

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, May 31, 2015

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<https://library.ohio.gov/about/state-librarian-board/>

Guiding Ohio Online

- Guiding Ohio Online engages AmeriCorps members to perform training sessions, hands-on help, and other services to fulfill the vision of every Ohioan being able to fully participate in e-government, search for jobs online, understand the risks and benefits to internet finance, connect with family online, and protect personal information in the digital age. Guiding Ohio Online targets populations in rural Ohio, resulting in enhanced digital skills.
- The public libraries that will host an AmeriCorps member during year two of the project have been selected. Ten public libraries will host a full-time AmeriCorps member and twenty public libraries will host a part-time AmeriCorps member. The process for recruiting and selecting AmeriCorps Members has now begun.
- Questions should be addressed to Mandy Knapp, aknapp@library.ohio.gov.

List of New Acquisitions

- New titles can be found at <https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/>.

LSTA

- State Library staff and the LSTA Advisory Council are in the process of developing RFPs and application materials for the new LSTA competitive grant categories. Competitive grant categories for the coming year are: Literacy, STEM, Outreach & Partnerships, and Data Management & Analytics. RFPs will be posted in mid-late June with proposals due in late September. Applicants may request up to \$50,000 in federal funds. Funded projects will run January – September 2016. The new RFPs will be released later this summer.
- The LSTA Open Grant program closed on May 31. The program will be revised and a revised Open Grant program will be announced July 1.
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Ready to Read

- The Ohio Ready to Read (ORTR) “**Early Literacy 101**” workshop is a free training for Ohio public librarians and library staff. ORTR trainers are available to travel to your library to present this workshop, if you can host 20-30 library staff from your library/system, neighboring libraries, and/or any Ohio public library staff willing to travel to your location. Now is a good time to consider arranging a workshop for fall 2015. See the [Ohio Ready to Read website](#) for details.
- Questions about Ohio Ready to Read and early literacy resources for libraries should be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

Summer Reading Program

- The 2015 incentive certificate for 50% off camping at Ohio State Parks is now available. ODNR has made several changes to this incentive, based on librarian feedback. New this year: certificate holders MAY RESERVE their campsites. Also, the certificate is now good 7 days a week, with a reduced discount on weekends. Campers may use the coupon for up to 14 consecutive days. Holiday weekends are excluded. This certificate may be used as an incentive in any public library's summer reading program. For a master copy of the certificate, email Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.
- The 2015 Ohio State Fair incentive coupon is now available. This coupon is good for \$4 off admission to the Ohio State Fair for summer readers ages 5-14, and can be used as an incentive in any public library's summer reading program. For a master copy of this incentive, email Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.
- Janet attended the Collaborative Summer Library Program's annual meeting as the state representative from Ohio. At this meeting, the 2017 CSLP program slogan and 2018 theme were

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selected. The 2017 slogan, for all ages, will be "**Build a Better World**". This is the first time the CSLP delegates have chosen one slogan across children's/early literacy, teen, and adult programs, and is something many librarians have requested. The 2018 theme will be **Music**.

- Questions on Summer Reading should be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

Staffing

- Based on notification from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Office of Information Technology, the State Library has suspended the external job posting for the Chief Information Officer position.
- Three internal applicants applied for the Executive Secretary to the State Librarian's Office position. The promotional opportunity was awarded to Julia Ward, LSTA Fiscal Coordinator, Library Programs and Development. Julia officially begins her new role on June 1, 2015. The State Library is evaluating the resulting vacancy to determine the current business needs of the position.

Training

- Janet Ingraham Dwyer presented the Early Literacy 101 workshop on May 1 for librarians from the public library systems in Ashtabula County. Representatives of the Ashtabula County Community Action Agency and Head Start also attended this workshop, hosted by the Henderson Memorial Public Library. See above under "Ohio Ready to Read" for information on scheduling this workshop in your area.
- Janet traveled to Doha, Qatar on May 13-18 on invitation of the Qatar Foundation and Qatar National Library, to co-present the Early Literacy 101 workshop to library and museum staff and representatives of affiliated organizations in Qatar. This opportunity arose from Janet's longstanding collaboration with Carol Mitchell, Head of Children's Services at Qatar National Library and former children's librarian at Greene County Public Library. Janet and Carol served together on the Ohio Ready to Read task force before Carol's relocation to Doha. Janet undertook this opportunity on her own time, and deeply appreciated the opportunity to share, internationally, early literacy practices supported by Ohio Ready to Read and outlined in the American Library Association's Every Child Ready to Read® @ your library® program.
- All five Library Development Consultants as well as Missy Lodge attended the SEO Users Group on May 19. They presented a session on "What the State Library can do for you" which discussed State Library programs and services for libraries, with a particular emphasis on LPD services.
- Library Consultants Katy Klettlinger and Kristin Krumsee presented a free webinar for OHIONET entitled "Who are these people and what are they (or aren't they) doing in my library." The presentation focused on the importance of data in decision-making and credible resources for data collection.
- Katy Klettlinger was a presenter at the NEO-RLS workshop "Record History at Cleveland's Digi-Lab" on May 28.
- Matthew Dyer, Head of Employee Services, conducted Give 'Em the Pickle customer service training for the Southeastern Ohio Children's Library Committee on May 7, 2015.

Website

- The new State Library website launched on Wednesday, May 27th. The site, which features a more user-friendly interface, improved site navigation, and enhanced search functionality, was designed and developed by IdeaBase, a Kent State student powered design firm based in Kent, Ohio. State Library staff members Marsha McDevitt-Stredney and Eric Maynard led the project. <https://library.ohio.gov/news/new-website/>

Other

- Staff members Matthew Dyer and Marsha McDevitt-Stredney each completed the requirements to become a Certified Tourism Ambassador, or CTA, for Greater Columbus. For more information on the Certified Tourism Ambassador program in your area, visit <https://www.ctanetwork.com/>.

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