

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, October 31, 2021

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- At its September meeting, the State Library of Ohio Board [awarded a \\$60,000 American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) grant](#) to the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) to provide statewide access for Ohio's public libraries to a digital literacy training program, called [Northstar Digital Literacy](#).
- At its September meeting, the State Library of Ohio Board [awarded a \\$100,000 American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) grant](#) to the Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) to create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) ebook collection with unlimited access for its member libraries. These funds will be used to purchase a consortially-curated and shared DEI collection. Increasing the depth and breadth of available ebooks will strengthen engagement with under-represented communities and broaden education for the majority population, as well as provide critical scholarly materials to support curriculum and research.
- For additional ARPA updates delivered directly to your inbox from the State Library, please consider [joining the ARPA-OH listserv](#).

Announcements

Email Listservs

- Christine Morris Joins Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) as Digital Resources Manager
- Penguin Random House and the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Launch New Grant Program
- Register to attend the next Ryan Dowd webinar for Ohio public and academic library staff
- Six Metadata Mini-Grants Awarded to Expand Access to Ohio Library Digital Collections
- State Library of Ohio Board Awarded \$60,000 ARPA Grant to OPLIN For A Digital Literacy Training Program
- State Library of Ohio Board has awarded a \$100,000 ARPA grant to OhioLINK

News – website



- [Christine Morris Joins OPLIN as Digital Resources Manager](#), October 27, 2021



- [Six Metadata Mini-Grants Awarded To Expand Access to Ohio Library Digital Collections](#), October 19, 2021

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- [State Library of Ohio Board has awarded a \\$100,000 ARPA grant to OhioLINK](#), October 6, 2021



- [State Library of Ohio Board Awarded A \\$60,000 ARPA Grant to OPLIN For A Digital Literacy Training Program](#), October 7, 2021

Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Awards

- Buckeye Book Award voting is open until November 10 at bcbookaward.info. All Ohioans in grades K-12 are eligible to vote. There is a button for students to vote directly, and a button for teachers and librarians who collect student votes and wish to submit them in bulk.
- Students can also nominate titles for the 2022 awards. Eligible books are first published in 2020 or 2021 and not part of a series that has previously won the award. Nominations run through March 10, 2022. See the [Buckeye Book Awards website](#) for details.
- The Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Award program is designed to encourage children in Ohio to read literature critically, to promote teacher and librarian involvement in children's literature programs, and to commend authors of such literature. It was established in 1981 and is a collaborative project of the Ohio Educational Library Media Association, Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts, Ohio Library Council, the Kent State University School of Information (iSchool), and the State Library of Ohio. It is one of the few statewide readers' choice awards in which exclusively students (not adults) nominate titles as well as vote for the winners. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions.

Choose to Read Ohio

- The 2021 & 2022 Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) program cycle is in full swing. 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 range of geographic and cultural interests. Ohio librarians, teachers, and other book experts help to select the biennial CTRO booklist.
- CTRO posters and book jacket stickers, plus book jacket stickers for the [Floyd's Pick Book Award](#), have been shipped to all Ohio public library directors. You may use the stickers to spotlight CTRO and Floyd's Pick books in your collection, if you wish.
- Readers' toolkits for all 20 of the 2021 & 2022 titles, and for every book featured on previous CTRO booklists, are available for download on the CTRO website (library.ohio.gov/ctro). Toolkits include discussion questions, extension activities, author biographies, links, and resources for library program planning, book group use, and individual exploration.
- The **CTRO book widget** provides libraries a customizable platform to showcase books by Ohio authors and illustrators and to provide access to readers' toolkits and more. See it in action at <https://library.ohio.gov/ctro> and download it here: github.com/StateLibraryofOhio/ctro-book-widget.

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- CTRO, a project of the State Library of Ohio, Ohioana Library, and Ohio Center for the Book, encourages libraries, schools, families, and others to build a community of readers and an appreciation of Ohio authors, illustrators, and literature. The biennial CTRO booklist spotlights the diversity and quality of Ohio literature. [Learn more about CTRO](#) or contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions.

Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar

- With school back in session, this is a great time to remind families with young children about the [Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar](#) at DayByDayOH.org, which 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.
- 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.

Digital Initiatives

- Shannon Kupfer-Trausch contributed the following to the [Ohio Memory](#) blog: [How Sweet It Is: The History of Sweetest Day](#)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Stephanie Michaels compiled the [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Reading Group Resources](#). This list of recommended book titles and reading group discussion questions was designed for state agencies to use for discussions surrounding DEI topics.
 - These titles address race, disability, and identity in America. Click on a cover to see more information about the book, related resources, suggestions for further reading, and a link to the title in the Ohio Digital Library. Most of these books are available for immediate checkout with a State Library of Ohio library card. Note that these titles may include violence, abuse, and other difficult content.
- Stephanie Herriott was one of the keynote speakers at the State of Ohio DEI Institute on October 13, 2021. One key element of the State Library's 2021-2023 DEI Strategic Plan and the Governor's Equity Agenda is to ensure our Public Services are delivered in an equitable and culturally competent way. One major issue of external equity that all government agencies have been asked to consider is health equity in Ohio, specifically how government agencies can cross-collaborate to address health-inequity. She spoke about equity initiatives the State Library is involved with that impact the Social Determinates of Health.

Government Publications

- 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.
- The State Library is once again partnering with ProQuest to work on a long-term digitization project involving federal government publications. ProQuest covers the cost of all digitization and related costs and the State Library gains free perpetual access to related database sets. The initial restart of this project was January 2020 but was subsequently delayed by the pandemic.

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List of New Acquisitions



- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library's collection for October is available on our website at: <https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/october-2021/>.

Ohio Digital Library

- In the month of October, ODL has tallied 606,445 checkouts. Thus far, total circulation for 2021 is 6,059,104.
 - The most popular title this month was [Moonshine & Magic](#), the first book in the Southern Charms Cozy Mystery Series. With over 1,500 checkouts, this book was perfect for the spooky season.
 - Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at [the real-time checkouts and holds](#).
- Get ready for Thanksgiving with our no-wait [Thanksgiving Lucky Day](#) collection. These books check out for a limited time.
- Over 2,000 always available, no wait comics and graphic novels have been added to the collection! [Start reading](#) your favorite Marvel, Disney, Dark Horse, IDW, and Image comics and graphic novels now.
- 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 October 2021, 3,952 registrations took place.
- Have you tried the Libby app yet? [Get started](#) today!

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

- Through October, the Ohio Digital Network (ODN) now has over [283,000 items](#) on dp.la. from 33 active contributors.
 - Through the work of the DPLA programmers, specific collections are now visible in the [DPLA portal](#). Users can now sort and filter by collection, allowing them to see items in context on the DPLA website.
- ODN Usage Analytics through October 27th:
 - <https://ohiodigitalnetwork.org/contributors/analytics-dashboard/>

Total October Ohio Items Viewed on DPLA Item Pages*	1075
Total October Ohio Click Throughs*	741
Total October Ohio Events*	1816

- [ODNFest 2021](#) was held, virtually, on Tuesday, October 19. This free event was open to all professionals with an interest in digitization and Ohio's cultural heritage.
 - 209 attendees took part across five sessions, four of which were recorded.
 - Check out the [session recording playlist](#).

- A new informational video on how things work at ODN and DPLA has been created, and can be accessed [here](#), on the [ODN YouTube Channel](#). Check it out if you've always been curious about these initiatives or would like a refresher.
- 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 Library Conferences

- Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA): October 9, 2021, at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Dublin, Ohio. State Library provided promotional material about services to libraries via "Grab-n-Go" table.
- Ohio Library Council (OLC): October 13 – 15, 2021, at Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus, Ohio. The State Library hosted a booth in the Expo. Marketing & Communications staff provided information and promotional materials to conference attendees.
- Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO): October 27 – 29, 2021, online. The State Library provided support for the conference. The ALAO conference website included State Library promotion via recognition with branded logo and link to website.

