



*Serving Ohio Since 1817*

## Vision A Smarter Ohio

The vision of the State Library of Ohio is a Smarter Ohio where every Ohioan can access the necessary resources to be engaged citizens, excel at their jobs, participate in the workforce, and pursue their passions and interests.

## Mission

**The State Library of Ohio ensures a smarter Ohio by managing the delivery of services through three channels:**

- Directly, by building and managing quality collections and providing hands-on service to state government
- Cooperatively, through collaborative efforts and information sharing networks within the library community
- Virtually, through online and on-the-go access to expert assistance, digitized resources, and a vast selection of electronic materials

**State Librarian**  
Wendy Knapp

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The State Library of Ohio  
**274 East First Ave., Suite 100**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43201**

Open  
**Monday – Friday**  
**8 am to 5 pm**

Online and *on-the-go* at  
**library.ohio.gov**

Contact the State Library of Ohio at  
**614-644-7061**  
**800-686-1532 (Ohio only)**  
**refhelp@library.ohio.gov**

*Patrons often use the State Library of Ohio to research information about congressional hearings and reports, U.S. and State of Ohio legislative history, statistics, facts about the state of Ohio, geological information, military rosters, state institutional and agency reports, census data, and more.*

## Government & State Employees

Provides access to books, ebooks, print and online journals, magazines, newspapers, and resources and materials in the State Library and OhioLINK catalogs.

Provides work-related library use assistance, research help and reference services, and online topic and how-to guides.

Serves as Ohio's only full regional depository for federal documents and the depository for Ohio state agency documents. Most state agency documents are born-digital versions that are cataloged and archived in Ohio Memory. On-site digitization lab with equipment used to digitize rare books and documents.

Provides services to borrow materials from other libraries, delivery and pick-up of library materials to offices, meeting space with video conferencing capability, and free parking.

## Ohio Libraries

Leads collaboration and partnership with Libraries Connect Ohio—to ensure all Ohioans continue to have access to high quality, relevant, and reliable online resources and publications, at no cost to libraries, schools, universities, and residents.

Oversees the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant program for Ohio.

The Serving Every Ohioan Library Center (SEO), a branch of the State Library of Ohio, administers a resource sharing consortium of 95 library systems at 241 physical locations throughout 49 counties across Ohio.

Coordinates the Ohio Digital Library e-content consortium and the Ohio Digital Network, the statewide hub of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

Collects and makes available statistics about Ohio public libraries for analysis, long range planning and comparison.

Develops continuing education opportunities and leadership programs, such as ILEAD USA – Ohio and Library Leadership Ohio, for library staff.

Administers a competitive LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) Guiding Ohio Online grant. The grant enables libraries serving rural populations in Ohio to hire a dedicated technology trainer for their library. The technology trainer is hired as an independent contractor in a full- or part-time capacity depending on the needs of the library for a one-year period.

## Ohio Residents

Provides access to ebooks, digital audiobooks, digital magazines, and video through the Ohio Digital Library.

Manages a unique collection of library materials which may be borrowed by the public on a walk-in basis. Collections include government and business documents, and management, education, health and criminal justice books and materials.

Coordinates the Ohio Talking Book program for Ohio's blind and print disabled residents including children and veterans of war.

Collaborates with the Center for Outreach Services located at the Ohio School for the Deaf to provide access to a collection of Deafness and interpreting-related materials to all Ohioans.

Answers reference, research, and general "How do I find?" questions.

Contributes funding to the Ohio Web Library—online resources and publications available to all Ohioans through public, university, special and school libraries.

Provides access to specialized online publications and research resources not included in OhioLINK and the Ohio Web Library.

Provides access to current and historical state and federal government documents (print & digital), and access to borrowing ebooks, DVDs, audio books, and other materials from OhioLINK and Search Ohio member libraries.

Provides technology training via the SEO On Demand Technology Training program.