohio Digital Network (ODN) now has over **236,000** items on dp.la. from 24 active contributors.
- Jen Johnson and Penelope Shumaker are available to speak to libraries and cultural heritage institutions about DPLA and ODN. For details, contact Jen Johnson, jjohnson@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 Jen Johnson, jjohnson@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Ready to Read
- The Ohio Ready to Read (ORTR) trainers have developed an online version of the popular **Early Literacy 101 workshop**. Open-registration workshops will be announced on the Library Youth Services listserv and the ORTR Facebook page. By-request workshops for 15-20 participants are possible; see the ORTR website for details.
- Early Literacy 101 is a free, hands-on workshop to help library staff build a firm foundation in early literacy. The online workshop includes two two-hour live sessions and approximately 2 hours of on-your-own work. Participants will learn how brain development impacts how young children learn, and will explore effective, research-based early literacy resources and activities.
- As the ongoing pandemic continues to limit opportunities for families with young children, remember that the **Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar** website at DayByDayOH.org features a perpetual calendar with songs, activities, book suggestions, and videos for every day of the year. Day By Day Ohio offers resources to further develop early literacy skills and improve school readiness.
  - o Day By Day Ohio, a service of the State Library of Ohio in collaboration with Ohio Ready to Read, also includes literacy and health information and an Ohio public library locator map. It is available anytime, anywhere and requires just internet access and a computer, smartphone, or mobile device.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions about ORTR.

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Other News and Information

- The State Library Coronavirus Information and Resources webpage is kept up to date with new information and resources. To improve ease of access, links to the page are featured on the library's home page (library.ohio.gov/coronavirus-information-resources/). The webpage includes our Here to Help video and features links with summaries in categories of Government Information and Resources, For Everyone, For Libraries, Learning Opportunities, Access to Library Resources, Resources for Economic Support, and State Library News.

Presentations

- Janet Ingraham Dwyer spoke at the NEO-RLS Summer Reading workshop on January 14 about 2021 summer library program resources from CSLP and the State Library.
- Penelope Shumaker, as DPLA Metadata Working Group co-chair, spoke on a panel "Reckoning our Pasts + Building our Future" during the DPLA Open Board + Community Meeting on January 15. The panel discussed DPLA's goals and commitments to equity and inclusion in 2021 and beyond.
- Evan Struble facilitated a discussion at the Statewide Directors Meeting, hosted by Ohio's four Regional Library Systems. The discussion topic was libraries' continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Professional Activities

- Contributions to the Ohio Memory blog include:
  - Shannon Kupfer-Trausch wrote: "Happy Birthday to Edgar, to Gustav, and to *The Raven*!"
  - Stephanie Michaels wrote: Cheers to a Creative New Year!

SEO Service Center

- The total automation consortium circulation for past 30 days was **806,454**.
- There were **2,865** new users created in the past 30 days.

- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**467**
  - This includes Referral Center requests.
- There were **54** in-house periodicals filled.
- There were **635** support tickets for the past 30 days.
- **Niche Academy Stats**

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The SEO Library Die-Cut Collection	35
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Placing Holds on Magazines	5
The Reading Room: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Lexile Reading Levels	16
Lynda.com Tech Skills to Boost Your Career	7
Ancestry Library Edition – Access Billions of Genealogical Records	5
Fold3: Remembering Veterans Through Military Records	1
HeritageQuest: Discover Your Family History Today	4
Chilton Auto Repair Instructions	11
Consumer Health Complete	2
Elementary (Kids InfoBits)	8
World Book Encyclopedias and More (1)	1
Science Reference Center	1
Transparent Language Online Language Learning	7
Total	**825**

- **SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMobile) Stats**
  - **810** new devices
  - **17,886** holds placed
  - **39,436** app launches
  - **50,380** total searches
- **Splashtop On-Demand Access**
  - **10** on-demand remote sessions

