

# STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, March 31, 2020  
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## Announcements

### Website

#### News

- [Calendar of Online Programs at Ohio's Public Libraries](#), March 31
- [Bill Morris Will Be Interim Executive Director of State Library](#), March 20
- [State Library to Close to Help Prevent Community Spread of COVID-19](#), March 13
- [State Library Takes Steps to Prevent Community Spread of COVID-19](#), March 12
- [Ohio Deaf History Month Begins March 13th](#), March 9



- [John Stewart Promoted to Director of Operations and Technology of SEO](#), March 4
- [Apply for a Guiding Ohio Online Program LSTA Grant](#), March 3

### Email Listservs

- Share this information with your community and submit your online programs for the calendar, March 31
- Share information about online library programs during the COVID-19 pandemic, March 25
- Statewide Delivery is Suspended until Further Notice, March 23
- Looking for professional development opportunities? Ryan Dowd is providing Ohio public library staff access to archived webinars available on Niche Academy, March 23
- Bill Morris Will Be Interim Executive Director of State Library, March 20
- Safe handling of library materials, March 19
- State Library will be closed to the public for at least three weeks beginning Tuesday, March 17
- Q & A Webinar with Ryan Dowd, author of the American Library Association book, The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness, March 12
- State Library Takes Steps to Prevent Community Spread of COVID-19, March 12
- Position open for Assistant Manager of Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled, March 10
- Ohio Deaf History Month begins March 13, March 9
- Place your order of free art books today! 30+ new titles available through the D.U.C. Library Program, March 6
- John Stewart Promoted to Director of Operations and Technology of SEO (Serving Every Ohioan) Library Center, March 4
- Applications are now being accepted for public libraries in rural Ohio to host a Guiding Ohio Online Technology Trainer, March 3

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## Census 2020

- The State Library of Ohio's [Ohio Library Census Committee](#) is working to disseminate up-to-date information about the Census to library staff all over Ohio. The State Library wants to make sure all Ohio libraries and library staff have the resources they need to be prepared for Census programming, outreach, and patron queries. The [Census Resource for Libraries](#) web page provides a wealth of information and links including a Census [timeline](#), dispelling Census [myths](#), [marketing](#) and promotional tools, and [potential partners](#). The page will be updated regularly as more information and resources come out. Contact a member of the committee in your region with questions or to share information.
- The fifth meeting of the Ohio Library 2020 Census Committee took place on March 10. The committee aims to provide resources to public, school, academic, and special libraries to help them navigate the process. Libraries are essential to every community, campus, student, and patron that comes through its doors or connects online. Library staff can use their trusted role to answer questions, provide resources, and educate their users about the importance of the Census.

## Choose to Read Ohio

- The [Floyd's Pick Book Award](#), named in memory of children's literature expert, advocate, and librarian Floyd Dickman, 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. The State Library of Ohio and the Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) Advisory Council are pleased to announce that **Thank You, Omu!** by Oge Mora has been selected as the fifth annual Floyd's Pick Book Award winner.
- The CTRO Advisory Council also selected three Floyd's Pick Honor Books for 2020 (Ohio creator listed first): **Clackety Track: Poems About Trains** illustrated by Jamey Christoph, written by Skila Brown; **Leila in Saffron** illustrated by Dinara Mirtalipova, written by Rukhsana Guidroz; and **Rabbit and the Motorbike** by Kate Hoefler, illustrated by Sarah Jacoby. [Read the press release](#) about Floyd's Pick.
- The CTRO Advisory Council is in the process of finalizing the booklist for the 2021 & 2022 CTRO program cycle. [Learn how the CTRO booklists are developed](#) with the support of dozens of Ohio librarians, educators, and other experts on books and readers.
- 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](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) with any questions.

## 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 telework when at all possible, all State Library staff are working from their homes. While the State Library is closed, online reference help via our website and digital resources including the Ohio Digital Library will remain available. In addition, our Library Programs and Development (LPD) division staff continue to assist libraries. 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](#).
- As the regional federal documents depository and state of Ohio documents depository, our physical collections are not accessible, but our librarians will also do their best to help with government documents-related questions. We are performing a number of work tasks remotely, as best as we can. With an eye toward the future, we are also cataloging and archiving state agency web publications regarding COVID-19 for posterity.

