

# STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, September 30, 2021  
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<https://library.ohio.gov/about/state-librarian-board/>

## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- At its September meeting, the [State Library of Ohio Board awarded \\$2,306,129](#) in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Outreach Grants to 45 institutions. The purpose of the [ARPA Outreach Grant initiative](#) is to assist libraries and their communities as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as address economic and community needs resulting from the pandemic through equitable approaches. Utilizing [federal ARPA funds](#) received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Ohio libraries of all types were encouraged to submit proposals for this competitive grant program revolving around the concept of outreach.
  - [Click here](#) to see a full list of the 45 ARPA Outreach Grant recipients.
- For additional ARPA updates delivered directly to your inbox from the State Library, please consider [joining the ARPA-OH listserv](#).

## Announcements

### *Email Listservs*

- State Library of Ohio Board awards \$2,306,129 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Outreach Grants
- Information sharing from ALA – National Voter Registration Day and Emergency Connectivity Fund
- WebJunction course catalog, highlighted content, and upcoming webinars available at no cost to library staff
- Critical Conversations – Sustainable Thinking: What the World Needs Now webinar recording now available
- Registration now open for Reimaging School Readiness training class on November 3

### *News – website*

- [State Library of Ohio Board awards \\$2,306,129 in American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) Outreach Grants](#)
- [Call for Nominations for Appointment to State Library Board](#)
- [Next Topic in Critical Thinking Series will be Sustainable Thinking–What the World Needs Now](#)

## Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Awards

- Buckeye Book Award voting is open until November 10 at [bcbookaward.info](http://bcbookaward.info). All Ohioans in grades K-12 are eligible to vote. There is a button for students to vote directly, and a button for teachers and librarians who collect student votes and wish to submit them in bulk.
- Students can also nominate titles for the 2022 awards. Eligible books are first published in 2020 or 2021 and not part of a series that has previously won the award. Nominations run through March 10, 2022. See the [Buckeye Book Awards website](#) for details.
- The Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Award program is designed to encourage children in Ohio to read literature critically, to promote teacher and librarian involvement in children's literature programs, and to commend authors of such literature. It was established in 1981 and is a collaborative project of the Ohio Educational Library Media Association, Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts, Ohio Library Council, the Kent State University School of Information (iSchool), and the State Library of Ohio. It is one of the few statewide readers' choice awards in which exclusively students (not adults) nominate titles as well as vote for the winners. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) with any questions.

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## Choose to Read Ohio

- The 2021 & 2022 Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) program cycle is in full swing. The [2021 & 2022 CTRO booklist](#) features 20 notable titles for all ages and reading levels. The booklist includes five books each for young children, middle grades, teens, and adults, and encompasses fiction and nonfiction and a variety of geographic and cultural interests. Ohio librarians, teachers, and other book experts help to select the biennial CTRO booklist. If you would like to participate in the [CTRO selection process](#) by reading and voting on a shortlist of ~10-12 books, contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov).
- Readers' toolkits for all 20 of the 2021 & 2022 titles, and for every book featured on previous CTRO booklists, are available for download on the CTRO website (<https://library.ohio.gov/ctro>). Toolkits include discussion questions, extension activities, author biographies, links, and resources for library program planning, book group use, and individual exploration.
- The **CTRO book widget** provides libraries a customizable platform to showcase books by Ohio authors and illustrators and to provide access to readers' toolkits and more. See it in action at <https://library.ohio.gov/ctro> and download it here: [github.com/StateLibraryofOhio/ctro-book-widget](https://github.com/StateLibraryofOhio/ctro-book-widget).
- 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.

## Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar

- With school back in session, this is a great time to remind families with young children about the [Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar](#) at [DayByDayOH.org](http://DayByDayOH.org), which 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.

## Digital Initiatives

- Shannon Kupfer-Trausch contributed the following to the [Ohio Memory](#) blog: [Remembering 9/11 20 Years Later](#)

## Government Publications

- Government Documents Librarian Elissa Lawrence is working with the Government Publishing Office (GPO) Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to assist with questions from Ohio depository libraries. Any questions or issues? Email [govdocs@library.ohio.gov](mailto:govdocs@library.ohio.gov).
- The State Library is once again partnering with ProQuest to work on a long-term digitization project involving federal government publications. ProQuest covers the cost of all digitization and related costs and the State Library gains free perpetual access to related database sets. The initial restart of this project was January 2020 but was subsequently delayed by the pandemic.

