Congratulations to Missy Lodge

Missy Lodge was a long-time employee and a key leader at the State Library of Ohio. She played a significant role in the library's operations and development, working in various capacities throughout her career. Missy's contributions have been instrumental in the library's success and growth.

In recognition of her dedication and impact, 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.

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In recognition of her dedicated 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 leadership on multiple committees and terms as conference program chair and membership committee chair.

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Every five years, the State Library of Ohio is visited by its IMLS Program Officer. During the summer of 2018, Program Officer Madeline Tait spent three and a half days in Ohio touring Ohio libraries, meeting Ohio library staff, and talking about their success stories and support through the National Library of Medicine, substance abuse, and suicide 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. The State Library partnered with the DPLA service hub to harvest metadata from libraries and museums across Ohio. The DPLA website serves as a centralized catalog for these resources. All resources discovered on DPLA’s website are free to view without paywalls or login.

Substance abuse, mental illness, and suicidality are experienced by all demographics across the state and the number of individuals affected continues to grow. 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. The State Library partnered with the DPLA service hub to harvest metadata from libraries and museums across Ohio. The DPLA website serves as a centralized catalog for these resources. All resources discovered on DPLA’s website are free to view without paywalls or login.

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- Elaine Betting, Lorain Public Library System
- Nimisha Bhat, Columbus College of Art & Design
- Angela Broman, Toledo Lucas County Public Library
- Raya Burgin, Westerville Public Library
- Rebyn Cao, Wright Memorial Public Library
- Hong Chen, University of Cincinnati
- Natalie Dietman, Way Public Library
- Matthew Dyer, Ohio Office of Budget & Management
- Michael Dzaback, Shaker Library, University of Findlay
- Kathryn Fisher, Ralph M. Beale Library, Ursuline College
- Megan L. Flowers, Saint Joseph Academy
- Jaclyn Fulwood, Dayton Metro Library
- Morgan Hoyt, Worthington Libraries
- Anne Jubes, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Mary Lacocky, Cleveland Heights – University Heights Public Library
- Kristin McCormick, Worthington Libraries
- Jessica Mckinath, Oberlin University
- Michelle McKinney, University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College
- Tamerico Metter, Cleveland Public Library
- Katherine Midpley, Toledo Lucas County Public Library
- Maxe Penrod, Ohio University-Akron Library
- Maryann Penzo, Cuyahoga County Public Library – Bay Village Branch
- Carl Person, University of Cincinnati
- Cara Phillips, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library
- Rebecca Ransberger, Toledo Lucas County Public Library – King Road Branch
- Karl Siders, Southern State Community College
- Jamie Sills, Medina County District Library
- Desree Thomas, Worthington Libraries
- Shannon Tiso, Shaker Heights Public Library
- Amy Wainwright, John Carroll University – Grasselli Library & Breen Learning Center
- Adam Winter, McPointe Library System
You’re part of something good—and difficult to name.

Traditionally, the phrase “Summer Reading Program” has been the most commonly used of several terms that attempt to encompass the breadth of summer programs in libraries. While “Summer Reading Program” remains by far the most commonly used term, it is often a part of rather than the whole. Many libraries use the terms “Summer Library Program” or “Summer Reading Challenge.”

Music brings people together, engages emotional connections, and promotes creative work. Community members engaged in arts and crafts, literature, music, and community-oriented programs for events 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.”

Bibbi Unterehr
Shelby County Libraries

The State Library of Ohio asks public libraries to complete an Ohio SLP (Summer Library Program) Evaluation survey at summer’s end. Over the course of the summer, Ohio’s public libraries are the stars of Ohio’s public libraries, as well as expose our families to more diverse music.” Eliza Betting at the Lebanon Public Library noted that the library’s mascot, Bowser, got to be Bowser for the summer and that “adults really enjoyed this theme. Kids always like music, but we tapped into some notable music history programs and monthly performances at our Main Library. We have local music festivals nearby all summer, so this really worked well for us.”

