

# STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, September 30, 2020  
Reports are posted on the State Library of Ohio website at  
<https://library.ohio.gov/about/state-librarian-board/>

## Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Awards

- Voting is currently open for the 2020 Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Awards. This statewide readers' choice award is supported by a council of organizations including the State Library of Ohio, Ohio Library Council, Ohio Educational Library Media Association, Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts, the Kent State University iSchool, and the Ohio Literacy Association.
- Ohio's reader's choice book award is notable among other state book award programs in that all nominations, as well as winning titles, are entirely selected by the state's children and teens.
- Buckeye Book Award voting is open online at [www.bcbookaward.info](http://www.bcbookaward.info) through November 10. There is a button for students to click on to vote, as well as a button for teachers and librarians who collect student votes and wish to submit them in bulk.
- Questions about the Buckeye Book Awards can be directed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov).

## 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, for now, continue](#) beyond the originally-set end date of September 30, 2020, as the issue has been taken up in Federal court.

## 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.
- 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](http://library.ohio.gov/ctro). Questions about CTRO can be directed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto: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 has resumed lending materials. **Items will be available via contact-free front door pickup at the State Library on Wednesdays 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.

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- 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](mailto: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](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).

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## LSTA

- The State Library invited all library types to apply for the [2020-2021 Competitive Grant](#) program. The application period closed at 11:59 p.m. on October 2, 2020. Applicants could request up to \$50,000 in federal funds, and all projects must have included a 25% local cash match of the total project cost. Proposals for Ohio LSTA Competitive Grants had to fall within the following four categories:
  - Data Management and Analytics
  - Literacy
  - Outreach and Partnerships
  - STEM (or STEAM)
- 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.
  - 322 mini-grants, totaling \$966,000, were awarded to public, academic, school, and special libraries, as well as library support organizations, in 80 of Ohio's 88 counties.
- 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 library received an Open Grant in September:
    - OhioNET
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, [cboyden@library.ohio.gov](mailto:cboyden@library.ohio.gov).

## Ohio Digital Library

- Through September 30, 2020, ODL has tallied 5,040,749 checkouts. ODL circulation continues to far outpace the previous year.
- 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. Users that sign up via the Instant Digital Card will be directed to their local library to fill out a physical library card. In September 2020, 5,894 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 September, the Ohio Digital Network (ODN) now has over 234,300 items on [dp.la](#) from 24 active contributors.
- ODN's second annual [ODNFest](#) will be held online on Tuesday, October 13, and features a keynote presentation by Holly Smith of Spelman College. Please [click here](#) to register.
- ODN and the State Library have launched a [Metadata Mini-Grant program](#), to empower libraries and museums to prepare their collections for the [Digital Public Library of America](#). Libraries may apply for up to \$4,999 in federal LSTA funds to prepare collections for DPLA.
  - Applications are due on November 2, 2020
  - An informational webinar on this initiative will be held on October 7, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. [Click here](#) to register.
- DPLA launched the [Black Women's Suffrage Portal](#) on September 8. The Black Women's Suffrage Digital Collection is a collaborative project to provide digital access to materials documenting the roles and experiences of Black Women in the Women's Suffrage Movement and, more broadly, women's rights, voting rights, and civic activism between the 1850s and 1960. To celebrate the launch, DPLA held a [webinar on the importance of curating Black Collections](#), and included information on the [Harmful Language Statement](#) crafted by the DPLA Metadata Working Group.
  - As a co-chair of the Metadata Working Group, Penelope Shumaker shared about the group's process of writing the statement.

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- 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](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).
- 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

- 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](http://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.

## Presentations

- Cindy Boyden presented a webinar for OhioNET titled, “Get Started With Grant Writing.”
- Evan Struble facilitated a conversation and recorded a video with representatives of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addition Services, encouraging Ohio library staff to register for Mental Health First Aid training. This free training is supported by a grant awarded to the Ohio Statewide Mental Health First Aid Collaborative.

