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2018 was in many ways, a year of change and transition for the State Library of Ohio. We began the year with fewer staff and fewer resources than we'd had at the beginning of 2017 due to a significant budget reduction. There were also changes due to the retirement of four long-time State Library staff with a combined total of 122 years of service to the State Library of Ohio. Reggie Dunlop (Infrastructure Specialist), Steve Updegraff (Manager, Transportation and Facility Services), Missy Lodge (Associate State Librarian for Library Development), and Kathy Hughes (Lead Cataloger), all retired in 2018 and left an indelible mark on the State Library. We also had one newly hired employee and two internal promotions in 2018. Michael Campbell joined our staff in August as a Document Delivery Technician. Eric Maynard was promoted to Data Systems Manager and Evan Stubble was promoted to Associate State Librarian for Library Development.

In spite of the changes in funding and personnel, the State Library continued to provide high quality services to state government, libraries, and Ohioans with a broad array of resources, programs, and support services. A large part of the State Library's focus is on supporting Ohio's libraries as they work to provide innovative programs and services of the highest quality to their communities.

State Library programs such as Mental Health First Aid grants, the Collaborative Summer Library/Reading Program, support of the Summer Food Service Program in libraries, space planning and other consulting services, the SEO Library Consortium, and continuing education opportunities such as Library Leadership Ohio and Take Five, as well as many other programs helped Ohio libraries remain strong and vibrant while using their state and local funding as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Beverly Cain
State Librarian of Ohio

Congratulations to Missy Lodge

Missy Lodge and Krista Taracuk, President (2018), State Library Board

After 32 years of dedicated and consummate professional service to the State Library of Ohio, Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, retired September 30, 2018. The State Library celebrated Missy by hosting an Open House on September 24.

Missy devoted her career to library development. Her tenure at the State Library reflects proactive initiatives and responses to cultural shifts, legislation and funding priorities. It spans significant changes in the role of libraries through advances in education, government, business and technology. Missy led unprecedented change and innovation in library development services at the State Library.

Her career is the history of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program in Ohio.

She joined the State Library staff in 1986 as a System and Network Consultant in Library Development where she worked with public libraries making automation decisions and monitored federally funded LSCA (Library Services and Construction Act) Title III Interlibrary Cooperation projects.

In 1998, federal funding priorities changed and Missy led the transition in Ohio. She developed LSTA application materials and processes for reviewing proposals, monitoring funded projects, and conducting evaluations and on-site visits. Under her leadership, the LSTA Advisory Council, which continues today, was formed with representatives from public, academic, school, and special libraries and library users.

Grant programs were established to address four LSTA priorities: automation, resource sharing, staff training and development, and services to the underserved.
In recognition of her stellar work and changes in the agency’s priorities, over the next 32 years Missy’s responsibilities at the State Library progressed from Consultant to Coordinator, from Administrator to Head of Library Programs and Development, to Associate State Librarian for Library Development, and in 2010 she served as Interim State Librarian.

In addition to her steadfast work in library development at the State Library, Missy also presented at conferences, published articles, and served on numerous state and national committees. Her work with the Ohio Library Council includes membership on multiple committees and terms as conference program chair and membership committee chair.

Missy was honored at the Ohio Library Council Convention and Expo on October 3 when she was named the 2018 OLC Hall of Fame Librarian. She has always been an advocate for the library profession and for libraries, and has been a leader in Ohio libraries.

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2018 was an exciting year for the Ohio Digital Network (ODN). ODN is the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) service hub for the state of Ohio. DPLA service hubs harvest metadata of cultural heritage objects from libraries and museums for integration in DPLA’s website. DPLA’s website serves as a centralized catalog for these resources. All resources discoverable on DPLA’s website are free to view without paywalls or logins.

After years of preparation and planning, DPLA completed the first harvest of Ohio’s resources in March 2018 of over 94,000 unique items from libraries and museums across Ohio. Over the next nine months, quarterly harvests continued. Currently over 100,000 records from Ohio are on DPLA’s website. The smallest collection from the Pontifical College Josephinum is just 30 records; however, these records are now discoverable alongside records from larger national institutions such as the Smithsonian Institute.

In addition to successful harvests, the Ohio Digital Network launched a website with funds from a grant from the Knight foundation. In addition to general information about the Ohio Digital Network, the website provides detailed guidelines for institutions interested in contributing to the Ohio Digital Network.

Substance abuse, mental illness and suicidality are experienced by all demographics across the state and the number of individuals affected continues to rise. Recognizing the need to equip librarians with the knowledge and abilities to recognize and support those at risk for mental illness, substance abuse, and suicidality and the ability to refer them for appropriate assistance, the State Library allocated LSTA funds to support Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training and/or Gatekeeper training for Ohio public libraries.

Under this special program, public libraries utilized LSTA funds to provide Mental Health First Aid, Youth Mental Health First Aid, or Gatekeeper training to staff and/or community organizations, provided by a certified MHFA trainer. Over 1,200 Ohio library staff and community members will receive MHFA training as a result of this grant initiative.

Every five years, the State Library of Ohio is visited by its IMLS Program Officer. During the summer of 2018, Program Officer Madison Bolls spent three and a half days in Ohio touring Ohio libraries, meeting Ohio library staff, and talking about their successes and how IMLS grant funds have helped them or might help them serve Ohioans in the future. LSTA Coordinator Cindy Boyden and recently retired Associate State Librarian for Library Development Missy Lodge took Madison on a tour of Ohio libraries, including visits to the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, Louisville Public Library, Cuyahoga Falls Library, Westerville Public Library, and Perry Cook Memorial Public Library—a Guiding Ohio Online site supported by LSTA funds. Throughout the visit, Madison met the passionate library staff that serve Ohioans every day.
Library Leadership Ohio 2018 was held July 17-20 at the Quest Conference Center at Polaris. The event, a collaboration between the State Library and OhioNET, was once again facilitated by Ivy Library Group. This year’s theme was re-invention. Thirty-two participants from all types of libraries received inspiration from speakers including Loida Garcia-Febo, American Library Association President; author, blogger, and librarian Steven Bell; Richard Kong, Director of the Skokie (Illinois) Public Library; Pam Sandlian-Smith, Director of Anythink Libraries; and Felton Thomas, Director of the Cleveland Public Library.