## Guiding Ohio Online

- The State Library's [Guiding Ohio Online](#) program, supported by federal LSTA funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, targets public libraries in Ohio that serve rural populations, in order to help Ohioans develop digital skills needed to fully participate in the digital age. Libraries recommended for funding for the upcoming program year (October 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) were presented to the State Library Board at their July 2021 meeting.
- 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) or by calling 800-686-1532 or 614-644-6863.

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- 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) or by calling 614-466-1710.

## List of New Acquisitions



- A list of print books, ebooks, and audiobooks recently added to the State Library's collection for September is available on our website at: <https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/september-2021/>.

## LSTA

- The State Library of Ohio, in partnership with the [Ohio Preservation Council](#) (OPC), [recently announced](#) the availability of LSTA funds for libraries to conserve a single item or preserve a small, discrete group of items within their collections. The item(s) selected for conservation/preservation should be unique, valuable (culturally or monetarily), and as a cultural artifact speak to the mission and values of the applying institution. All analog formats, including book and paper, object, and artwork are appropriate. Grant applications were accepted through August 2. The following institutions were awarded an LSTA Conservation/Preservation Grant:
  - Greenville Public Library
  - Hudson Library & Historical Society
  - Kenyon College
  - Lloyd Library and Museum
  - Miami University
  - Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Library
  - Otterbein University
  - Ohio Wesleyan University
  - Perry Cook Memorial Public Library
- Earlier this year, the State Library of Ohio announced the second offering of the [LSTA Metadata Mini-Grant](#) program in conjunction with the [Ohio Digital Network](#). The purpose of the grant program is to empower libraries and museums to prepare their collections for the [Digital Public Library of America](#). Libraries could apply for up to \$4999 in federal LSTA funds to prepare collections for DPLA. Grant applications were accepted through July 14. The following institutions were awarded an LSTA Metadata Mini-Grant:
  - Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library
  - Columbus Metropolitan Library
  - The Ohio State University
  - Perry Cook Memorial Public Library
  - Shaker Heights Public Library
  - University of Akron

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- Libraries may apply for an LSTA 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 the month of September:
    - Cleveland Law Library Association
    - East Holmes Local Schools
    - Muskingum County Library System
- Questions regarding the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, [cboyden@library.ohio.gov](mailto:cboyden@library.ohio.gov).

## Ohio Digital Library

- In the month of September, ODL tallied 593,538 checkouts. Thus far, total circulation for 2021 is 5,452,659.
  - The most popular title was [The Girls in the Still House](#) which was the featured title August 29 through September 3 and checked out over 1,200 times in September. In this 2021 Southern fiction debut novel, murder breaks through the racial divide that separates two teenage girls, forging an unlikely friendship. It's a perfect book for fans of *Where the Crawdads Sing* and *If the Creek Don't Rise*.
  - Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at [the real-time checkouts and holds](#).
- Spooky season starts this month in the [Horror](#) reading room!
- Over 2,000 always available, no wait comics and graphic novels have been added to the collection! [Start reading](#) your favorite Marvel, Disney, Dark Horse, IDW, and Image comics and graphic novels now.
- In mid-March 2020, 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 2021, 3,841 registrations took place.
- Have you tried the Libby app yet? [Get started](#) today!

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

- Through September, the Ohio Digital Network (ODN) now has over [283,000 items](#) on dp.la. from 30 active contributors.
  - This includes the contributors who received the 2020-2021 cycle of LSTA Metadata Mini-Grants.
  - Through the work of the DPLA programmers, specific collections are now visible in the [DPLA portal](#). Users can now sort and filter by collection, allowing them to see items in context on the DPLA website.
- ODN Usage Analytics through September 29th:
  - <https://ohiodigitalnetwork.org/contributors/analytics-dashboard/>

Total September Ohio Items Viewed on DPLA Item Pages*	1010
Total September Ohio Click Throughs*	752
Total September Ohio Events*	1762

- [ODNFest 2021](#) will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 19. This is a free event open to all professionals with an interest in digitization and Ohio's cultural heritage. [Click here](#) for speaker information and registration.
- A new informational video on how things work at ODN and DPLA has been created and can be accessed [here](#) on the [ODN YouTube Channel](#). Check it out if you've always been curious about these initiatives or would like a refresher.
- Jen Johnson and Penelope Shumaker are available to speak to libraries and cultural heritage institutions about DPLA and ODN. For details, contact Jen Johnson, [jjohnson@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jjohnson@library.ohio.gov).

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- 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).