Presentations

- Janet Ingraham Dwyer co-presented two breakout sessions at the 2021 Ohio Library Council Convention & Expo: "Libraries and the Ohio Association of Food Banks: Partners Against Food Insecurity" (with Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Ohio Association of Food Banks) and "Rich, Robust, and Expressive: Vocabulary Building in Storytime" (with Maria Cahill, PhD, University of Kentucky).
- Anne Kennedy co-presented a breakout session at the 2021 OLC Convention & Expo: "Every Trick in the eBook: Buying Strategies Before, During, and After the Pandemic for Digital Content" (with Cathy Mason, Columbus Metropolitan Library).
- Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Anne Kennedy, and Evan Struble were on-hand to share brief reports of their projects with attendees at the 2021 OLC Convention & Expo breakout session, "State Library of Ohio Update," led by State Librarian Wendy Knapp.
- As part of ODNFest 2021, Jen Johnson and Penelope Shumaker, along with Peter Kukla, provided an annual update to attendees on all things Ohio Digital Network-related.

Professional Development

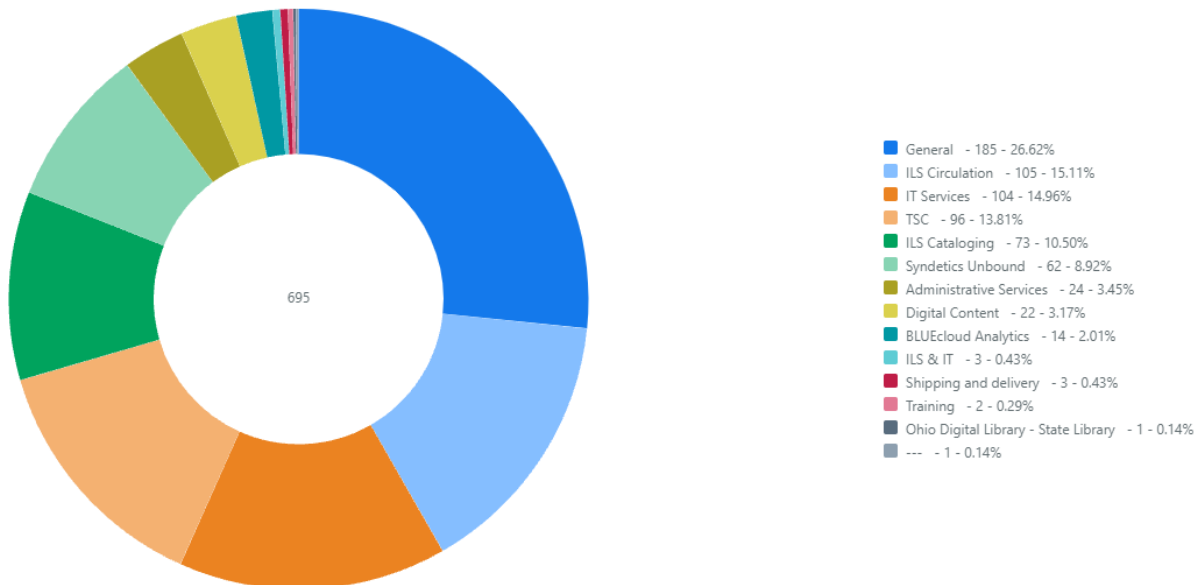
- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney attended the following online conferences:
 - Internet Librarian Connect 2021: October 26 – 28, 2021
 - Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO): October 27 – 29, 2021
- Peter Kukla and Andy Ingraham Dwyer attended Azure Afternoons – QuickStart with Containers and App Runner training on October 20
- David Green attended OhioLINK - Current Technology Trends in Academic Library Consortia on October 21.
- Eric Maynard, Rebecca Hanshaw, Peter Kukla, and Andy Ingraham Dwyer attended the virtual Ohio Cyber Security Day Event on October 26.
- Andy Ingraham Dwyer attended a DAS Learning on Demand Percipio Information Session on October 27.
- David Green attended the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) Conference on October 27-28.
- Andy Ingraham Dwyer attended MS: Deliver security protection for your org's entire hybrid, multi-cloud, & multi-platform environment training on October 28.
- Peter Kukla attended the CONTENTdm Connect event on October 29.

