

Monthly Report, August 31, 2020
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<https://library.ohio.gov/about/state-librarian-board/>

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.
 - As a reminder, field data collection work for Census 2020 [will now end](#) on September 30, 2020.

Choose to Read Ohio

- This spring, the State Library of Ohio and the Ohioana Library Association, with the Ohio Center for the Book and the Choose to Read Ohio Advisory Council, announced the 20 books selected for the **2021 & 2022 Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) booklist**. [Download the new 2021 & 2022 booklist](#) formatted for printing and sharing. [Read the press release](#) about the new booklist and how it was selected.
- A Choose to Read Ohio author panel was a part of the virtual 2020 [Ohioana Book Festival](#), held August 28-30. Janet Ingraham Dwyer introduced the panel of authors.
- Through a biennial booklist of 20 representative titles for all ages, CTRO helps libraries, schools, families, book clubs, and others build communities of readers and an appreciation of Ohio authors, illustrators, and literature. Learn more about CTRO and download booklists and toolkits: library.ohio.gov/ctro. Questions about CTRO can be directed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

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 until January 4, State Library staff continue to work from their homes.
- The State Library of Ohio will resume lending materials on Tuesday, September 8. **Items will be available via contact-free front door pickup at the State Library beginning Wednesday, September 16, 2020 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Please note: contact-free front door pickup service will ONLY be provided on Wednesdays for the foreseeable future. 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.
- Our reference and cataloging librarians are working remotely, [responding to reference requests](#) from state employees and the general public alike.
- 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. We continue to catalog and archive state agency web publications regarding COVID-19 for posterity.

- Digital resources including the Ohio Digital Library 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](#).

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.
- At the July State Library Board Meeting, the following libraries were awarded an LSTA grant to serve as Guiding Ohio Online sites from October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021:
 - Ada Public Library
 - Adams County Public Library
 - Cardington-Lincoln Public Library
 - Cuyahoga Falls Library
 - East Palestine Memorial Public Library
 - Henderson Memorial Public Library
 - Huron County Community Library
 - Kingsville Public Library
 - Kinsman Free Public Library
 - Licking County Library
 - Logan-Hocking County District Library
 - Madison Public Library
 - Meigs County District Public Library
 - Newton Falls Public Library
 - Perry Cook Memorial Public Library
 - Pickerington Public Library
 - Putnam County District Library
 - Salem Public Library
 - Wagnalls Memorial Library
- If you have any questions regarding the funding or budget of Guiding Ohio Online, please contact the LSTA Office at 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.

List of New Acquisitions

- A selection of ebooks and audiobooks recently added to the Ohio Digital Library for August is available on our website at: <https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/august-2020/>. 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 invites all library types to apply for the [2020-2021 Competitive Grant](#) program. Applicants may request up to \$50,000 in federal funds, and all projects must include a 25% local cash match of the total project cost. Applications must be received at the State Library by 11:59 p.m. on October 2, 2020. Proposals for Ohio LSTA Competitive Grants must fall within the following four categories:
 - **Data Management and Analytics:** Create strong libraries and communities by defining outcomes, developing assessments, drawing conclusions from data, data visualizations, and/or managing and using data to make better decisions.

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- **Literacy:** Supports the library role in the learning experience where literacy is defined as the ability to read, write and interact across a range of platforms and tools, and it encompasses early literacy, digital literacy, functional literacy, and others.
- **Outreach and Partnerships:** Assist libraries in providing new and innovative ways of providing services to users and potential users and in reaching individuals at a range of locations and through a variety of methods.
- **STEM (or STEAM):** Provides for innovative and adaptable projects which will include creative, educational, programmatic and/or instructional elements designed to increase skills and knowledge for student success.
- In Early July, the State Library of Ohio's [CARES Act Mini-Grant Program](#) was launched. Using federal LSTA funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services distributed to State Library Agencies as part of the federal CARES Act stimulus package, the State Library of Ohio invited applicants of all library types to apply online for a \$3,000 mini-grant with flexible spending parameters and an extended grant period.
 - Due to the overwhelming response from the Ohio library community, all Federal funds for this grant initiative have been expended. Applicants are in the process of being notified as to their application status.
- 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>.
 - The following libraries received an Open Grant in August:
 - Mentor Public Library
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, cboyden@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Digital Library

- Through August 31, 2020, ODL has tallied **4,486,754** checkouts. ODL continues to far outpace the previous year, as this number of checkouts wasn't achieved until roughly mid-October of 2019.
- 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 47,500 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]

- Through August, the Ohio Digital Network (ODN) now has over 233,000 items on [dp.la](#) from 24 active contributors.
- Save the date! ODN's second annual ODNFest will be held online on Tuesday, October 13.
- ODN is proud of its summer webinar series, "What the Wiki," which focused on Wikipedia and digital library collections. Recordings for these three webinars can be found on the Ohio Digital Network's [YouTube channel](#).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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Ohio Ready to Read

- 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.
- 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.
- Recognizing that our revision of the Day By Day calendar code would be helpful for other states interested in adopting the calendar, the State Library IT team has made the revised code available to any other interested state. As an additional service, our IT team created an implementation of the code that is “genericized” – with state-specific resources/links removed and replaced by placeholders or with content that is appropriate to any state.