## Presentations

- Erin Kelsey facilitated the State Library's most recent addition to the "Critical Conversations" series, a partnership with [OhioNet](#), titled [Sustainable Thinking: What the World Needs Now](#) featuring guest speaker Rebekkah Smith Aldrich on September 8.
- In her role on the DPLA Metadata Working Group, Penelope Shumaker helped facilitate the DPLA Metadata Working Group coffee chat on September 23. Over 40 participants from DPLA hubs and partners attended the chat.
- Jen Johnson and Penelope Shumaker presented at Columbus Metropolitan Library's September 29 DigiHub meeting, a meeting for partners who utilize CML's DigiHub services such as general digitization and MyHistory. The presentation focused on how CML's partners can participate in ODN/DPLA through CML's MyHistory.
- Penelope Shumaker presented at the Ohio Local History Alliance Annual Meeting with John Dewees, Digitization Manager, Toledo Lucas County Public Library, on Making Your Digital Collection Go Further. The presentation focused on how to use DPLA's Wikimedia project to increase visibility for digital collections.

## Professional Development

- David Green attended the OhioLINK Summit 2021: What's on Your Mind? Open Discussion on September 2.
- Andy Ingraham Dwyer attended Symantec - Live webcast: The Rise of Ransomware on September 14.
- Eric Maynard attended the Ohio Virtual Digital Government Summit 2021 on September 21.
- David Green attended Microsoft Azure Virtual Training Day: DevOps with GitHub Parts 1 & 2 on September 21-22.
- David Green attended the Ohio Innovative Users Group (OH-IUG) Annual Conference on Sept 24.

## Reimagining School Readiness

- The State Library of Ohio is proud to support the [Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit](#), a suite of research-backed resources created for library staff to help families prepare children ages birth to 8 years for success in school and in life. The toolkit was developed by the [Bay Area Discovery Museum](#) in collaboration with the California State Library and the Pacific Library Partnership.
- A Reimagining School Readiness workshop was held on September 14 with 29 library staff members in attendance. Led by Penelope Shumaker (along with Pam Brockway, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County; Celeste Swanson, The Lane Libraries; and Julia Shaheen, Stark County District Library), participants commented that the workshop was well-organized and engaging, and they enjoyed the hands-on examples shared.
- There is one remaining workshop for the fall: November 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (class is full)
  - Additional workshops are being prepared for Spring 2022; please keep an eye on the various library listservs and traditional communication channels for details.
  - All associated workshops for this initiative are led live online and are not recorded. These workshops cover such topics as:
    - key findings from current cognitive and developmental psychology research
    - the implications of those findings for library staff's daily work
    - practical ready-to-implement ideas for activities
    - resources for staff training and for parents/caregivers
- Additional information about this initiative can be found [here](#).

## SEO Service Center

- Total automation consortium circulation for the past 30 days—**881,626**
- Total number of new users created in the past 30 days—**13,177**
- Interlibrary loans initiated for the past 30 days—**639**
  - This includes Referral Center requests and SEO items requested.
- There were **639** support tickets for the past 30 days.
- **6** in-house periodicals requests were filled using inhouse databases and resources
- **Niche Academy Stats:**

Tutorial	21-Sep
Where's My Book? Navigating the Dewey Decimal System	124
COVID-19 RESOURCES AND INFORMATION	3
Using the Online Catalog	100
Managing Your Online Account	62
Using the Online Catalog to Find Articles and Journals	34
Using the Online Catalog to Find Digital Materials	23
The SEO Library App	20
LinkedIn Learning: Courses That Expand Your Professional Horizon	6
HeritageQuest: A Collection of Genealogical and Historical Sources	2
Sanborn Maps Historic Insurance Maps for the United States	9
OverDrive   Libby eBooks, Audiobooks, and More	14
OverDrive   Libby eBooks, Audiobooks, y Mas	3
Using the My Lists Feature	3
The SEO Library Die-Cut Collection	10
Placing Item Specific or Multiple Holds	35
Placing Holds on Magazines	30
The Reading Room: Accelerated Reader (AR) and Lexile Reading Levels	1
Lynda.com Tech Skills to Boost Your Career	2
Ancestry Library Edition - Access Billions of Genealogical Records	0
Fold3 Remembering Veterans Through Military Records	2
HeritageQuest: Discover Your Family History Today	0
Research Essentials Authoring Research Questions	0
Research Essentials Better Search Techniques	0
Research Essentials Finding the Right Sources	0
Research Essentials In-Text Citations	0
Research Essentials Paraphrasing and Summarizing	0
Transparent Language Online Language Learning	1
Chilton Auto Repair Instructions	2
Consumer Health Complete	0
Elementary (Kids InfoBits)	1
World Book Encyclopedias and More (1)	01
<b>Total</b>	<b>523</b>