## Coronavirus.Ohio.gov

- The office of Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health website launched [Coronavirus.Ohio.gov](#) to provide up-to-date information and resources about COVID-19. Marketing & Communications contacted them and suggested three State Library programs. The first three in the list in the section on Resources for Parents and Families - Family Activities to Try During Closures - COVID-19 Checklist describe these programs.

- [Explore More Indoors](#)
  - Have a local library card? Many libraries allow you to check out and download resources. Don't have a card? You can easily request and receive a temporary digital card and borrow ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines from the [Ohio Digital Library](#). Read silently or take turns reading to each other.
  - Follow the Family Literacy Calendar at [Day By Day Ohio](#) to find new resources each day to engage young children in early literacy activities. The program is a service of the State Library of Ohio with [Ohio Ready to Read](#) with partial funding from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.
  - Start a virtual book club with [Choose to Read Ohio](#) books and toolkits. Choose a book and start an online chat with your friends. The State Library of Ohio, Ohioana Library Association, and Ohio Center for the Book recommend these [20 books by Ohio authors](#).

## Guiding Ohio Online

- Guiding Ohio Online is a State Library administered competitive [LSTA \(Library Services and Technology Act\) grant](#). The purpose of the grant is to allow libraries serving rural populations in Ohio to hire a dedicated technology trainer for their library. The technology trainer is hired as an independent contractor in a full- or part-time capacity depending on the needs of the library for a one-year period.
- Applications are currently being accepted for library sites to participate in the 2020-2021 Guiding Ohio Online program. Please see the information located [here](#) on the State Library's website for complete details.
  - Applications will be accepted through the end of the day on Friday, May 15, 2020.
  - Draft applications will be reviewed, if requested, so long as the draft is submitted prior to May 8, 2020.
- If you have any questions regarding the funding or budget of Guiding Ohio Online, please contact the LSTA Office at [lsta@library.ohio.gov](mailto:lsta@library.ohio.gov).
- If you have any questions regarding Guiding Ohio Online trainers (hiring, best practices, etc.) please contact Anne Kennedy, Technology Consultant, at [akennedy@library.ohio.gov](mailto:akennedy@library.ohio.gov).

## Library Leadership Ohio

- Applications were received through January 17, 2020, for the 2020 Library Leadership Ohio (LLO) program, to be held in Central Ohio on July 14-17, 2020. Co-presented by [OhioNET](#), LLO develops future leaders for Ohio libraries, helps Ohio library staff become leaders in the communities they serve, and encourages Ohio librarians to work collaboratively. The 2020 program, titled "Living Our Values: The Library's Role in Social Change," will accept 32 applicants total, drawing from all library types. For more information about the program, please visit the [LLO web site](#).
  - Applicants accepted into the program will be notified in April.
- For questions regarding Library Leadership Ohio, please contact Evan T. Struble at [estruble@library.ohio.gov](mailto:estruble@library.ohio.gov).

## LSTA

- Libraries may apply for an Open Grant at any time. Information on Open Grants can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#AvailableGrants>.
  - Open Grants awarded in March include:
    - Dayton Metro Library
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, [cboyden@library.ohio.gov](mailto:cboyden@library.ohio.gov).