Participants in Library Leadership of Ohio 2018 included:

- Claire Ballinger, Athenaeum of Ohio
- Elaine Betting, Lorain Public Library System
- Nimisha Bhat, Columbus College of Art & Design
- Angela Bronson, Toledo Lucas County Public Library
- Kaya Burgin, Westerville Public Library
- Robyn Case, Wright Memorial Public Library
- Hong Cheng, University of Cincinnati
- Natalie Dielman, Way Public Library
- Matthew Dyer, Ohio Office of Budget & Management
- Michael Dziabiak, Shafer Library, University of Findlay
- Kathryn Fisher, Ralph M. Besse Library, Ursuline College
- Meagan Fowler, Saint Joseph Academy
- Jaclyn Fulwood, Dayton Metro Library
- Morgan Hidy, Worthington Libraries
- Anne Juba, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Mary Looby, Cleveland Heights - University Heights Public Library
- Kristin McCormick, Worthington Libraries
- Jessica McIntosh, Otterbein University
- Michelle McKinney, University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College
- Terence Metter, Cleveland Public Library
- Katherine Midgley, Toledo Lucas County Public Library
- Macie Penrod, Ohio University-Alden Library
- Maryann Penzvato, Cuyahoga County Public Library - Bay Village Branch
- Craig Person, University of Cincinnati
- Sara Phillips, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library
- Rebecca Ransberger, Toledo Lucas County Public Library - King Road Branch
- Kari Siders, Southern State Community College
- Jamie Still, Medina County District Library
- Desiree Thomas, Worthington Libraries
- Shannon Titus, Shaker Heights Public Library
- Amy Wainwright, J ohn Carroll University - Grasselli Library & Breen Learning Center
- Adam Wanter, MidPointe Library System

During 2018, several employees from the Government Publishing Office (GPO) came to Ohio to visit libraries. Regional Depository Coordinator, Kirstin Krumsee, joined GPO on a number of these visits. Libraries visited include: Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland State University, Kent State University Tuscarawas Campus, Toledo Lucas County Libraries, University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Heidelberg University, Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Youngstown State University, the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, University of Mount Union and Muskingum University.

The State Library, in partnership with OhioNET and the four Regional Library Systems, hosted “Opioids in Communities: Libraries in Response.” The program was hosted in four locations around the state August 6-9. Each session began with a keynote from Sam Quinones, author of Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic, and ended with a presentation by Dr. Meghan Harper, MLIS Program Coordinator at the Kent State University School of Information, on Libraries Lending Hope. A panel of local librarians discussing how the opioid crisis has impacted their library or library service and a presentation from a local Project DAWN representative rounded out the day. Nearly 400 library staff from all types of libraries participated in the event.
Music brings people together, engages the imagination and the intellect, sparks emotional connections, and promotes joy. And so do libraries. Little wonder a music-themed Summer Library Program (SLP*) was a big hit in Ohio in 2018, where it’s common knowledge that Libraries Rock!

Ohio’s public libraries are the stars of summer, offering an array of creative, community-oriented programs for everyone from babies to seniors. The centerpiece of SLP is a self-directed challenge to meet a goal, whether a specific amount of reading or a selection of learning activities including reading, online exploration, library programs, community involvement, and creative work. Community members register, or simply pick up a reading record or program booklet to complete over the summer, then return regularly to the library for prizes, incentives, and special events. The energy is high and the library is busy all summer long.

"We have noticed, since switching to a more learning-based program that's not all about reading, we have children staying in the program longer! It seems their interest is kept by offering more opportunities for learning."  
Rikki Unterbrink  
Shelby County Libraries

The State Library of Ohio asks public librarians to complete an annual Ohio SLP Evaluation survey at summer's end. All responding Ohio public libraries offered SLP for children, and most also provided SLP for teens (95% of respondents) and adults (84% of respondents). As Sonya Huser at Archbold Community Library noted, “even adult ‘reluctant readers’ often talk of fond memories of summer reading programs they participated in as a child. I’m so glad to see that many (or most) libraries are including teens and adults in their summer reading programs.” Carrie Strong at Alexandria Public Library reflected that SLP is encouraging to all ages: “I had a patron tell me that she was getting a book for herself because her son who was participating in the teen program said she should participate in the adult program. I believe that any opportunity to spur reading in our communities is an opportunity not to miss.”

Most public libraries use the annual theme, visuals, and program ideas developed by the Collaborative Summer Library Program in collaboration with public librarians nationwide and with notable children's book illustrators. The 2018 theme of MUSIC, with the tagline “Libraries Rock!”, proved very popular. Beckey Spencer at Kingsville Public Library wrote that “the theme was a big hit among our families. It gave us the opportunity to bring in a variety of talented individuals from our community, as well as expose our families to more

*Dancing with the Shazzbots at the Delaware County District Library.

"Traditionally, the phrase “Summer Reading Program” has been the most commonly used of several terms that attempt to encompass the breadth of public libraries’ special summer activities. With more libraries moving from a strictly reading-based summer challenge to a varied challenge that incorporates reading along with other mental, physical, and creative activities, the terminology is shifting as well. The State Library has switched to using the term “Summer Library Program” for its inclusiveness, while recognizing its limited catchiness. Whether your library hosts a summer reading program, summer reading club, summer learning program, summer challenge, summer adventure, or summer at the library, you’re part of something good – and difficult to name."
In 2018, 484,593 people participated in a summer library program at Ohio libraries, including:

- **Children**: 331,770
- **Teens**: 56,523
- **Adults**: 96,300

Evansville Public Library “loved the theme ‘Libraries Rock!’, according to Kristine Goldsmith: “It lent itself to a lot of fun interpretations. We held a summer concert series on the lawn for families and incorporated several different genres of music. Our community had us to do this again and we are considering continuing the ‘Libraries Rock!’ concerts next year in addition to our next summer theme.”

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Survey respondents reported total attendance at SLP-related library events** of 1,139,960 including:

- **Children’s programs**: 752,189
- **Teen programs**: 71,967
- **Adult programs**: 116,805
- **All-ages programs**: 198,999

Among the many programs offered by Grandview Heights Public Library was “Locked in at the Library: Escape Room”, an after-hours program where upper elementary and middle school kids tried their hand at an escape room created by library staff, according to Rachel Rausch, whose favorite quote of the summer came from a parent after this lock-in: “If you can tell how good a program was by the extreme amount of detail my child provided about every single thing that happened last night, then you guys hit it out of the park!”