Reimagining School Readiness

- The State Library of Ohio is proud to support the [Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit](#), a suite of research-backed resources created for library staff to help families prepare children ages birth to 8 years for success in school and in life. The toolkit was developed by the [Bay Area Discovery Museum](#) in collaboration with the California State Library and the Pacific Library Partnership.
- There is one remaining workshop for the fall: November 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (class is full)
 - Additional workshops are being prepared for Spring 2022; please keep an eye on the various library listservs and traditional communication channels for details
 - All associated workshops for this initiative are led live online and are not recorded. These workshops cover such topics as:
 - key findings from current cognitive and developmental psychology research
 - the implications of those findings for library staff's daily work
 - practical ready-to-implement ideas for activities
 - resources for staff training and for parents/caregivers
- Additional information about this initiative can be found [here](#).

SEO Service Center

- Total automation consortium circulation for the past 30 days—**899,134**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—**6,966**
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**554**
- Total number of support tickets for the past 30 days—**695**



- **3** in-house periodicals requests were filled using inhouse databases and resources
- **Niche Academy Stats:**

Tutorial	21-Oct
Where's My Book? Navigating the Dewey Decimal System	29
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The SEO Library App	9
LinkedIn Learning: Courses That Expand Your Professional Horizon	4
HeritageQuest: A Collection of Genealogical and Historical Sources	2
Sanborn Maps Historic Insurance Maps for the United States	1
OverDrive Libby eBooks, Audiobooks, and More	26
OverDrive Libby eBooks, Audiobooks, y Mas	5
Using the My Lists Feature	21
The SEO Library Die-Cut Collection	7
Placing Item Specific or Multiple Holds	68
Placing Holds on Magazines	17
The Reading Room: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Lexile Reading Levels	7
Lynda.com Tech Skills to Boost Your Career	20
Ancestry Library Edition - Access Billions of Genealogical Records	2
Fold3 Remembering Veterans Through Military Records	1
HeritageQuest: Discover Your Family History Today	26
Research Essentials Authoring Research Questions	0
Research Essentials Better Search Techniques	2
Research Essentials Finding the Right Sources	1
Research Essentials In-Text Citations	0
Research Essentials Paraphrasing and Summarizing	1
Transparent Language Online Language Learning	2
Chilton Auto Repair Instructions	1
Consumer Health Complete	1
Elementary (Kids InfoBits)	0
World Book Encyclopedias and More (1)	0
Total	481

- **Training Department Activities**
 - Cataloging Training – Kaubisch Memorial Public Library—October 5
- **SEO Consortium Libraries App Stats**
 - **5,301** new devices
 - **17,337** holds placed
 - **52,629** app launches
 - **42,608** total searches
- **Splashtop On-Demand Access**
 - **15** on-demand remote sessions
- **Consortium Service Highlights**
 - OCLC Referral Center demo with Carnegie Public Library – East Liverpool
 - The demo was on the basic features offered in Referral center:
 - Article Exchange how to check in the article
 - How long the URL and password is valid based on days and number of times URL is opened. Where the URL and password are located
 - Previewing the article so that it does not use one of the 4 opens on the URL
 - Creating a new title new request
 - Creating a subject, or periodical request
 - Receive items