## Professional Activities

- Stephanie Michaels contributed the following blog post to the [Ohio Memory](#) blog: [100 Years of the NFL](#).
- 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](mailto:govdocs@library.ohio.gov).

## SEO Service Center

- The total automation consortium circulation for past 30 days was **849,599**.
- There were **6,357** new users created in the past 30 days.
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**348**
  - This includes Referral Center requests and SEO Items requested.
- There were **348** support tickets for the past 30 days.
- Total circulation for ILL contracted libraries for the past 30 days was **9,116**.
  - These are libraries that pay \$1,000 annually to borrow from the SEO Consortium.
- **SEO Consortium Libraries App (BCMobile) Stats**
  - **474** new devices
  - **11,526** holds placed
  - **31,460** app launches
  - **34,501** total searches
- **Splashtop On-Demand Access**
  - **20** on-demand remote sessions

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- **Consortium Service Highlights**

- The Library Management Software team created 1093 electronic resource cards for five library systems.
- On September 4, SEO implemented across 240+ library profiles a new Kid's Catalog upgrade.
- On September 21, SEO started offering an enhanced self-registration form. Three libraries are now using the new form.
- John Stewart, Jay Miley, Nicole Brown, and Brenda Michel visited Louisville Public Library and Rodman Public Library on September 10. These libraries will be joining SEO on November 12, 2020.
- Jay Miley visited the Tuscarawas County Public Library on September 16 to view and understand procedures with the library's hold lockers. Several SEO libraries have expressed interest in adding lockers as additional pickup locations.
- Misty Wycarver, John Stewart, and Jay Miley attended a meeting with Baker and Taylor on September 29 to discuss BTCAT Discovery.
- Misty Wycarver attended the SirsiDynix Consortia SIG User Group on September 20.

- **Niche Academy Stats**

<b>Tutorial</b>	<b>20-Sep</b>
COVID-19 RESOURCES AND INFORMATION	7
The SEO Library App	38
OverDrive Libby eBooks, Audiobooks, and More	178
Using the Online Catalog	59
Managing Your Online Account	98
Using the Online Catalog to Find Digital Materials	58
Using the Catalog to Find Articles and Journals	88
Lynda.com Tech Skills to Boost Your Career	2
Chilton Auto Repair Instructions	8
Consumer Health Complete	1
Elementary (Kids InfoBits)	0
The Reading Room: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Lexile Reading Levels	5
Ancestry Library Edition - Access Billions of Genealogical Records	6
Fold3 Remembering Veterans Through Military Records	9
World Book Encyclopedias and More (1)	0
Science Reference Center	0
Transparent Language Online Language Learning	0
The SEO Library Die-Cut Collection	10
Using the My Lists Feature	4
Placing Holds on Magazines	7
Placing Item Specific or Multiple Holds	58
Goodreads Perfect Book Recommendations	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>644</b>

## Strategic Planning

- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
  - Ashland Public Library
  - Lima Public Library
  - Loudonville Public Library
  - Canal Fulton Public Library

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- o Germantown Public Library
- o New Carlisle Public Library
- o Arcanum Public Library
- o 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](mailto:estruble@library.ohio.gov).

## Summer Library Program/Summer Reading Program

- The 2020 Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation survey closes on **Monday, October 5**. All Ohio public libraries are asked to complete this survey so we can document, share, and discuss this one-of-a-kind summer, and tell stakeholders and decision-makers how Ohio public libraries supported their communities safely and thoughtfully during the public health emergency. The survey link is [www.surveymonkey.com/r/slpeval2020](http://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. Access codes, instructions, and details will be emailed to the youth services contact for each Ohio public library system during the week of October 5. 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. 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 is "Tails and Tales." The program features animal-themed artwork by [Salina Yoon](#).
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) with any questions about SLP.

## 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.
- After planned trainings across Ohio were interrupted by the public health emergency, Ohio's team developed a four-session, six-hour online Transforming Teen Services course. The first cohort completed this course on September 30. Future cohort opportunities will be posted to the Library Youth Services and Ohio Teen Librarians listservs. Contact Janet at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto: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](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/train-trainer-project).

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