According to Aimee Adams, Medina County District Library had a very successful kick-off event with over 1,000 attendees, and kept things lively throughout the summer, with programs ranging from baby art (messy fun as babies tried painting with fruits, veggies, ketchup, spaghetti noodles and more); to STEAM events where kids created elephant toothpaste, watched volcanoes erupt, made huge gushing geysers, tested various materials out on spoon catapults, and made slime; to a Math Magic program series to help prevent summer slide.

Luke Bentley wrote that Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library’s Main Library “hosted weekly Kids Make It! events, where over 350 people over the course of the summer made everything from waffles to pillows, played with squishy circuits and 3-D printers, and created their own buttons. Often, families came week after week, more excited to see what they’d be able to make and do. The pride swelling off of kids who just made a pillow or a waffle with just a little bit of help from grown-ups was truly a wonderful sight to see.”

Along with programming developed and presented by library staff, Ohio public libraries nurture partnerships that lead to new program opportunities, expanded reach, and appealing incentives. Betty Byrd reported that Worc

**These numbers are total attendance at responding libraries’ SLP-related library programs (storytimes, performers, parties, etc.). It is not expected that these numbers indicate unique attendees because of the likelihood that individuals attended multiple programs.** The State Library has changed the type of data requested of libraries reporting on their SLP, from number of people who “registered” to number of people who “participated” in SLP as the library defines participation. This is in response to the increasing diversity of SLP frameworks and, specifically, a gradual increase in the number of libraries offering SLP without individual registration. 34 of 251 Ohio public library systems did not respond to the 2018 survey, so their SLP participation and program attendance are not reflected in this report.
Rachel Rausch at Grandview Heights wrote, “We try to partner with local businesses and organizations as much as possible for coupon donations and gift cards to encourage more experience-based grand prizes. Additionally, our local police and fire department donate a ride to school in a police cruiser and fire truck as grand prizes.” Rachel noted that her library got good feedback about prizes that were experience-based rather than just “stuff.” Dover Public Library receives what Claire Kandle describes as “some wonderful prizes donated each year from our community, including a child’s bike from the Tuscarawas County Farm Bureau, which is always one of the most sought-after prizes.”

As libraries receive from the generosity of community partners, they also give back. To encourage reading throughout the summer, the Westerville Public Library distributed over 6,000 free books to all elementary school students in the Westerville City School District, according to Tamara Murray. During school assemblies in May, librarians invited students to set a personal reading goal. When they met their goal, they could redeem a second book prize by visiting the library.

“Every year, more public libraries are feeding hungry bodies as well as hungry minds during the summer. Providing meals to library patrons may be a non-traditional service, though one Ohio public library has been doing this for 20 years! As libraries embrace their role as community center and seek to support the whole child, "no food" signs have come down and lunch hour has joined story hour as a library service.

154 library locations in 49 systems served as lunch or snack sites in the USDA’s Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), administered in Ohio by the Ohio Department of Education. This was a 9% increase over 2017, and continues an important upward trend of public libraries directly participating in feeding young people who may be at risk of food insecurity and hunger.

Sarah Finnegan at Paulding County Carnegie Library shared that the Cooper Community Branch hosted SFSP with Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission as its sponsor. The library provided programming after the lunches, which boosted participation. Kate McCarty reported that Marysville Public Library was an SFSP site for its fourth year, with the school district as sponsor and volunteer assistance from many local agencies. According to Kate, Marysville serves more lunches each year (8,422 meals in 2018). Every day, at least one new child joined the many regulars that attend daily. Kate wrote, “It is a very meaningful experience for every staff member, volunteer and lunch lady.” Lisa Soper reported that the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County served 18,248 free meals and snacks at sixteen library locations, thanks to “wonderful community partners” such as UMC Food Ministry and Mt. Healthy City Schools.

In addition to the libraries serving SFSP sites, several Ohio libraries provided outreach programming to local SFSP sites outside the library. Susan Davis of Carnegie Public Library (Washington Court House) wrote that the Jeffersonville Branch Library hosted a little free library at the local SFSP site, where “they had great numbers of children served every week and our free children’s books and SRP info were well accepted.”

Some libraries participated in non-SFSP feeding programs, including Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, which teamed up with a local pizzeria and other donors to provide a place for kids to eat, or charitable initiatives, such as the Public Library of Steubenville &Jefferson County, which collected items for the local soup
20 Years of Summer Lunches (and more!) in Athens County

By Amy King
Patron Services Coordinator, Athens County Public Libraries

Always looking for ways to build community, support learning, and connect our library users with resources, in 2018 Athens County Public Libraries celebrated 20 years of serving summer lunches in several Athens County communities. Stephen Hedges piloted the program during his director, Lauren Miller kept the program bustling, and it continues under current library director, Nick Tepe.

The program currently thrives under the management of the youth services team, shifting over the years from being administered solely by the libraries to ACPL now being a site under the sponsorship of the Hocking Athens Perry Regional Food Bank. This means that various businesses, churches and individuals volunteer to help serve and clean-up. Most recently, we have also partnered with the Athens Area Media Services to offer conflict resolution activities (lots of parties and sharing) to enhance mealtime experience for all. The most popular change to the program came a few years ago when “Pizza Friday” was instituted.

Outside of summer, ACPL has a local partnership providing “Snow Day Packs” so we can offer something to eat during the school year on days when school is not in session. 2018-19 also brought us a new opportunity to partner with the Hunger Prevention Coalition, made up of several area groups working on issues of food insecurity and wellness education. They are leading 18 free, weekly workshops at our main library branch in Nelsonville. This community-led series is called FEAST (Families Eating Affordably and Sustainably Together). Kids and their families are invited to cook together, share a meal, and inspire healthy eating with hands-on learning and demonstrations.

As you can see, breaking bread together has helped us grow strong libraries and capable kids!

Community involvement also comes in the form of volunteer assistance. When school is out, the library is the place for teens to get in their community service hours. According to Erikka Sawdey, Pickerington Public Library “had about 50 teen volunteers who made our SRP possible by helping with programs, registering participants earning votes to determine which charity received the most money.

With their volunteer opportunities, support for child well-being and learning, appealing programming, community building, and good old encouragement of reading, Ohio’s public libraries’ summer library programs positively impact hundreds of thousands of individuals statewide. As Connie Cole at Tiffin-Seneca reflected, “Each year there is a parent or grandparent who says their child or grandchild is really catching on to reading now.” Makes you know all the effort is worthwhile!” It most certainly is worthwhile: libraries foster healthy communities, inspire learning, and help people create and live their dreams all summer long. And most of all, libraries rock! 