Rutland 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 has asked us to do this again and we are considering continuing the Libraries Rock!concerts next year in addition to our next summer theme.”

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

- 752,129 at children’s programs
- 71,967 at teen programs
- 326,800 at adult programs
- 196,099 at all-ages programs

Among the many programs offered by Groveview Heights Public Library was “Locked in the Library: Escape Room”, an escape room 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 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 illustrator, David Shannon. “Libraries Rock!” proved very popular.

Memorial Public Library “has created a partnership with our local fire department, paramedics, police and veterans. For the fourth year we sponsored ‘Talia’s Heroes Day’ for our patrons. All in attendance hear talks on safety and flag etiquette. The veterans bring a chow wagon, jeeps, and half deuce, and there is food, police car and a rescue vehicle. Children may explore the vehicles and ask questions. It is a wonderful thing for the community that our patrons look forward to each year. We are helping to build those relationships that may help out in an emergency.”

In 2018, 484,593 people participated** in a summer library program of Ohio libraries, including:

331,770 Children
56,523 Teens
96,300 Adults

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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 book hour.

154 library locations in 49 systems served as lunch or snack sites in the USDA’s Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). SFSP is a nutrition education and summer meal program available in communities with many local agencies. According to the Ohio Department of Education, 9,074,620 meals were served in Ohio during the summer of 2018. Every day, at least one new child joined the many regulars that attend daily. Kate Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov or 614-644-6910 to share your feedback, or if you are interested in volunteering with the Summer Reading Program.

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20 years of Summer Lunches (and more) in Athens County

By Amy King
Program Services Coordinator
Athens County Public Libraries

Always looking for ways to build community, teach, and serve our library users with resources, in 2018 Athens County Public Libraries celebrated 20 years as an official SFSP site in several Athens County communities. Stephen Hedges piloted the program 20 years ago while serving as a summer school teacher during his tenure a library director. Lauer Library then took the lead on the program and has continued under current library director Nick Tome.

The program currently thrives under the management of the youth services team, shifting over the years from being considered solely by the library to ACPL now being a site under the sponsorship of the Hickory Athens Perry Regional Food Bank. This means that various businesses, churches, and individuals volunteer to help serve and coordinate meals with our local partners. We are now partnered with the Athens Area Media- tion Services to offer conflict resolution services.

2018 was a great year to be part of a program that provides meals for hungry children. We had a little over 2,000 visitors to the library that served as a SFSP site, and 1,100 children were served in 2018. It is an exciting year to look back on the past 20 years and see how the program has grown as a result and we are so grateful for the connections we have made with schools, businesses, churches, and individuals. We also appreciate the support from various organizations.

Community involvement also comes in the form of volunteer assistance. When school is out, the library is the place for break time in their community service hours. According to Erikka Sawdey, Pick- etsville Public Library “had about 50 teen volunteers who made our SFSP possible with the help of local businesses, registering participants, distributing prizes, and assisting with our children. They gave us service hours and youthful exuberance and we gave them vital life experience that will translate to a full life and full experience. This truly makes a difference than that.”

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By Mandy Simon, Library Consultant
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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 and 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!”

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Planning for Library Spaces continued

Perry Public Library and Comprehensive Data Collection for Space Planning

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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 point for patrons to relax. After these changes were 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 at the back of the library before the shelving arrangement than with the previously diagonally situated shelving. And more people chose to work or relax in the new furnishing 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 timeframe 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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During 2018, several employees from the Government Publishing Office came to Ohio to visit libraries. Regional Depository Coordinator, Kintin Krumsee, joined GPO on a number of these visits. Libraries visited included: 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, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, University of Mount Union and Muskingum University.

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The main message was focused on the passage of the Reauthorization of the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS) for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). IMLS funds were 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 ILSA 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 experiences and emphasized how Ohio libraries work to not just job seekers, employers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses throughout the state.

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

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 at teacher Rachelle Smith’s class.

