

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, August 31, 2016

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

Conferences & Professional Development

- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney attended the Strategic Assessment and Communication workshop on August 12 that was hosted by Martha Kyriillidou, QualityMetrics LLC, the School of Library and Information Science, Kent State University, the State Library of Ohio, the IFLA Statistics and Evaluation Committee, and QQML.
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Columbus 2016
 - Marsha McDevitt-Stredney delivered the State Library of Ohio pop-up banner for the conference's Library Boulevard. There were 30 public, academic, and special libraries and organizations and consortia selected to participate in the IFLA 2016 Library Boulevard.
 - Marsha attended an off-site full day IFLA Satellite Session, *Worth a Thousand Words: A Global Perspective on Image Description, Discovery, and Access*, hosted by the Art Libraries Section of IFLA and held at The Ohio State University Billy Ireland Library and Museum.
 - Marsha served as an IFLA Conference volunteer in the Speaker Preview/Preparation room.
- Marsha McDevitt-Stredney viewed the third session of the Introduction to Tableau webinar via OhioNET.

Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)

- The DPLA Service Hub application was submitted on August 5. We are now awaiting a request for revisions to the application.
- Three working groups will be a part of the prototype project: Advocacy, Metadata, and Technology. Chairs for the groups have already been appointed and a call for members will be sent out in the fall.
- More information on the project can be found at <http://dplaohio.org>. Questions should be addressed to Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov.

Displays and Exhibits

- The third custom display case was installed on August 10th. Museum Acrylics designed, built and installed the cases.



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- The National Park Service Centennial celebration exhibit was installed in August. It features government documents, prints from digitized photos and posters, and other items in our collections (and borrowed from private collections) related to the National Park Service Centennial. Items are displayed and posters and prints are hanging in the gallery and lobby areas.



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- A Choose to Read Ohio display was installed in the Map Room of the Ohio State House on August 1st. The display features selected books from the Choose to Read Ohio list and will remain in place until the second week of September. There were 1,475 visitors scheduled, 2,065 walk-ins, and 850 wedding attendees that had the opportunity to view the display in August. The visitor count does not include lobbyists, legislators, and corporate events attendees in the Ohio Statehouse each month.

Events

- On Thursday, August 25, the State Library hosted one of five **Children's Services Unconferences**, held simultaneously in locations around Ohio. Presented by the Ohio Library Council's Children's Services Division, the Unconferences provided division members the opportunity to gather and talk about all things related to children's services in an informal, dynamic, collaborative setting. Janet Ingraham Dwyer participated in the Unconference.

List of New Acquisitions

- The list of new titles in the State Library Circulating Book Collection for August is available on our website at: <https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/>

LSTA

- The LSTA Open Grant program is currently open. The RFP and information on the Open Grant program can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#AvailableGrants>. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Open grants were recently awarded to Jonathan Alder Local Schools and Garnet A. Wilson Public Library.
- The LSTA competitive grant program closed September 1. Applications will be sent to review committees with recommended applications being taken to the December State Library Board meeting for funding.
- Fourteen applications were received for the special grant program to conserve an item or collection within the library. Applications will be reviewed by members of the Ohio Preservation Council and State Library staff.
- The State Library is in the process of developing a special grant program to encourage libraries to form a [Next Chapter Book Club](#). It is anticipated that applications will be available in late fall/early winter.
- Every five years, the State Library is required by IMLS to conduct an independent evaluation of the current LSTA Five-Year Plan. The State Library has selected The Bishoff Group to conduct Ohio's evaluation. The process will include a survey and focus groups. It is anticipated the survey will be made available in October 2016 with focus groups being conducted in November.
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, cboyden@library.ohio.gov or Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Digital Library

- The eBook *Voices from the March on Washington*, a 2017 & 2018 Choose to Read Ohio selection, will be available for unlimited downloads between January 1 and June 30, 2017 in the Ohio Digital Library. After that time, the title will resume normal circulation in the collection. *Voices from the March on Washington*, by J. Patrick Lewis and George Ella Lyon, is a collection of 70 poems from a variety of first person perspectives, written for a teen audience. With the title available for African American History month in February and National Poetry Month in April, public libraries have numerous opportunities for timely programming around the title's themes. A companion web resource offers downloadable publicity items and a toolkit featuring programming suggestions, discussion questions, and author biographies: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/digital-resources/#VoicesFromtheMarchonWashington>.