“We had a blast this year connecting the Libraries Rock theme with our Summer Reading Program. All ages have benefited from this musical theme—whether it was our teenagers bonding with new friends over karaoke, our littlest ones dressed up as their favorite princess or hero for Disney sing-alongs, our tweens sharing their passion for dance and Guitar Hero, our adults enjoying local musicians, or the growing partnership we’ve built with our local symphony orchestra. Our libraries have grown as a result and we are so thankful.”

Kristine Spyker, Auglaize County Public District Library System

This report describes 2018 Ohio public library summer library programs. 217 of 251 Ohio public library systems reported their 2018 SLP results using the Ohio SLP Evaluation Survey. Evaluative comments and suggestions from this survey are shared with the Collaborative Summer Library Program, Regional Library Systems, Ohio State Fair, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and Ohio Renaissance Festival as appropriate. Additional comments or suggestions about Ohio Summer Library Program resources are welcome at any time. Contact library consultant, Janet Inghram Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov or 614-644-6910 to share your feedback, or if you would like a copy of the complete survey results.

Permission to quote from surveys was granted by each survey respondent quoted. Permission to publish photos was granted by: Athens County Public Library, Blanche Butler Public Library, Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library, Delaware County District Library, Lane Libraries, and St. Paris Public Library.

More SLP 2018 photos on p. 16
Perfect Partnerships: Upper Arlington Library: Miller Park Branch, Ammons Family and COSI (Center of Science and Industry)

By Mandy Simon, Library Consultant
State Library of Ohio

The Ammons Family of Upper Arlington (and extended family from outside Ohio) experienced the loss of Drew Ammons, a beloved father, husband, son and colleague, much too young to cancer. Surviving loved ones wanted to contribute funds to the family in honor of Drew, and his wife May Ling selected the Miller Park Branch Library (a branch of Upper Arlington Public Library) to be the recipient of the generous gifts bestowed in his honor. Miller Park Library reached out to the State Library of Ohio’s space planning consultant Mandy Simon to discuss opportunities for renovations in the children’s area of the library, as it was a place where her three young daughters had fond memories sharing time reading books and playing with their father.

During the initial space planning consult, State Library consultants Mandy Simon, Janet Ingraham-Dwyer and Upper Arlington Public Library staff, and the Ammons Family members discussed creating a “woody area” or a wall mural in the children’s area. After research of other libraries, museums and educational spaces, the initial design inspiration changed a bit. Further conversations addressed desired artistic impressions as well as the importance of functionality within the space. The children’s area was very small, and frequently used for story times and youth programming. The space considerations also needed to retain natural lighting through the large windows, have flexible furniture for easy rearrangement, and offer clear sight lines for staff, all while inspiring visitors to experience a whimsical adventure.

From these conversations and brainstorming, priorities were set for design (fairy doors, trees and twinkle lights, to name a few), and children’s picture books were consulted for artistic inspiration. Vendors and designers were sought for expertise and quotes. The perfect partner, COSI’s Design Team, was selected by the library to create a magical space in the children’s area based off the award winning book Journey by Aaron Becker. Facilitating the partnership through monthly meetings with the Ammons family, library consultant, library staff, and design partners worked together to create an updated space within the library that the whole community now enjoys. The space was dedicated on September 4, 2018 and was enthusiastically received by the community. After viewing photographs of the space, author/illustrator Aaron Becker remarked, “The library looks wonderful! I want some of those little doors and windows for my own… hopefully it will help get more kids borrowing books for years to come!”

Welcome to the Miller Park Library Children’s Area

This area was inspired by the picture book Journey by Aaron Becker and was made possible through memorial donations from the loving family and friends of Dr. Drew E. Ammons, who cherished the moments he shared with his family at this library.

A descriptive plaque is mounted on the middle tree marking an entryway into the children’s area.

Three large trees created by COSI’s Design Team were mounted to existing shelving. Specialty lightweight athletic fabric was dyed to match Becker’s illustrations from Journey, and it was cut to a height that provides staff with clear sightlines and natural light still can pass through from the windows.
One of the most popular interactive imaginative play toys in the Miller Park Library was a dollhouse. The COSI Design Team created a detailed miniature version of the castle from Journey, and the tables and chairs that are in the space. The color of the wood and castle pieces were all closely matched to those in the book.

Drew Ammons’s daughters loved the idea of Fairy Doors throughout the space, so fairy doors exist on all of the trees. Doors open and shut, and little ones can peer through tiny windows to see illustrations from the book within the trees’ trunks. COSI thoughtfully created a way to remove and reinsert different images behind the fairy doors, to keep the space new and fresh periodically.

The Ammons Family, Upper Arlington Public Library staff, COSI Design Team and community members were invited to a “reveal” of the final updated space in September of 2018.

L to R: Bridie O’Shaughnessy, Miller Park Branch Associate; Kate Albers, Miller Park Library Branch Manager; and Children’s Librarian Sarah Manley. They are holding the Journey Trilogy books written and illustrated by Aaron Becker, next to the vinyl wall mural illustration from Journey.
Once the data was collected, the observation study data was compiled into a heat map representation of the space, showing where patrons were when they came into the library. Visualizations were also created based on the reporting of what broad activities were observed by staff each hour. They were color coded into the different areas where the activities were observed.

These bits of data were utilized to rearrange spaces and create more opportunities for library patrons to do additional activities and enjoy spaces with increased privacy, natural light, and space arrangements to encourage interactivity.

In 2018 State Library of Ohio Library Consultant Mandy Simon and Library Director Beth Hatch from Perry Public Library in northern Ohio partnered to present their experience collaborating on a comprehensive space plan at the Association for Rural and Small Libraries' national conference in Springfield, Illinois. The pair shared their methods for gathering data, the analysis of reported data, and the outcome of implementing recommended changes in the library. By thoroughly researching current and potential opportunities for space utilization, they were able to create a new way to situate furniture, facilitate useful gathering spaces and reconfigure collections to improve the overall layout and use of the Perry Public Library’s materials and services.

Modeled after the State Library of Ohio’s strategic planning process, the space planning process used by Mandy Simon and implemented by Beth Hatch and her library staff gathered data points from multiple sources. This process was created after researching space planning in academic libraries, and designed to use data for future projections and consideration in physical space design.

- A two-week long Observation Study
- Quick usage surveys inside the Children’s Department
- An online survey focused on physical spaces and library visits
- Several focus groups with staff, community members and the Board
- Statistical data from programming and [www.librariesbythenumbers.org](http://www.librariesbythenumbers.org)
Example: **Shelving arrangement before:** high shelves blocked large amounts of natural light from back windows.