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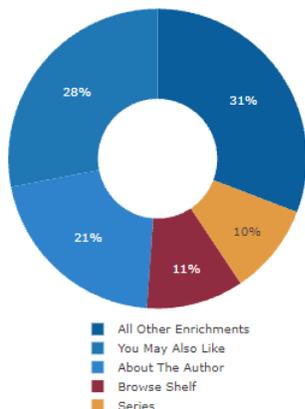
- **SEO Consortium Libraries App Stats**
  - **886** new devices
  - **16,489** holds placed
  - **50,342** app launches
  - **43,676** total searches
- **Splashtop On-Demand Access**
  - **22** on-demand remote sessions
- **Hurt/Battelle Memorial Library Go-Live**
  - Brenda Michel, Don Winland, and Misty Wyscarver worked at the Hurt/Battelle Memorial Library from September 14 to September 17 to perform training, technical help, and assisting staff for the library's migration to the SEO Automation Consortium.
  - 42,976 bibliographic records were loaded/matched.
  - 389 bibliographic records did not load/match.
  - 3,378 users were migrated.
- **Consortium Service Highlights**
  - The SEO Team welcomed the Hurt/Battelle Memorial Library to the SEO Consortium on Thursday, September 16.
  - On September 20, SirsiDynix upgraded the Enterprise Search and Discovery Catalog from version 5.0.1 to 5.1.0.2.
  - On September 1, the migration team had a data call with SirsiDynix for the final preparation work for the Hurt/Battelle Memorial Library go-live.
  - On September 1, the SEO management team met with Paul Schupp, Operations Manager for STAT Courier at SEO.
  - On September 2, John Stewart attended the weekly Statewide delivery meeting with STAT Courier and OhioLINK.
  - The SEO and State Library IT Managers meeting was September 3.
  - On September 9, the SEO management team met with Don Yarman for the SEO/OPLIN monthly project update meeting.
  - On September 9, John Stewart attended a meeting with State Library and OhioLINK to discuss tracking statistics for statewide delivery.
  - On September 10, Wendy Knapp visited SEO to meet with the team and STAT sorters.
  - On September 16, Hurt/Battelle Memorial Library went live as a member of the SEO Automation Consortium.
  - On September 20, Michael Postlethwait and Jay Miley attended SEO's monthly SureSailing consulting call with Kat Stephens from SirsiDynix.
  - On September 22, John Stewart, Michael Postlethwait, and Jay Miley had a meeting with Scott Scherf, Director of the Kaubisch Memorial Public Library, to discuss some SEO services they are interested in adding.
  - The SEO management team met with Hilary Prisbylla, Director of CLEVNET, for their quarterly touch-base meeting to discuss consortium services and challenges on September 23.
  - On September 24, John Stewart, Michael Postlethwait, and Jay Miley had a meeting with Lisa Witteman, Library Relations Manager for SirsiDynix, for their regular meeting and to discuss a few issues with the Enterprise catalog since the upgrade.
  - On September 29, the migration team had a call to discuss the National Trail Local School migration with Kathy Eyer and Robert Fischer of National Trail Local Schools and Mickie Gayhart and Lauren Robinson of Preble County District Library.
  - On September 29, the migration team discussed the new 24/7 pickup locker locations with Sarah Nichols, director of Carnegie Public Library – Washington Court House.
  - On September 29, John Stewart met with Misty Wyscarver, SEO Trainer, to discuss making the ASL Storytime project from the Ohio Citizens for Deaf Culture. The idea is to make storytimes in American Sign Language and voice available through the SEO Niche Academy.

- **Syndetics Unbound Statistics**

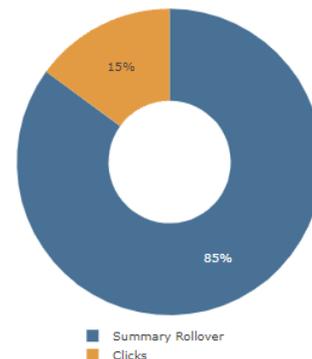
- **Enterprise Catalog**

- **10,284,300** cover images loaded in online catalog searches.
    - Syndetics Unbound enriched **66,355 (99%)** out of **66,504** pages loaded.
    - **34,763** patron interactions with enriched content.