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- How to print book straps
- Return items
- How to print Return labels
- How to request book club items
- Check in an item as received or returned and to mark an item not received
- How to renew an item and where it will show renewal accepted or denied
- Closing a request if no longer needed
- There was also an email sent that contained all the documents for tips and tricks on everyday uses in OCLC referral Center.
- October 1, SEO and State Library IT Managers met to discuss current and future projects
- On October 5, SEO Management and IT met to prepare questions for the Consortia Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting with other consortia customers of SirsiDynix across the United States.
- On October 6-7, SEO Management Team and IT Team members attended the SIG meeting to discuss products and development strategies with SirsiDynix.
- On October 8, the migration team and SirsiDynix held a profiling session about the migration of National Trail School to the SEO Consortium.
- On October 13, SEO IT announced the availability of Enterprise Tabbed Results to the member libraries. This new feature separates the search results into three tabs – (Physical | Digital | Articles).
- On October 14, a committee of SEO staff met with Frank Maggio and Dan Grass from Atech Technologies to discuss a few possible AV projects.
- Brenda Michel, Nicole Brown, and Jay Miley attended SEO's monthly SureSailing consulting call with Kat Stephens from SirsiDynix on October 18.
- October 20, John Stewart attended the Symantec Endpoint Security User Group meeting.
- October 21, SEO Management met with Lisa Witteman, SirsiDynix Library Relations Manager, to discuss a few open service tickets.
- Jay Miley attended the OLC Webinar on COVID Rapid Test Kit Update on October 21.
- On October 22, Don Winland attended the quarterly WhoFi meeting to discuss highlights and upcoming feature releases.
- On October 22, SEO Management hosted the SEO Advisory Committee meeting via GoToMeeting to discuss consortium highlights and services.
- On October 25, Brenda Michel, Nicole Brown, and Jay Miley provided Wood County District Public Library a demonstration of the acquisitions module.
- On October 28, John Stewart and Michael Postlethwait met with State Library staff and Atech Technologies to discuss a few possible projects.
- On October 28, SEO IT worked with SirsiDynix on a version two upgrade of the Kids Catalog for members.
- The Library Management Software team worked with Putnam County District Library on becoming fine free.
- **Syndetics Unbound Statistics**
 - **Enterprise Catalog**
 - **11,042,185** cover images loaded in online catalog searches.
 - Syndetics Unbound enriched **58,419 (99%)** out of **58,554** pages loaded.
 - **31,776** patron interactions with enriched content.
- **Display Widgets**
 - **62** display widgets updated
 - **28,115** widgets loaded
 - Patrons have interacted with display widgets **6,006** times.

Space Planning

- Libraries currently receiving space planning services from State Library consultants include:
 - Andover Public Library
 - Columbus Torah Academy
 - Twinsburg Public Library
 - Trotwood Elementary School Library
 - McKinley Memorial Library
- Please contact Mandy Simon, Library Consultant, at msimon@library.ohio.gov with questions regarding this service.

Staffing

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and with the support of the State of Ohio, State agencies may make allowances for State employees to continue to telework. At this time, a majority of State Library LPD staff are working from their homes. While office phone lines are being checked/forwarded, email remains the best way to get in touch with LPD staff at this time. Email contact information can be found [here](#).

Strategic Planning

- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
 - Canal Fulton Public Library
 - Germantown Public Library
 - Pickerington Public Library
 - Pickaway County Library
 - Tipp City Public Library
 - Harris-Elmore Public Library
 - Huron Public Library
 - Marysville Public Library
 - Defiance Public Library
 - Wayne County Public Library
 - Wagnalls Memorial 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