**Shelving arrangement after:** lighter new (donated) shelving rearranged to let more light through, mobile shelving unit moved to provide better browsing.

**Adult nonfiction stacks at back of the library before:** stacks arranged in diagonal pattern obstructing natural light and monopolizing space for study areas.

**New back study areas with high-back booths provide some privacy and natural light and scenery provides beautiful views for work areas at the back of the library.**

In addition to these changes, Perry Public Library reconfigured their public computer desks, the information/circulation service point, remodeled and closed-in the teen area, added a play room for very young children, and a small meeting room for patrons to reserve. After these changes were all in place, almost exactly a year later the library staff executed a second observation study to see if the spaces were populated in different areas or in different ways than the year prior. Indeed, the visualized data indicated the spaces were being used differently. People were spread out into various areas of the library, and engaging in different activities throughout the library.

**As seen below, more people are observed browsing the stacks towards the back of the library with the new shelving arrangement than with the previously diagonally situated shelving. And more people chose to work or relax in the new furniture area at the back of the space than in previous years. The image below also shows the varying activities that were observed in the library during the same observation study time frame in 2018.**

For more information on this project, or to be placed on the waitlist for comprehensive Space Planning consultation services, feel free to contact the State Library of Ohio Department of Library Programs and Development. 

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**2018 Layout**
122 Visits to Public Libraries

14 Visits to Academic Libraries

7 Visits to School Libraries

4 Visits to Special Libraries

The Library Programs & Development (LPD) department is charged with providing leadership and partnership in the development of library services throughout Ohio. LPD strives to provide library information and services to individual libraries and enhance library services statewide. As part of that charge, LPD staff travel across the state to libraries to share information about and carry out statewide programs and services that the State Library coordinates. State Librarian Beverly Cain visits libraries throughout Ohio and posts summaries and photographs of her visits on the State Library website at library.ohio.gov/about/state-librarian-board/library-visits/. In 2018 she visited libraries in three counties in Ohio. In 2018, there were 147 visits to Ohio libraries.

Notable Government Document

The State Library received a Notable Government Documents 2017 recognition from the American Library Association’s Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) in 2018 within the State/Local category for The State Library at 200: A Celebration of Library Services to Ohio by Cynthia G. McLaughlin. The book described the State Library of Ohio, its services, and the people who have helped develop and implement the library’s programs and services over the past 200 years.

The purpose of Notable Documents is to recognize excellence in government publications and identify documents of distinction.

GPO Visits and Tours

During 2018, several employees from the Government Publishing Office came to Ohio to visit libraries. Regional Depository Coordinator, Kirstin Krumsee, joined GPO on a number of these visits. Libraries visited include: Cleveland Public Library, Ohio State University, Kent State University Tuscarawas Campus, University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Heidelberg University, Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Youngstown State University, the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, University of Mount Union and Muskingum University.
Seventeen enthusiastic library advocates from Ohio joined nearly 500 colleagues from across the country for the 44th annual National Library Legislative Day on May 7-8, 2018 in Washington, DC, sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA).

The group of advocates represented libraries and library organizations from across the state and included special library supporters Dawn Watts with the Ohio Citizens for Deaf Culture and Steve Potash, President and CEO of OverDrive. The goal was to inform Ohio members of Congress about the current issues facing Ohio libraries.

The main message was focused on the passage the Reauthorization of the Institute of Museum and Library Service and securing funding at $189.3 million for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). LSTA funds are used to help Ohio libraries in a variety of ways, including supporting the Ohio Web Library Databases, the Talking Book Program, a statewide competitive grants program, Statewide Resource Sharing efforts, the Ohio Digital Library and collaborative digitization efforts. Both the Reauthorization of IMLS and funding for LSTA were secured in 2018.

The group also stressed the importance of libraries ensuring access to broadband and technology to all Ohioans. They told the story of their individual libraries and emphasized how Ohio libraries work to assist job seekers, employers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses throughout the state.

With the ALA Annual Conference being held this coming year in Washington, DC June 20-25, the ALA has decided to skip National Library Legislative Day for 2019. This would be a particularly good year to invite your congressional representative for a visit to your library to remind them of the importance of libraries to our communities.

2018 Ohio Delegates to National Library Legislative Day

Tom Adkins, Director, OPLIN
Don Yarman, Director, OPLIN
Ginny Boehme, Science Librarian, Miami University
Beverly Cain, State Librarian, State Library of Ohio
Staci Dennison, Chief Development Officer, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
Elaine Fay, Community and Government Relations Coordinator, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
Michelle Francis, Government and Legal Services Director, Ohio Library Council
Irene Herold, Librarian of the College, The College of Wooster
Mandy Knapp, Digital Resource Manager, OPLIN
Bill Morris, Governmental Affairs Coordinator, State Library of Ohio
Steve Potash, President and CEO, OverDrive
Hallie Rich, Communications and External Relations Director, Cuyahoga County Public Library
Nikki Scarpitti, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Columbus Metropolitan Library
Rhonda Sewell, External and Governmental Affairs Manager, Toledo Lucas County Public Library
Joseph Straw, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Marietta College
Ann Watson, Associate State Librarian, State Library of Ohio
Dawn Watts, Ohio Citizens for Deaf Culture
Don Yarman, Director, OPLIN

The State Library Board acted on two library boundaries in 2018, the New Carlisle Public Library and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

The New Carlisle Public Library is an Association library located in the village of New Carlisle in Clark County. Before placing a levy on the ballot, the library had to have its boundary defined to avoid any possible overlap with the Clark County Public Library and therefore avoid the possibility of double taxation within the county. The boundary was finalized by action of the State Library Board at its July 19, 2018 meeting.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library requested a redefinition of their boundaries to reaffirm them, considering the passage of a levy for the Evergreen Community Library in neighboring Fulton County. The levy was placed on the ballot in the entire Evergreen School District, including the portion within Lucas County which had been previously defined as part of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. The State Library Board voted against the proposed maintaining the boundary as originally defined in 1977 to avoid double taxation of the area in question.

The Evergreen Public Library disagreed with the proposed boundary and requested an administrative hearing in response. The State Library was undergoing the process of hiring an impartial Hearing Examiner to conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code. This will be the first such hearing in at least 30 years. Upon completion of the hearing, the Hearing Examiner will write a report and recommendation to the State Library Board for final action on the boundary. That final action is then appealable to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.
The State Library Talking Book program hosted the second annual Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB) Student Art Show in March. The art show featured sixteen beautifully handcrafted books that were written, illustrated, and bound by students in OSSB art teacher Rachelle Smith’s class.