OSSB students worked with local artist Claudia Retter to create one-of-a-kind literary works. 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 different types of books and covers. In art class, they chose a topic of importance to them, used images and found objects, and designed their work around a fantasy-based story. “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 that they can tell their stories with their work.

“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 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’s 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 Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (OUBPD). Attendees at the event included State Library staff and patrons and staff from Ohioana Library, OUBPD, 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 (OUBPD).

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 25,000 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, OUBPD serves the Regional Library for the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLs) of the Library of Congress and a component of the 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.

ARTSHOW continued

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 OUBPD. State Librarian Beverly Cain and Tracy Grimm gave remarks. Tracy Grimm also hosted a table for 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 (OUBPD) and the State Library of Ohio. Irwin Hott and Vicki Peshin, OUBPD 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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On January 18, 2018, the State Library of Ohio Board passed a resolution to proclaim the period beginning March 13 and ending April 12, 2018, National Deaf Awareness Month. The State Library of Ohio encourages 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 a visually impaired community collaborates to bring a collection of Deafness and interpreting-related materials to all Ohioans. Through this partnership, OUBPD 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. The collection contains approximately 200 books, DVDs, CDs, and other materials of Deaf history, American Sign Language students, parents, and professionals working within the deaf community. The Ohio School for the Deaf maintains and provides easy access to this collection through the State Library’s online catalog.

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The Centennial Register, a set of oversize 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 report and photos, and information about the Centennial Exhibition were on display at the State Library. The four Registers vary in size from 23.1” 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 Martha McDevitt-Shedney turned into presentation copies.

Nicole Mentman 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 Martha’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.

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Steve was the manager of the Transportation and Facility Services area.

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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.

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 table showcasing online resources, and
- Ebooks and AudioBooks in the Ohio Digital Library

The case was also used to display A map of North America and Most Considerable Towns in the World Described, or, A New and Correct Sett of Maps of the World, with the Principal Cities, and Most Considerable Towns in the World, created by Heri

A separate WWI display was installed in the Ohio Statehouse and on view in May, and July through the end of November.

In October, Evan T. Stol Lee was appointed to Associate State Librarian for Library Development.

In January, Krista Taracuk was sworn in for her second 5-year term.

Eric Maynard was promoted to Data Systems Manager in July for the Information Systems & Technology Department.

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Ohio Digital Media Literacy Training

In 2018, ORTR also coordinated five offerings of a Digital Media Literacy Training workshop, based on a 2016 Inspire 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 to 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 can:

- Learn more about Ohio Ready to Read: www.ohioreadytoread.org/early-literacy-101

Early Literacy 101

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

ORTR provides tools and resources for library services to the public. Attendee comments included “The teens were as well-spoken. Very informative, great discussion topics and “Wonderful event – affordable, not too far. Thanks for a wonderful day.”

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 99% indicated they “strongly agree” or “agree” that applying what they learned at the workshop will improve library services to the public.

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The State Library frequently has the pleasure of hosting graduating students in library science from Kent State University in their concluding experience internship (practicum). In 2018, we hosted two dynamic rising librarians under supervision of the youth services library consultant.

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 Floyd Dickman Children’s Book Collection, and identifying a cloud-based tool for designing Choose to Read Ohio toolkits. She attended a summer reading workshop, Teen Think Tank, Ohioana Book Festival, and many meetings and tours. Jenn and Janet had the unique honor of co-presenting, with State Library of Beverly Carn, a program on reading and literacy for an assembly of nearly 500 middle school students in southeast Ohio.

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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. Learn more about State Library support and resources for children's, teen, and school librarians and library specialists: library.ohio.gov/youthservices.

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 center on a booklist highlighting 20 notable books, for all ages and reading interests, for a 2-year promotion. The booklist features 20 notable titles for all ages by Ohio authors and illustrators, including Wil Haygood, Mary Doris Russell, Mindy McCinnis, 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 list 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.

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The CTRO Advisory Council also oversees the Lloyd’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.

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