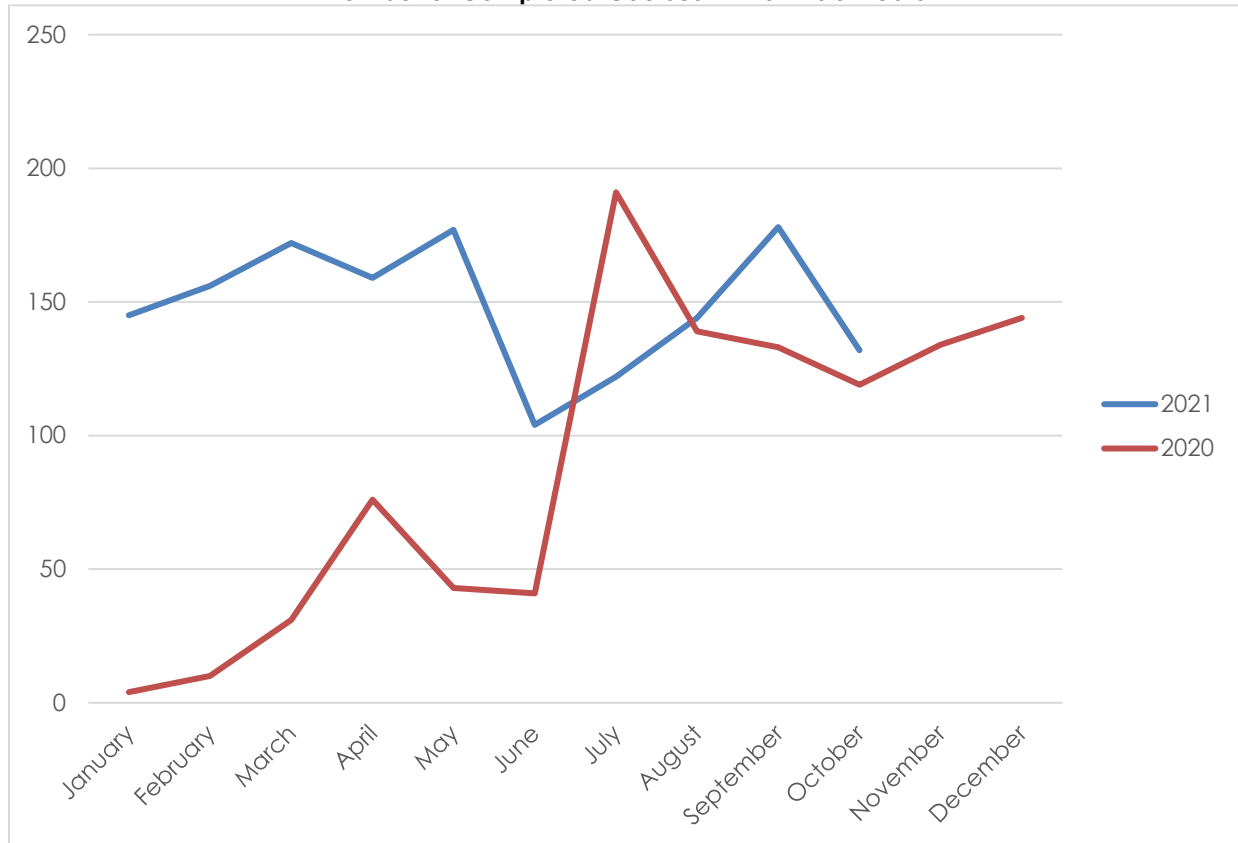
- A [preliminary 2021 Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation report](#) is now available. A fuller report, including anecdotes and analysis from Ohio librarians, will be available by year's end.
- The **2022 Collaborative Summer Library Program manual access code** was emailed to a representative of each Ohio public library in early October. The CSLP manual is made available to every Ohio public library building and is fully supported by federal LSTA funds administered by the State Library of Ohio. Libraries requiring CSLP manuals in paper or USB flash drive may purchase these formats from the [CSLP shop](#). Such purchases are at the library's discretion and are not covered by LSTA funds. The online manual includes the complete program manual, all artwork and downloadables, and many extra resources not available in the static manual formats.
- The 2022 CSLP slogan is "Oceans of Possibilities." The program features artwork by Sophie Blackall on the theme of Oceanography.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions about SLP.

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WebJunction

- There was a total of 132 WebJunction course completions in October 2021, down from 178 in September. Attendees represented two types of libraries with 100 from Public and 32 from Academic.

Number of Completed Courses in Months & Years



Months	2021	2020	Grand Total
January	145	4	149
February	156	10	166
March	172	31	203
April	159	76	235
May	177	43	220
June	104	41	145
July	122	191	313
August	144	139	283
September	178	133	311
October	132	119	251
November		134	134
December		144	144
Grand Total	1489	1065	2554

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- **Webinar Reports** are received on a quarterly basis.
 - In the third quarter of 2021 (July– September), six WebJunction webinars were offered and there were 73 views from Ohio (combined live and recorded viewings)—down from 142 viewers in the second quarter. The highest number of views were for [On Implicit Bias and Communication](#) and [International Pandemic Perspectives: Problem-Solving in Times of Crisis](#). Recordings of WebJunction webinars can be found in the [WebJunction Course Catalog](#)
 - Notes: 1) The number of views does not reflect occurrences when more than one person gathers to view together, and 2) The second quarter 2021 number of views reported in previous monthly reports erroneously included number of individuals that registered not total number of views.