OSSB students worked with local artist Claudia Retter to create one-of-a-kind artists’ books. Ms. Retter visited the school on multiple occasions to share her book, Flying Adventures of Two Candy Cane Pen Friends, and to work with students in bookmaking workshops. With the help of Ms. Retter, students learned how to make several different types of books and covers. In art class, they chose a topic of importance to them or used thought provoking imagery to tell a story. Stories ranged from autobiographical to fantasy-based. “It’s been an absolute honor to work with the OSSB students, and I can’t thank them or the school enough for giving me the opportunity to share a little bit of what I know,” wrote Claudia Retter on her blog.

The art program at OSSB allows students to explore a wide range of materials and processes. Students enjoy using clay and paint for artistic expression. They also learn art history and contemporary art and artists. This year, students have focused on storytelling in art by exploring different ways they can tell stories with their artwork.

“These talented students have done a wonderful job in creating their works of art and we are honored that they have allowed us to share their work in our library,” expressed State Librarian Beverly Cain.

An opening reception was held in the library on March 16 following the State Library Board meeting. The student artists were recognized for their creative work and awarded certificates for exhibiting their books in the show. Joining the students at the event were teachers and assistants from OSSB. State Librarian Beverly Cain welcomed guests and remarks were given by Rachelle Smith, Claudia Retter, Tracy Grimm, State Library Manager of Circulation and Special Services, and Will Reed, Director of the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (OLBPD). Attendees at the event included State Library staff and patrons and staff from Ohioana Library, OLBPD, and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD).

“The Ohio State School for the Blind is one of our strongest partners, helping us promote and deliver reading materials for the blind and visually impaired through the Ohio Talking Book Program,” stated State Librarian Beverly Cain. “OSSB librarian Janell Brown has provided invaluable assistance to us over the years and we always appreciate her insight and willingness to work with us.”

The OSSB Student Art Show is a collaborative project of the Ohio State School for the Blind, State Library of Ohio Talking Book Program, and Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (OLBPD).

Library service for the blind and physically handicapped in the United States is delivered through a network of libraries and agencies coordinated by the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). The Ohio Talking Book Program provides free recorded books, magazines and playback equipment to approximately 15,000 eligible blind, visually impaired, physically disabled and reading disabled Ohio residents.

The Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (OLBPD) is part of the Cleveland Public Library. In partnership with the State Library of Ohio Talking Book Program, OLBPD serves as the Regional Library for the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) of the Library of Congress and administers a free library program of braille and audio materials circulated to eligible borrowers in the State of Ohio by postage-free mail.

The Ohio State School for the Blind, a publicly funded educational facility, is dedicated to the intellectual, social, physical, and emotional growth of all students with visual impairments. Its mission is to work cooperatively with students, families, and the community to provide an effective, enjoyable educational experience through specialized curriculum, equipment, materials, and individualized, disability-specific instruction to develop its students’ unique potential.

The State Library was pleased to have National Library Service network consultant Pamela Davenport visit the Talking Book program in July. The State Library Talking Book Program receives a biennial review from the National Library Service to ensure that policies and procedures are being followed. Pamela also attended Family Fun and Learning Day at the OLBPD. State Librarian Beverly Cain and Tracy Grimm gave remarks. Tracy Grimm also hosted a table at the State Library providing updates about machines and equipment and provided information about frequently asked questions.

The State Library hosted 38 attendees for the annual Sub-lending Agency Training for the Talking Book Program in September. The training included many exciting changes coming from the National Library Service in the next few years. Updates were provided by the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (OLBPD) and the State Library of Ohio. Irwin Hott and Vicky Prahin, OLBPD patrons, demonstrated the digital Talking Book machines and other assistive technology devices. Janell Brown, Ohio State School for the Blind Librarian, did a presentation on recognizing the signs of visual impairment.

The Talking Book Program was featured in the December 28, 2018 Columbus Dispatch. The article highlighted the many services available to blind and physically disabled patrons and included quotes from current patrons of the program. The online version included a video of Columbus resident and lifelong Talking Books reader Irwin Hott.

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The State Library Talking Book Program coordinates the Ohio program and serves as the machine lending agency for the state. To help in this effort, we have signed formal agreements with 61 machine sub-lending agencies, local public libraries or social service organizations to lend the machines to eligible citizens in their areas. A network of volunteer repair persons work with the staff of the Talking Book Program to keep the equipment in good condition.

The books are circulated by the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled in Cleveland. Funding is provided by a combination of federal, state, and local funds.

On January 18, 2018, the State Library of Ohio Board passed a resolution to proclaim the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15, 2018 as Ohio Deaf History Month and encouraged Ohio libraries to host Deaf awareness activities. A selection of books about Deaf culture and an information sign were on display at the State Library in celebration of Ohio Deaf History Month 2018.

The Center for Outreach Services located at the Ohio School for the Deaf and the State Library of Ohio collaborate to bring a collection of Deafness and interpreting-related materials to all Ohioans. Through this partnership, OSD purchases and provides materials to the State Library. In return, the State Library maintains and provides easy access to this collection through the State Library’s online catalog. This collection is targeted toward interpreters, American Sign Language students, parents, and professionals working within the Deaf community. The Center for Outreach Services provides resources of interest to K-12 Deaf educators, interpreters and parents in a variety of formats (books, DVDs, CD-ROMs, VHS tapes). The State Library of Ohio catalogues and maintains circulation of these items for use by individuals across the state. The Deafness collection currently contains over 400 items.

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The Centennial Register, a set of oversized books with over 2,200 pages of signatures of the visitors to the “Ohio house” at the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, was digitized and made available in Ohio Memory.

Prior to being digitized, two of the four Registers and various reports and photos, and information about the Centennial Exhibition were on display at the State Library. The four Registers vary in size from 23.3” x 16.25” to 17.75” x 11.5”. Their weights also differ greatly; we have estimated that the largest volumes weigh approximately twenty-five pounds, due to their ornate, carved wood covers and their heavy, coated paper, while the smaller volumes are lighter.

The first page of Register One features the signatures of the Centennial Commission members, such as then-Ohio Governor Rutherford B. Hayes, James Garfield, William T. Sherman, and Joseph Hawley, president of the Commission.

