

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, February 28, 2016

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

Announcements

- [Former Head of Field Unit Operations at the State Library and Celebrated Bookmobile Guru John Philip Passes](#)
- [Applications Now Being Accepted to Host an AmeriCorps Member for Guiding Ohio Online](#)

Choose to Read Ohio

- State Librarian Beverly Cain and the CTRO Advisory Board recently honored Floyd Dickman's contributions to the Ohio library community by proclaiming the establishment of a special Floyd's Pick CTRO annual book selection. Each year the CTRO Advisory Board will select an outstanding book in Ohio children's literature to be Floyd's Pick. The first Floyd's Pick book will be announced in spring 2016 along with the 2017 and 2018 CTRO booklist.
- Over 50 educators and librarians, serving as CTRO electors, have reviewed the titles nominated for the 2017 and 2018 CTRO booklist and have cast their votes. The new booklist will be announced at the 2016 Ohioana Book Festival, Saturday, April 23, and will feature five notable books each for adults, teens, tweens/middle grades, and young children.
- The 2015 and 2016 Choose to Read Ohio booklist, readers' toolkits for all 75 books selected to CTRO since its inception in 2009, and additional information about CTRO are available on the State Library website: <https://library.ohio.gov/ctro>.
- Questions on Choose to Read Ohio should be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

Digital Public Library of America

- In April 2015, the State Library Board awarded an LSTA grant to Columbus Metropolitan Library to act as administrator and lead implementer for a "DPLA in Ohio Planning Project." This project will develop a plan for Ohio cultural heritage institutions to participate in DPLA through creation of an Ohio Service Hub.
- The DPLA Symposium was held at the State Library on December 3, 2015. Over 100 attendees heard about DPLA, results of the statewide digital collections survey, and discussed next steps for Ohio's involvement in DPLA.
- At the Symposium, it was announced that the State Library would be the lead organization for a three-year DPLA prototype. Details are being developed in collaboration with the State Library Board, the DPLA Consultants, and the Ohio DPLA Steering Committee.
- As a follow-up to the DPLA Survey, State Library staff is developing a workshop to assist libraries who plan to digitize their holdings in the near future and would like to learn how to get started in the process. The workshop is being planned for spring 2016. More information and registration will be available in the next few months.
- More information on the project can be found at <http://dplaohio.org>. Questions should be addressed to Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov.

Library Leadership Ohio

- The State Library is once again partnering with OhioNET on Library Leadership Ohio. The mission of LLO is to "create the next generation of transformative library leaders." Thirty-two individuals will be selected to participate in LLO 2016.
- Library Leadership Ohio, facilitated by the Ivy Library Group, will take place July 19-22, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Worthington. Tuition for the event is \$500.
- Applications are being reviewed and acceptance letters will be sent out March 31, 2016.
- Questions on Library Leadership Ohio should be addressed to Evan Struble, estruble@library.ohio.gov.

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.

List of New Acquisitions

- The list of new titles in the State Library Circulating Book Collection for February is available on our website at: <https://library.ohio.gov/collections/new-books/>

LSTA

- The LSTA Open Grant program is currently open. The RFP and information on the Open Grant program can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#AvailableGrants>. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.
- The TV Whitespace Grant will provide public library patrons, especially in outlying areas, greater connectivity. The RFP and information about the TVWS Grant program can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/documents/tv-white-space/>. Round one proposals will be accepted through April 15, 2016.
- Seventeen proposals were received for Summer Reading Program grants. Proposals are being reviewed and applicants will be notified of funding status in early March.
- An LSTA Open Grant was recently awarded to Homer Public Library.
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, cboyden@library.ohio.gov or Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov.

Newsletters

- The Ohio Libraries Quarterly – 2015 Year in Review was published and is available online at: <https://library.ohio.gov/quarterly/2015-year-in-review/>
- The [News You Can Use](#) first quarter edition featured Workplace Book Clubs and Discussion Groups.

Printing

- Small notepads were delivered this month for sharing at library events.
- Submitted print request to State Printing for Ohio Digital Library stickers and bookmarks for libraries.

Signage

- Shelf range signs were designed, printed in-house, and inserted into the endcaps within the government publication collections. The new design features the subject ranges in works and the range by specific call numbers.

Summer Food Service Program

- During the summer, public libraries in income-eligible areas may serve free meals or snacks to all youth in the library or at an outreach location, at no financial cost to the library, thanks to the USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This federally-funded program helps fill the nutrition gap for children and teens who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, and are at significant risk of going hungry in the summer. Many Ohio libraries already participate, and find it very rewarding and beneficial. The State Library website offers a basic "how-to" guide for libraries to learn more about SFSP and how to become a site or a sponsor, partner with existing sites, promote the program, and/or refer young patrons to available sites: <https://library.ohio.gov/summer-food>.

Summer Reading Program

- The 2016 incentive certificate for 50% off camping at Ohio State Parks is now available. The certificates, courtesy of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, are good seven days a week, with a reduced discount on weekends. Campers may use the coupon for up to fourteen consecutive days. Holiday weekends are excluded. Certificate holders may reserve their campsites. The certificate is good through October 31, 2016. This certificate may be used as an incentive in any public library's summer reading program.
- The 2016 Ohio State Fair incentive coupon is now available. This coupon is good for \$4 off admission to the Ohio State Fair for summer readers ages 5-14, and can be used as an incentive in any public library's summer reading program. The Ohio State Fair runs from July 27 – August 7, 2016.

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- For a master copy of either/both statewide incentives, or with any questions about Summer Reading, email Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

Take 5

- [Registration is open](#) for “**Take 5: Level Up! Level Out!**” in Athens on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Registration is only \$15 and includes speaker presentations, multisensory hands-on activities, guided conversation, locally sourced lunch and refreshments, and more. Take 5 is an annual event and an ongoing dialogue on new ideas and creative approaches for people who work with teens and youth in libraries, museums, arts organizations, and other learning environments. The event takes place at a different Ohio location each spring. Check out the [Take 5 web page](#), follow the [Take 5 Facebook page](#), and register via SERLS here: <http://www.tinyurl.com/Take5registration>. Take 5 is supported by LSTA funds administered by the State Library of Ohio and by a generous contribution from the Athens County Public Libraries, and is also supported by SERLS and the Athens Community Center. Take 5 is developed and presented by a team of Ohio public and school librarians.

Website

- Edits, new content, and updates were posted for the Summer Reading Program, Youth Services, and Ohio Digital Library.