Presentations

- Library Consultant Kirstin Krumsee and Government Documents Librarian Elissa Lawrence gave a presentation about the State Library and government information to a community group on August 26.
- Janet Ingraham Dwyer spoke at a NEO-RLS Adult Services Networking meeting about summer library program statistics and outcomes in 2020.
- Jen Johnson presented a webinar titled “[What the Wiki: Adding Content to the Wikiverse](#)” as part of the Ohio Digital Network’s summer webinar series focusing on Wikipedia and digital library collections.
- Erin Kelsey, in collaboration with Bexley Public Library, led an interview with Dr. Hasan Jeffries, titled “[Making Sense of the Moment: The Library’s Role in Helping Us Understand Race and Racism](#).” The linked recording has been viewed more than 900 times!
- Erin Kelsey gave a talk on the State Library’s services to libraries as part of the OLC Small Libraries Discussion Forum.
- Cindy Boyden presented a webinar for OhioNET titled “CARES Act Funding for Ohio Libraries.”

Professional Activities

- Shannon Kupfer-Trausch compiled the input of State Library staff involved with Ohio Memory for the Ohio Memory blog post: [Ohio Memory Staff Picks, Part 2](#)
- Government Documents Librarian Elissa Lawrence is working with the Government Publishing Office (GPO) Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to assist federal depository libraries in Ohio. Any questions or issues? Email govdocs@library.ohio.gov.

SEO Service Center

- The total automation consortium circulation for past 30 days was **794,274**.
- There were **11,306** new users created in the past 30 days.
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**242**
 - This includes Referral Center requests and SEO Items requested.
- Courtesy Renewals for Referral Center members due closures—**88**
- There were **516** support tickets for the past 30 days.
- **SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMobile) Stats**
 - **521** new devices
 - **11,276** holds placed
 - **33,295** app launches
 - **32,446** total searches
- **Consortium Service Highlights**
 - On August 12, 2020, Jay led the SEO Technical Services Committee quarterly meeting via GoToMeeting.

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- During March-June, holds were suspended in the SEO Automation Consortium. Between July 20 and August 14, 226,581 holds were unsuspending. Holds are now operating as normal.
- The Library Management System (LMS) team created 6,090 electronic resource users for 11 libraries.
- The LMS team began profiling the data for Louisville Public Library and Rodman Public Library
- Misty Wycarver and Jay Miley hosted the SEO Tech Services Committee meeting on August 12, 2020. Twenty members attended this meeting.
- The first virtual Advisory Committee meeting was held via GoToMeeting on August 19, 2020. Those attending from SEO were John Stewart, Jay Miley, Valeria Weaver, Janice Bond, Brenda Michel, and Michael Postlethwait.
- **Training**
 - Released new [Two Minute Tutorial Using the Manage Hold Shelf Wizard](#)
 - Released new [Two Minute Tutorial Navigating the New SEO Website](#)
 - Revised [New Circulation Staff Training Recommendation document](#)
 - Revised [New Cataloging Staff Training Recommendations document](#)
- **Niche Academy Stats**

Tutorial	Usage
COVID-19 RESOURCES AND INFORMATION	13
The SEO Library App	33
OverDrive Libby eBooks, Audiobooks, and More	155
Using the Online Catalog	161
Managing Your Online Account	116
Using the Online Catalog to Find Digital Materials	32
Using the Catalog to Find Articles and Journals	315
Lynda.com Tech Skills to Boost Your Career	2
Chilton Auto Repair Instructions	23
Consumer Health Complete	1
Elementary (Kids InfoBits)	4
The Reading Room: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Lexile Reading Levels	8
Ancestry Library Edition - Access Billions of Genealogical Records	1
Fold3 Remembering Veterans Through Military Records	3
World Book Encyclopedias and More (1)	0
Science Reference Center	1
Transparent Language Online Language Learning	5
The SEO Library Die-Cut Collection	12
Using the My Lists Feature	17
Placing Holds on Magazines	10
Placing Item Specific or Multiple Holds	74
Goodreads Perfect Book Recommendations	17
Total	1003

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Strategic Planning

- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
 - Ashland Public Library
 - Oak Harbor Public Library
 - Lima Public Library
 - Loudonville Public Library
 - Canal Fulton Public Library
 - Germantown Public Library
 - New Carlisle Public Library
 - Arcanum Public Library
 - Pemberville Public Library
 - Kaubisch Memorial Public 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 2020 Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation survey is somewhat different and a bit shorter this year. Ohio public libraries are asked to indicate if they offered a Summer Library Program in 2020 and are strongly encouraged to submit SLP participation numbers (if collected) and to indicate whether the library participated in the Summer Food Service Program. Other questions are optional, including program/event attendance and information about new activities and strategies developed for 2020.
- All Ohio public libraries are asked to complete the Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation survey at the end of their Summer Library Program and not later than **October 5**. The survey link is www.surveymonkey.com/r/slpeval2020.
- The 2021 Collaborative Summer Library Program manual will be provided to all Ohio public libraries online, via access code on the CSLP website. 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 catalog this fall. Such purchases are at the library's discretion and are not covered by LSTA funds. The online manual will include the complete program manual, all artwork and downloadables, and many extra resources not available in the static manual formats.
- The 2021 CSLP slogan will be "Tails and Tales." The program will feature artwork by Salina Yoon on the theme of animals.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions about SLP or if we can assist you in any way. We can help you find resources, ideas, and support as you continue to adjust your SLP and other programs and services to meet safety and social distancing protocols, and as you review your outcomes and begin considering planning for summer 2021.

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 is: Kristin Wilson, Loudonville Public Library; Steve Moser, Dayton Metro Library; and Janet Ingraham Dwyer, State Library of Ohio.
- Planned trainings across Ohio were interrupted by the public health emergency. Ohio's team is developing a six-hour online Transforming Teen Services course, with the first cohort ready to begin in early September. 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