In May, Research and Catalog Services assisted with the library’s effort in response to the Ohio Adjutant General’s request regarding a manuscript of a speech by 19th century Hungarian freedom fighter Louis Kossuth.

Shannon Kupfer scanned a high resolution copy of the manuscript, which Marsha McDevitt-Snedney turned into presentation copies.

Nicole Merriman and Shannon Kupfer accompanied the original manuscript to the Adjutant General’s Department in conjunction with a visit by a Hungarian delegation, where the Adjutant General presented the Hungarians with Mara’s presentation copies.

Shannon Kupfer also wrote an Ohio Memory blog post related to Louis Kossuth and the manuscript: All For the People, and All By the People”—Lajos Kossuth’s Fight for Hungarian Independence.
Remembering WWI was exhibited at the State Library. It was installed in March and remained throughout the year. The exhibit included:

- Reports, pamphlets, handbooks, newsletters, and more from the State Library’s federal and state collections
- Digitized propaganda posters printed on canvas from several digital libraries’ collections including Ohio Memory (courtesy of Ohio History Connection) and Library of Congress
- Books from the State Library collection
- A digital slide show highlighting online resources, and eBooks and Audiobooks in the Ohio Digital Library

A new exhibit case was installed to feature items from special collections. The first display featured Ohio and the Centennial Exhibition of 1876, also known as the International Exhibition of Arts and Manufactures.

The case was also used to display A map of North America in The World Described, or A New and Correct Sett of Maps [cartographic material]: Shewing the Kingdoms and States in All the Known Parts of the Earth, With the Principal Cities, and Most Considerable Towns in the World created by Herman Moll. Circa 1736 imprint.

A separate WWI display was installed in the Ohio Statehouse and on view in May, and July through the end of November.
By Janet Ingraham Dwyer
Youth Services Library Consultant

It's always busy in the high-energy world of youth services! Here are some highlights of State Library youth services activities in 2018.

Early Literacy 101
Ohio Ready to Read (ORTR), a partnership of OLC and the State Library, is coordinated by a task force of the OLC Children's Services Division and by the youth services library consultant at the State Library.

ORTR provides tools and resources, including training opportunities, a website, active Facebook page, circulating kits, templates, and more to support library-based activities that contribute to the reading readiness of 0-5 year olds, the developing reading proficiency of K-3rd graders, based activities that contribute to the reading readiness of 0-5 page, circulating kits, templates, and more to support library-based activities.

ORTR’s primary offering is the Early Literacy 101 training workshop for library staff. This is a six-hour in-person workshop, designed to help attendees get ready to offer early literacy storytimes and to work with parents and community partners to share early literacy concepts and build community support. Workshop leaders are Ohio children's librarians who are trained and equipped to be ORTR trainers.

Early Literacy 101 was offered ten times in 2018. It is most often provided by request of an Ohio public library, which hosts the workshop, and 96% indicated they “strongly agree” or “agree” that they learned something at the workshop, and 96% indicated they “strongly agree” or “agree” that they learned something at the workshop.

Evaluations for Early Literacy 101 are warmly positive and demonstrate that the workshop is beneficial and inspiring. 100% of attendees returning evaluations indicated they “strongly agree” or “agree” that they learned something at the workshop, and 99% indicated they “strongly agree” or “agree” that applying what they learned at the workshop will improve library services to the public. Attendee comments include “Asa new hire, I am now not intimidated by storytimes, but feel more prepared and knowledgeable!” and “I didn’t truly realize how important what I do really is. Now I do.”

Learn more about Early Literacy 101:
www.ohreadytoread.org/early-literacy-101

Ohio Digital Media Literacy Training

In 2018, ORTR also coordinated five offerings of a Digital Media Literacy Training workshop, based on a 2016 LSTA grant awarded to Cuyahoga County Public Library to implement a train-the-trainer project. This training equips Ohio’s children’s librarians to be media mentors for families in their communities.

Children and families use digital media extensively for learning, entertainment, and communication. But many parents and caregivers lack the guidance and support they need to use digital media in ways that are effective and productive to their children's education. Through the Digital Media Literacy Training workshop, Ohio library staff who serve youth and families:

• Learned the difference between using media passively and actively.
• Better understood how to use technology effectively during storytime.
• Increased confidence in their ability to speak to families and coworkers about new media.
• Increased the number of known, trusted sources used for making technology and interactive media recommendations.

Librarians from five systems, who were trained through the CCPL project, served as workshop leaders. Their libraries hosted the workshops in 2018 for a total of over 70 attendees. Brenna Becker and Sarah Polace from Cuyahoga County Public Library led the trainer group throughout the year and coordinated the significant task of updating workshop content to reflect developments in technology and research since 2016.

Learn more about Ohio Digital Media Literacy Training: www.ohreadytoread.org/digital-media-literacy-training.

Take 5

Take 5 is an annual event for teen/youth services librarians and library specialists, school librarians, and their allies who support and care about young people. This grassroots-organized, low-cost event grew out of practitioners’ interest in collaboration and dialogue. Take 5 is planned and produced by a team of teen services practitioners in public and school libraries, with the State Library youth services consultant and a member of the Kent State iSchool faculty. Take 5 offers experiential learning, hands-on activities, small-group conversations, the space to dream big and engage with high-level issues and trends, and the opportunity to meet and learn from teen/youth services colleagues and from allies in other fields.

Eighty attendees enjoyed the 2018 event, Take 5: For Teens, With Teens, Friday, May 4, 2018 at Loudonville Public Library. The event included sessions on Green Dot Bystander Intervention with Lori Droege of Pioneers in Violence Prevention, and Revive Civility with Lauren Litton, State Coordinator. The event also featured an Activity Fair (with drones, local history, light sabers, a tween-led classroom library renovation, a service dog in training, and more), followed by a World Café conversation. The Activity Fair and small group conversations are regular features of Take 5. New for 2018, the event wrapped up with a panel of teen participants sharing their thoughts on making a difference and getting meaningful support from adults.

Evaluations for Take 5 are enthusiastically positive each year. Participants describe Take 5 as energizing, creative, and fun. In 2018, 100% of attendees returning evaluations indicated they “strongly agree” or “agree” that they learned something at the workshop, and 96% indicated they “strongly agree” or “agree”
that applying what they learned at the workshop will improve library services to the public. Attendee comments included “The teens were so well-spoken. Very informative, great discussion, great questions” and “Wonderful event – affordable, not too far. Thanks for a wonderful day.”