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## What is trending in Ohio

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Applications for an @US\_ILMS Ohio LSTA grant are now being accepted for rural public libraries Ohio to host a Guiding Ohio Online Technology Trainer. Trainers will serve in selected libraries during the program year, October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. [stliboh.info/gpf](http://stliboh.info/gpf)



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Congratulations to John Stewart on his promotion to Director of Operations and Technology of SEO (Serving Every Ohioan) Library Center. @SEOLibraryCtr [stliboh.info/qpw](http://stliboh.info/qpw)



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Ohio Deaf History Month celebrates deaf history and the contributions of the hearing impaired and deaf community to society. [stliboh.info/okk](http://stliboh.info/okk)



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Employers can find guidance to help prevent the spread of infectious diseases like #Coronavirus from @OHdeptofhealth. Learn more at [coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov) ...#PreparedNotScared



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**Ohio Higher Ed**  
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"We've found that the best way to invest in the company is to invest in the people. And this #TechCred to do that." [ow.ly/SjoE50](http://ow.ly/SjoE50)



**Ohio Finding Success**  
TechCred upsills Ohio's workforce. [spectrumnews1.com](http://spectrumnews1.com)

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## Ohio Digital Library

- Through March 31, 2020, ODL has tallied 1,538,409 checkouts.
- In mid-March, 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. Once libraries re-open, those users that signed up via the Instant Digital Card will be directed to their local library to fill out a physical library card. Since this feature was enabled for ODL, more than 6,500 registrations have taken place.
- Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at [the real-time checkouts and holds](#).

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

- In March, with new collections from Ohio University, Cleveland Museum of Art, and Wilmington College, as well as updates to previous collections, the Ohio Digital Network now has over 233,000 items on [dp.la](#).
- The 2020 DPLA Member Meeting, originally scheduled to be held at the State Library in April 2020, has been postponed and a tentative date later in the year is being explored. The member meeting is open to staff from all the DPLA hubs across the United States.
- The Ohio Digital Network Outreach Working Group curated eight primary source sets for the ODN website. These eight themed resource sets focus on Ohio and American History and are linked to primary sources from ODN contributors found in DPLA. These sets are:
  - [African American Ohioans in the Arts](#)
  - [Flooding in Ohio: Using Historical Floods to Prepare for the Future](#)
  - [Flora and Fauna of Ohio](#)
  - [Historic Ethnic Groups in Ohio](#)
  - [Industry in Ohio](#)
  - [Maps](#)
  - [The Underground Railroad in Ohio](#)
  - [Women's Suffrage and the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment](#)
- OPLIN has sponsored an award—\$125 in both the Junior and Senior categories—for Ohio History Day applicants that “demonstrate[d] effective use of either (1) premium online reference articles not available on the open internet, but available to Ohioans either through infohio.org or the Ohio Web Library, and/or (2) digitized resources made available through the Ohio Digital Network and its contributing partners.” [Click here](#) for more information about the Ohio History Day program.

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- ODN has promotional materials for interested institutions and patrons, including stickers and post-it notes. To request promotional materials for your institution, contact Jen Johnson, [jjohnson@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jjohnson@library.ohio.gov).
- Jen Johnson and Penelope Shumaker are available to speak to cultural heritage institutions about DPLA and ODN. For details, contact Jen Johnson, [jjohnson@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jjohnson@library.ohio.gov).
- Penelope Shumaker is one of the Co-Chairs of the DPLA Metadata Working Group and participates in the Network conversations about Metadata. In addition, Penelope is also serving on the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access Task Force.
- 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](mailto:jjohnson@library.ohio.gov).

## Ohio Ready to Read

- The [Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar](http://DayByDayOH.org) website at [DayByDayOH.org](http://DayByDayOH.org) features a perpetual calendar with songs, activities, book suggestions, and videos for use at home, at the library, on the go, and in the classroom. Day By Day Ohio offers resources to further develop early literacy skills that help young children prepare for, and to do better in, school.
- The State Library's Marketing and Communications Department has prepared a [Media Kit](#) to assist you in sharing the Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar from your website, with your partners and other community groups, and through newsletters, blogs, and social media.

