

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, May 31, 2016

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

Announcements

- [State Library of Ohio selected as one of the Top Workplaces in Central Ohio](#)
- [State Library Board Approves Grant to Continue Statewide Access to Core Set of Databases](#)
- [Grants for the Arts Seminars hosted by the Office of Senator Sherrod Brown](#)

Choose to Read Ohio

- The 2017 & 2018 CTRO booklist was announced at the 2016 Ohioana Book Festival on Saturday, April 23. This booklist, which will be promoted through calendar 2017 and 2018, features 20 notable books for all ages by Ohio authors and illustrators, including Thrity Umrigar, Anthony Doerr, Edith Pattou, Tricia Springstubb, Julie Zickefoose, and the late Andrea Cheng. Download and share the booklist: <https://library.ohio.gov/ctro>. Readers' toolkits for all 20 books will be developed and published to the CTRO website in coming months.
- **Little Tree** by Loren Long has been selected as the inaugural CTRO "Floyd's Pick" title, in memory of children's literature expert, advocate, and librarian Floyd Dickman. **Little Tree** is a modern fable about a little tree faced with a big decision, written and illustrated by Cincinnati-based children's author Long. 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 the 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 2015 & 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.

Events

- [Columbus CEO Top Workplaces](#) Recognition Event



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.

Displays

- Three custom display cases are in production and will be installed in the library gallery in mid-June.
- The next display will feature government documents and other items in our collections related to the National Park Service Centennial.

List of New Acquisitions

- The list of new titles in the State Library Circulating Book Collection for May 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 deadline for the TV Whitespace Grant has been extended to August 15, 2016. This grant program 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/>.
- The LSTA competitive grant program is now open. Applications will be accepted in the categories of Literacy, STEM, Outreach and Partnerships, and Data Management and Analytics. Proposals are due September 1, 2016. More information on the competitive grants can be found at: <https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/lsta-grants/#AvailableGrants>.
- The State Library has released an RFP for an outside evaluator to conduct an evaluation of the LSTA Five-Year Plan 2013-2017.
- The evaluation must be submitted to IMLS by March 31, 2017. The LSTA Advisory Committee met May 31. Agenda items included the LSTA Five-Year evaluation, LSTA Five-Year plan, and a discussion on future LSTA grant programs.
- An open grant was awarded to Jonathan Alder School District.
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Cindy Boyden, cboyden@library.ohio.gov or Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov.

Newsletters

- The next issue of the [Ohio Libraries Quarterly](#) will focus on data collection and analysis and use in communications and decision making in libraries. The Librarian Interview will be with Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz, *Director of Strategy and Innovation*, Cleveland Public Library.
- The next issue of [Government Information You Can Use](#) is in development.

Ohio Statehouse Display

- An exhibit was installed in the Map Room at the Ohio State House for the month of May. The exhibit featured federal publications about space exploration and was presented in partnership with GODORT (Government documents Round Table) of Ohio.
<http://www.ohiostatehouse.org/event?id=1118>



Print Materials

- The OhioLINK promotional flyer customized for state employees was delivered.

Signage

- End-cap signage was installed for Government Publications, LC, Magazines & Journals, Reference, and Dewey collections.
- Hardware was received and inserts were printed for hanging signage with subject or agency names for each row within the library's shelving for the Government Publications and LC collections. They will be installed in June.

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 14 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.
- 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.
- The State Library worked with the American Dairy Association to distribute "Fuel Up to Play 60" activity kits to 32 public libraries serving as SFSP sites in 2016.
- The evaluation for the Summer Reading Program is available. Libraries are requested to complete the survey, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/srpeval2016>, at the conclusion of their program.

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Take 5

- Take 5 took place May 4 in Athens. Approximately 75 individuals attended, including about a dozen community organization representatives who staffed activity stations, keynote speaker Miguel Figueroa, along with public and school librarians from around Ohio.

Tours

- On May 5, participants in the Open World Leadership Program from the Republic of Kosovo visited the State Library for a tour. The purpose of their visit to the United States was to learn about the concept of “transparency” in government and access to information. See more photos at: <https://www.facebook.com/StateLibraryOhio/photos/pcb.582853758548094/582853191881484/?type=3&theater>



Website

- May 26 marked the one year anniversary of the launch of our current website design: <https://library.ohio.gov/news/new-website/>

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