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- **GoToMeeting Sessions Hosted**
  - **18** webinars/sessions hosted
    - State Library Board Meeting
    - Library Board Meeting
    - SEO Webinars/Training—16
- **Consortium Service Highlights**
  - The Library Management System Support team aided Brown Memorial Library in becoming fine free.
  - The Cataloging team worked with SirsiDynix in the bibliographic database deduplication process. 4,496 exact matches were found. The team is manually reviewing and merging new matches.
  - The BlueCloud Analytics (BCA) team trained Rodman Public Library and Louisville Public Library on BCA on January 11 and January 14.
  - Nicole Brown, Brenda Michel, Jay Miley, and Misty Wyscarver visited Rodman Public Library and Louisville Public Library on January 28, 2021. The purpose of the visit was to check-in with staff after the recent migration of these systems.
  - On January 6, The Enterprise Search and Discovery Catalog received numerous operating system updates and patches
  - The Louisville Public Library collection of materials was opened to allow consortium level holds on January 6. Louisville migrated to the SEO Consortium in November.
  - On January 8, Michael Postlethwait from the SEO IT Team provided a meeting to the Upper Sandusky Public Library on the Click and Collect Feature offered to the Consortium members.
  - On January 14 and 21, several SEO Team members worked on packaging up iPads and cases for SEO members participating in the IMLS iPad Project. Several of the 2020 SEO product deliverables to its members focusing on self-service checkout and the curbside click and collect feature allowed the consortium to qualify for IMLS funds under the CARES Act.
  - On January 22, the SEO Management Team met with the assigned Library Relations Manager from SirsiDynix to discuss new product offerings and any potential issues or assistance needed from the vendor.
  - The SEO Management Team attended the quarterly update meeting provided by WhoFi. An update on usage statistics and new service offerings was delivered to the group attending on January 22.
  - On January 26, SEO IT and Management met to discuss the schema to be used in the new SEO Support Desk software focusing on ease of use and navigation for customers.
  - The SEO Team had an all-staff meeting via Microsoft Teams on January 27. The staff provided updates on current individual and team projects.
  - A combined SEO and State Library team met to discuss the transition of staff files from locally hosted equipment to Microsoft OneDrive on January 27.
  - On January 28, John Stewart and Michael Postlethwait met with Consortia Leaders from RAILS and SWAN in Illinois to include product developers from SirsiDynix on a project to improve the administration of the Enterprise Search and Discovery tool called Discovery File Manager SPP.
  - SEO Management and IT Team met virtually with Freshworks for the new support desk software project meeting on January 29.

Strategic Planning
- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
  - Ashland Public Library
  - Lima Public Library
  - Loudonville Public Library

- o   Canal Fulton Public Library
- o   Germantown Public Library
- o   New Carlisle Public Library
- o   Arcanum Public Library
- o   Kaubisch Memorial Public Library
- o   Pickerington Public Library
- o   Pickaway County 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.

Summer Library Program/Summer Reading Program
- The full **2020 Ohio Summer Library Program Evaluation Report** is available for download. It is also available to be read on screen in a digital magazine format. In response to the public health emergency, libraries revised and adapted their 2020 SLP plans to accommodate current safety practices and requirements. The report describes innovations, challenges, successes, and lessons learned by libraries around Ohio during a summer unlike any other. Statewide participation totals were not compiled for 2020 and are not included in the report.
- An online access code for the 2021 Collaborative Summer Library Program manual has been sent to a representative of each of Ohio's 251 public library systems. The access code may be used by all library buildings and departments in multi-location systems. Ohio public libraries' membership in CSLP and access to the online CSLP manual are fully supported by federal LSTA funds administered by the State Library of Ohio. The online manual includes the complete program manual, all artwork and downloadables, and many extra resources not available in the static manual formats.
- The 2021 CSLP slogan is "Tails and Tales." The program features animal-themed artwork by Salina Yoon.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions about SLP.

Transforming Teen Services
- The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) is leading a nationwide training initiative to support and elevate teen services in libraries and other learning environments. Transforming Teen Services integrates connected learning, computational thinking, and youth development to help librarians build responsive services for and with teens. A national cohort includes teams of trainers from 46 states; Washington, DC; and the Northern Mariana Islands. Ohio's team consists of: Kristin Wilson, Loudonville Public Library; Steve Moser, Dayton Metro Library; and Janet Ingraham Dwyer, State Library of Ohio.
- After planned trainings across Ohio were interrupted by the public health emergency, Ohio's team developed a four-session, six-hour online Transforming Teen Services course. The fourth cohort of this course is currently meeting. Future cohort opportunities will be posted to the Library Youth Services and Ohio Teen Librarians listservs. Contact Janet at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with questions.
- Transforming Teen Services prioritizes the value of services for and with teens, the uniqueness of each community, and the primacy of equity. Learn more: www.ala.org/yalsa/train-trainer-project.

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