## Presentations

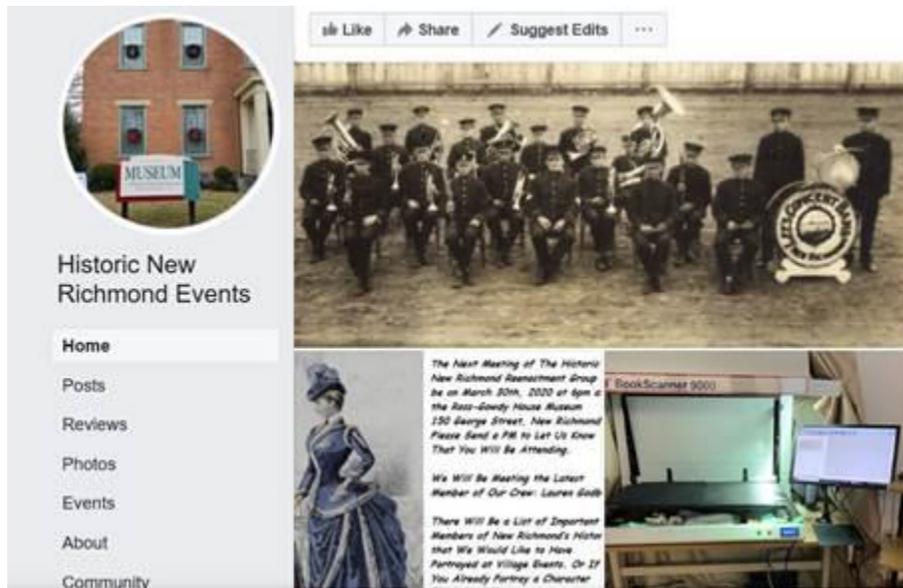
- Janet Ingraham Dwyer spoke at the SERLS Summer Library Program workshop on March 5. Her presentation covered Collaborative Summer Library Program and state resources and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).
- Janet Ingraham Dwyer shared an update about SLP, SFSP, NASA resources, Day By Day Ohio, and other State Library offerings for youth services librarians and communities at the March 9 meeting of the Northeast Ohio Youth Services network.
- Cindy Boyden, Erin Kelsey, Anne Kennedy, and Evan Struble led in-person information sessions at various locations around the state regarding the Guiding Ohio Online program.
- Erin Kelsey served on a panel for an OhioNET webinar called "Support the Census Count in Your Area: Quick Programming Ideas."

## Professional Activities

- Stephanie Michaels contributed the following blog post to the [Ohio Memory](#) blog: [Ohio Memory Behind the Scenes: Choosing a Blog Post Topic](#)

## SEO Library Center

- The total automation consortium circulation for past 30 days was 861,168.
- There were 5,205 new users created in the past 30 days.
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days:
  - Initiated requests for Referral Center—772
  - Initiated requests for SEO—265
- There were 669 support tickets for the past 30 days. This is an increase of 125 tickets from February.
- **Digi-Hub Highlights**
  - The president of The Ross-Gowdy House Museum in New Richmond, Ohio used the DigiHub on March 5-6. She visited with a volunteer who is working on a degree in digital preservation. They scanned 35 items in 11.5 hours for a total of 703 images. Before the visit, additional computers were added to the DigiHub that could perform optical character recognition. The addition of these computers allowed the team more time to focus on scanning. While at SEO, the team updated their [blog](#) and [Facebook page](#) with some of their digitized materials. The group reserved two more days to use the DigiHub in May.



- **Consortium Service Highlights**

- The SEO trainer conducted the following training sessions:
  - March 2-3—Perry County District Library New Staff Circulation Training
  - March 9-10—Tuscarawas County Public Library New Staff Circulation Training
  - March 11—SEO Tech Team Training Session—Producing and Exporting in OCLC and Importing into WorkFlows
- The SEO Library Management System (LMS) Support team worked with Gratis Public Library on going fine-free on March 21, 2020.
- With the COVID-19 outbreak, the LMS team worked with the 95 SEO member libraries to modify due dates, holds, and other changes necessary as libraries closed. The SEO IT team assisted libraries with teleworking from their homes with remote WorkFlows installs and offering an alternative connection path to allow their residential ISPs to connect to the Symphony production database.
- Self-registration was advertised to member libraries to allow access to the digital resources. Self-registered users were given access to the Ohio Digital Library until May 31, 2020. SEO staff worked with OPLIN to provide self-registered users access to the Ohio Web Library databases. Numerous libraries took advantage of this offering with a total of 95 library locations utilizing self-registration on their Enterprise catalog, website, and many advertising the form via their Facebook page. In the last 30 days, we had a total of 1,720 Electronic Resource library cards registered!
- The SEO collection is set to close for OCLC interlibrary loan requests on April 1. The microform collection housed at SEO will still be available to fulfill periodical and article requests.