Learn more about Take 5 and the 2019 event, Take 5: We’re All in this Together, Friday, May 3 at the Chillicothe-Ross County Public Library: library.ohio.gov/take5.

Special Collections at the State Library

In 2018, the Floyd Dickman Children’s Book Collection was expanded, and signage and display improved, through a collaborative effort of the Marketing, Research & Catalog Services, and Library Programs & Development departments of the State Library.

This team of State Library staff also gathered the Choose to Read Ohio titles in the Floyd Dickman Collection into a new special collection, and purchased all the books for adults on past and current CTRO booklists to complete the Choose to Read Ohio collection with a copy of every book named to the CTRO booklists since the program’s inception in 2009.

Visitors to the State Library are encouraged to browse these collections, which are also available for check-out with your State Library card, or through OhioLINK.

Learn more about the Floyd Dickman Collection: library.ohio.gov/collections/floyd-dickman-collection/. See the article on page 20 for more on Choose to Read Ohio.

KSU iSchool Practicum Students

Jenn Wiezbiski coordinated recordkeeping and follow-up for Take 5 registrations, and participated on the planning team. She gathered and shared resources on inclusion in summer library programs, and crunched the data to facilitate a report on state-by-state spending on summer library programs. Jenn created a Choose to Read Ohio toolkit for Dog Man by Dav Pilkey. She attended a summer reading workshop, Teen Think Tank, Ohioana Book Festival, and many meetings and tours. Jenn also had the unique honor of co-presenting, with State Librarian Beverly Cain, a program on reading and literacy for an assembly of nearly 500 middle school students in southeast Ohio.

Ariel Bacon adeptly juggled a variety of tasks in Research and Catalog Services and Library Programs & Development, while working on her primary practicum assignment: organizing the library of the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center. She assisted with reviewing materials from the Ohio Department of Transportation, worked on collection development for the Floyd Dickman Children’s Book Collection, and identified a cloud-based tool for designing Choose to Read Ohio toolkits. Ariel also attended the summer reading workshop, Teen Think Tank, and the Ohioana Book Festival, plus tours and meetings.
Choose to Read Ohio: 10 Years (and counting) of Celebrating Ohio Literature

By Janet Ingraham Dwyer
Services Library Consultant
State Library of Ohio

Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) spotlights Ohio authors and illustrators and promotes reading across Ohio. Started in 2009 by the State Library of Ohio and the Ohioana Library, CTRO is a celebration of the rich and diverse tapestry of published literature by Ohioans, and an invitation to Ohioans of all ages to read and enjoy books together.

The new 2019 & 2020 CTRO booklist was developed and announced in 2018. CTRO is now in its sixth program cycle. Each program cycle centers on a booklist highlighting 20 notable books, for all ages and reading interests, for a 2-calendar-year promotion. The booklist features 20 notable titles for all ages by Ohio authors and illustrators, including Wil Haygood, Mary Doria Russell, Mindy McGinnis, Dav Pilkey, Brenda Woods, Pat Mora, Cynthia Rylant, and others.

Ohio librarians, teachers, and other advocates for books and readers help to select the biennial CTRO booklists. Every two years, the CTRO Advisory Council develops a longlist of notable books by Ohioans, divided into books for adults, teens, middle grades, and young children. The Advisory Council reaches out to educators and book people around the state to be electors. Each elector reviews all the nominated books in an age category and votes their top five choices. They assess the nominated titles for quality, reader appeal, and how they spark conversation and inspire exploration. The top five vote-getters for each age group become the next CTRO booklist.

To support and encourage book discussion groups, library programs, and other activities to bring readers together around books, the CTRO Advisory Council creates a readers' toolkit for each CTRO book. Each toolkit includes an author biography, discussion questions, activities, and links for further exploration of the book's themes, topics, or setting. Toolkits for the 2019 & 2020 books, and for the 95 additional books previously selected to CTRO since its inception in 2009, are available for free download.

The CTRO Advisory Council also oversees the Floyd’s Pick Book Award. Named in memory of children’s literature expert, advocate, and librarian Floyd Dickman, Floyd’s Pick is given annually to an outstanding book in Ohio children’s literature. This selection is in addition to the 20 titles featured in the biennial CTRO booklist. Learn more about Floyd’s Pick and the winning titles to date.

Download CTRO booklists, toolkits, and additional information about CTRO: library.ohio.gov/ctro. Encourage your library patrons to check out CTRO titles and to “read together, read Ohio, read for life!”

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And more...

The youth services library consultant serves as Ohio’s state representative to the national Collaborative Summer Library Program and distributes CSLP manuals, statewide Summer Library Program incentives, and other resources to help librarians plan and produce their summer library programs. See the 2018 Summer Library Program Evaluation Report on p. 4.

The youth services library consultant also coordinates Choose to Read Ohio, with the active support of the State Library’s director of communications and marketing and of the Choose to Read Ohio Advisory Council. See the Choose to Read Ohio update above.

Learn more about State Library support and resources for children’s, teen, and school librarians and library specialists: library.ohio.gov/youthservices.
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**Consortium Circulation**
- 15,067,714 Total Automation Consortium
- 160,208 Resource Sharing to Non-Members
  - 77 Public Libraries — 127,190
  - 13 Correctional Institutions — 14,554
- 6,695 OCLC ILL Filled
- 278 Periodical Requests
- 51 Reference Questions Filled

**Digital Circulation**
- 1,573,888 Total Digital Circulation
- 881,913 Adult eBook Circulation
- 434,298 audiobook Circulation
- 160,604 Juvenile & Teen eBook Circulation
- 9,708 New Electronic Resource Cards

**SEO Library Sharing**
- 29,794 Total SEO Collection Resource Sharing
  - 139,900 SEO Volumes
- 769 Out-of-State Libraries
- All 50 States Represented
- 2,394 OCLC ILL Filled

**DigiHub Stats**
- 7 Trainings | 69 Sessions | 7,884 Scans

**SEO Statewide Delivery Bags In/Out**

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**On-Demand Technology Training**
- 45 Location Visits
- 73 Classes Taught
- 983 People Trained

**TOP 3 Courses**
- #1 Cyber Security
- #2 3D Printing
- #3 Libby

Technological Services Committee
- 863 Original Bibliographic Records Created
- 729 Created For Their Own Library
- 134 Created For Other SEO Consortium Libraries

Instructional Videos | Webinars
- 73 Videos Available on YouTube
- 4,548 Instructional Video Views
- 38 Niche Academy Tutorials
- 11,399 Tutorial Views

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