Ohio Ready to Read

- Visit the newly-redesigned Ohio Ready to Read (ORTR) website at <http://ohreadytoread.org> for an array of early literacy information and supports. Featuring a streamlined, mobile-friendly design, the site supplies resources for library programming, from planning storytimes to serving English Language Learner services. It also offers self-paced education on kindergarten readiness and student learning; access to the Early Literacy 101 training workshop (see below); and resource collections on early literacy research, advocacy, grant seeking, and partnerships. The new ORTR website is a Dynamic Website Kit designed by the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN). ORTR is a joint initiative of the Ohio Library Council and State Library of Ohio, established to educate Ohio's families on the importance of early childhood literacy through resources and activities available at Ohio's public libraries.
- The Ohio Ready to Read (ORTR) "**Early Literacy 101**" workshop is a free training for Ohio public librarians and library staff. This is a hands-on workshop to help build a firm foundation in early literacy. Participants will learn how brain development impacts how young children learn, and will explore effective, research-based early literacy activities for storytime and outreach. 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 2016. See the [Ohio Ready to Read website](#) for details.
- Questions about Ohio Ready to Read and early literacy resources for libraries may be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

Personnel

- Judith Cosgray transferred from her Library Consultant position in Columbus to a Librarian Supervisor position at SEO Library Center.

Publication

- The upcoming Vol. 5, Issue 3 of the [Ohio Libraries Quarterly](#) will include a variety of articles and feature interview with Sheila Campbell, Library Media Specialist for the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. The interview took place and photos were taken at the zoo on August 27.

Signage

- Wayfinding signage in the stacks is 90% complete.





Summer Food Service Program

- 137 Ohio library locations are serving as SFSP sites in 2016, meaning that lunch and/or snacks are provided free to children ages 0-18 at the library through this USDA-funded program. This is a tremendous level of participation, reflecting a 23% increase from the 111 libraries participating in 2015. Many thanks to all the libraries providing this much-needed service for children and families who struggle to access affordable and nutritious meals when school is out. To learn more about the SFSP, determine whether your library is in an eligible area (80% of Ohio library buildings sit either in eligible zones or within 1,000 feet of an eligible zone), and explore how to participate in 2017, see [Summer Food Service Program: How Libraries Can Help](#) and read the article by Gregg Gassman in *Ohio Libraries Quarterly*, vol. 5, issue 2.

Summer Reading Program

- The [2016 Ohio SRP Evaluation survey](#) is open. All Ohio public libraries are asked to complete this survey before September 30. Your response helps ensure high-quality resources and support for future SRPs and helps document the positive impact of summer library programs statewide. Libraries are also encouraged to share photos and anecdotes that show how SRP benefits children, teens, or adults in your community. Bookmark the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/srpeval2016>. Thank you to the many libraries that have already completed the survey.
- In conjunction with the 2016 Ohio SRP Evaluation Survey, the State Library seeks SRP photos and stories to use in statewide communications that tell the story of summer library programs around Ohio and how they benefit children, teens, and communities. If you have photos to share (with implicit or explicit consent of all persons appearing in each photo that the photo be published), please email them to Janet Ingraham Dwyer, jdwyer@library.ohio.gov, or direct her to your Facebook, Flickr, or other social media presence as appropriate.

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- The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is transitioning from a paper to an electronic manual. The 2017 manual will be available in paper for purchase from the CSLP/Upstart catalog. The State Library will purchase CSLP manuals for all Ohio public libraries in three electronic formats (USB flash drive, DVD, online). Libraries were surveyed in June for their preferred manual format. CSLP manuals are provided to Ohio public libraries at no cost to the libraries. This service is supported in whole by Institute of Museum and Library Services LSTA funds granted through the State Library of Ohio. Purchases from the Upstart incentive catalog are at the library's discretion and are the responsibility of the library.
- Questions on SRP should be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer, jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

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