## Strategic Planning

- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
  - Ashland Public Library
  - Perry Cook Public Library
  - Oak Harbor Public Library
  - Clermont County Public Library
  - Lima Public Library
  - Loudonville Public Library
  - Canal Fulton Public Library

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- 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](mailto:estruble@library.ohio.gov).

## Summer Food Service Program

- Though it is uncertain when the COVID-19 emergency protocols will be lifted, planning for summer 2020 continues. The emergency has brought much attention to the issue of student food insecurity. Many libraries in Ohio and around the USA participate in the **Summer Food Service Program** (SFSP), a USDA-funded program that provides free meals and snacks to children ages 0-18 in communities with high levels of need. Besides the obvious benefits of addressing hunger and supporting vulnerable youth, SFSP participation benefits libraries through:
  - Access to new user groups, especially underserved and marginalized populations
  - Increased visibility of the library as a community asset
  - Opportunities for new partnerships
  - Positioning of the library as an important stakeholder in community well-being and positive child outcomes
  - Support for summer library programming through increased attendance.
- If you are already an SFSP site, work with your current sponsor to prepare for summer 2020.
- If you want to become an SFSP site, the Collaborative Summer Library Program offers a thorough, clear how-to guide for libraries: [Libraries and Summer Food](#) provides a step-by-step for libraries interested in becoming SFSP sites or otherwise getting involved in addressing child food insecurity during the summer.
- The [Children's Hunger Alliance](#) can serve as an SFSP sponsor for eligible sites in all 88 Ohio counties for distribution of shelf-stable meals and snacks that meet nutrition guidelines. You may also consider completing the [Ohio Department of Education's Potential Sponsor Survey](#). The ODE administers the SFSP statewide and identifies new sponsors and sites through this survey. Please note that response times from local- and state-level organizations may vary during the COVID-19 emergency.
- The State Library also offers a basic SFSP guide for Ohio libraries: [library.ohio.gov/summer-food](http://library.ohio.gov/summer-food).

## Summer Library Program/Summer Reading Program

- Ohio State Fair coupons, Ohio Renaissance Festival coupon order forms, and Armstrong Museum coupons are available for 2020. If you work at an Ohio public library that will distribute any or all of these incentives, contact [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) to obtain them. Note that Ren Fest order forms need to be submitted by April 10.
- The 2020 theme for the Collaborative Summer Library Program's (CSLP) summer program is "Imagine Your Story", with artwork by LeUyen Pham. All Ohio public libraries may use CSLP themes and materials but are not required to do so. The State Library of Ohio supports your summer library program regardless of its theme and content. See The [Ohio Summer Library Program website](#) for resources.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) with any questions about SLP or if we can assist you in any way with your summer planning. We are monitoring news about the timeline of the COVID-19 emergency and will be prepared with basic advice and resources should library SLPs need to be altered because of ongoing emergency protocols.

## 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: Kristin Wilson, Loudonville Public Library; Steve Moser, Dayton Metro Library; and Janet Ingraham Dwyer, State Library of Ohio. Kristin, Steve, and Janet will be scheduling training opportunities around Ohio for 2020 and 2021.

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- Transforming Teen Services prioritizes the value of services for and with teens, the uniqueness of each community, and the primacy of equity. Learn more about this national initiative:
  - [www.ala.org/yalsa/train-trainer-project](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/train-trainer-project)
  - [www.slj.com/?detailStory=imls-grants-yalsa-chance-train-librarians-better-serve-teens](http://www.slj.com/?detailStory=imls-grants-yalsa-chance-train-librarians-better-serve-teens)

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