Enrichments With Most Interactions



Kinds of Interactions



- **Display Widgets**

- **62** display widgets updated
  - **30,871** widgets loaded
  - Patrons have interacted with display widgets **8,018** times.

## Space Planning

- Libraries currently receiving space planning services from State Library consultants include:
  - Andover Public Library
  - Columbus Torah Academy
- Please contact Mandy Simon, Library Consultant, at [msimon@library.ohio.gov](mailto:msimon@library.ohio.gov) with questions regarding this service.

## Staffing

- The State Library re-opened to the public on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Research and Catalog Services librarians are once again responding to phone calls, emails, in-person visitors and virtual chats while assigned to the reference desk.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and with the support of the State of Ohio, State agencies may make allowances for State employees to continue to telework. At this time, a majority of State Library LPD staff are working from their homes. While office phone lines are being checked/forwarded, email remains the best way to get in touch with LPD staff at this time. Email contact information can be found [here](#).

## Strategic Planning

- Libraries currently receiving strategic planning services from State Library consultants include:
  - Canal Fulton Public Library
  - Germantown Public Library
  - Pickerington Public Library
  - Pickaway County Library
  - Tipp City Public Library
  - Harris-Elmore Public Library
  - Huron Public Library

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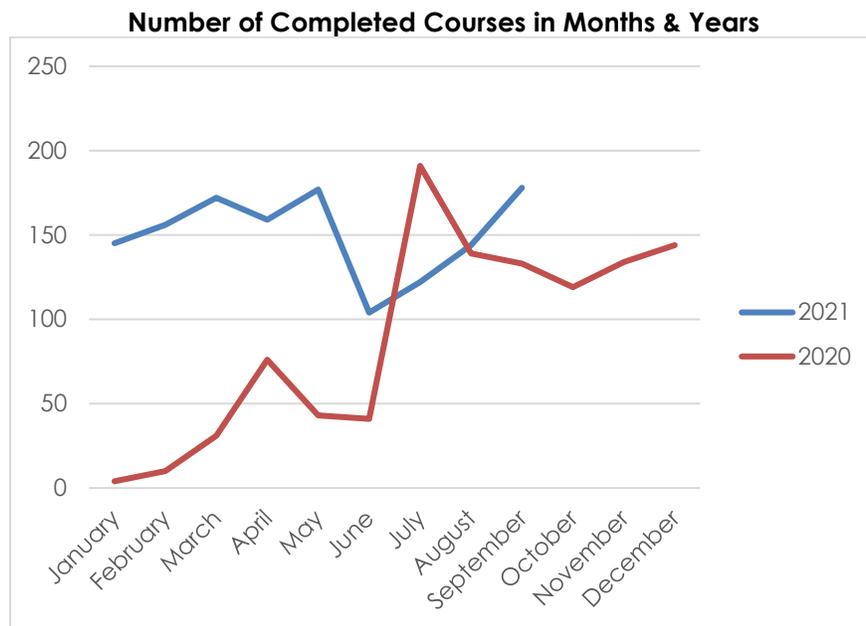
- Marysville Public Library
- Defiance Public Library
- Wayne County Public Library
- If you have questions about the [State Library's strategic planning services](#), or would like to be placed on the waiting list for this service, please contact Evan Struble at [estruble@library.ohio.gov](mailto:estruble@library.ohio.gov).

## Summer Library Program/Summer Reading Program

- The **2022 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) manual access code** has been emailed to a representative of each Ohio public library. 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 format may purchase these formats from the [CSLP shop](#). Such purchases are at the library's discretion and are not covered by LSTA funds. The online manual includes the complete program manual, all artwork and downloadables, and many extra resources not available in the static manual formats.
- The 2022 CSLP slogan is "Oceans of Possibilities." The program features artwork by Sophie Blackall on the theme of Oceanography.
- Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) with any questions about SLP.

## WebJunction

- There was a total of 178 WebJunction course completions in September 2021, up from 144 in August. Attendees represented all types of libraries with 74 from Public, 58 Academic, 43 from School, and 3 unspecified.



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Months	2021	2020	Grand Total
January	145	4	149
February	156	10	166
March	172	31	203
April	159	76	235
May	177	43	220
June	104	41	145
July	122	191	313
August	144	139	283
September	178	133	311
October		119	119
November		134	134
December		144	144
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1357</b>	<b>1065</b>	<b>2422</b>

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