

Testimonials

■ *"Our partnership with OLC allowed us to bring Joyce Saricks, nationally known expert on Reader's Advisory, to Toledo. Over 40 staff members were able to learn from her expertise at one time, an opportunity that it would have been impossible for us to provide in any other way. We look forward to many such partnerships in the future."*

-Nancy Foth, Manager of Branch Services,
Toledo-Lucas County Public Library

■ *"The Portsmouth Public Library was very pleased to have participated in an OLC Training Partnership to bring Pat Wagner to our library for two days last fall. It provided PPL staff with the opportunity to experience workshops presented by a nationally recognized speaker and to interact with staff from the Garnet A. Wilson and Briggs-Lawrence County public libraries. Best of all, this experience was available in our own backyard...a rarity given our geographic location. We would welcome the opportunity to engage in another OLC Training Partnership!"*

-Beverly Cain, Director, Portsmouth Public Library

■ *"Our recent training partnership with the Ohio Library Council gave our library the opportunity to select a topic applicable to a large number of employees and enabled us to allow everyone interested to attend. Muskingum County Library System employees attended John Herzog's "Building Time Management Skills" last December in the comfort of their own library without the expense of travelling. In a time when budgets are tight, the OLC training partnerships are an economically savvy option to provide quality training."*

-Lynn Mercer, Human Resources Manager,
Muskingum County Library System



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Your Library and the Ohio Library Council: Training Partners

Can you think of someone you've wanted to bring to your library? A library consultant or trainer? A techno-wiz? Someone from outside the profession with expertise in security, personnel administration, marketing, project management, space allocation, or service development? Would you like to reduce the costs of a current program by opening it up to additional participants?

Maybe an OLC Training Partnership is the answer...



An OLC Training Partnership is an agreement between the OLC and an OLC institutional

member library to sponsor high-quality training in a local library setting. OLC has a strong commitment to providing excellent training opportunities for its members, and Ohio's public libraries are advocates for continuous improvement for staff as they develop new programs and services. By agreeing to collaborate on educational programs, both the OLC and the library can enhance their education offerings.

What are the advantages of a training partnership?

Increased Program Quality. People who plan training understand that sometimes the costs involved in contracting with a well-known trainer or consultant can seem prohibitive. Highly effective trainers often charge between \$1,000 and \$2,000 a day for their services. Yet people who participate in workshops conducted for OLC by professional trainers inevitably give those events very positive evaluations. Through a training partnership with OLC you can cut your library's costs by up to 50%. OLC can help locate a trainer and possibly negotiate a lower, not-for-profit rate.

Cost Savings. If your library forms a training partnership with OLC, we'll work out a mutually satisfying cost-sharing plan. In exchange for allowing OLC members in your area to attend the training event, you'll save on speaker fees, transportation, and any other associated costs. You'll also save on time and travel for your staff and stretch your training budget. And like your library, OLC will save on staff time and travel as you will host the training event.



How does my library create a training partnership with OLC?

Each agreement is individually tailored, but here is an example of how the responsibilities for the library and OLC might be divided:

Library: provide meeting space set to speaker's requirements (furniture arrangements, AV needs, etc.); work with speaker upon his/her arrival to make sure the training room is in order; assist with handouts or additional needs; work with a local caterer to insure timely delivery of meals; and welcome and greet registered OLC participants.

OLC: recommend, contact, and schedule trainers; handle any travel arrangements; promote each event to a broader audience; and distribute name badges generated by OLC (and mailed to the library) to all OLC member/guests who wish to attend.

Like all good partnerships, an OLC Training Partnership is a two-way street. OLC might suggest a training option to you based on needs defined by OLC Divisions or Committees. You might identify a training need for your staff and contact the OLC to see if the content is a good fit.

For more information or to discuss a potential OLC Training Partnership, contact the Ohio Library Council at 614-410-8092 or olc@olc.org.