



January

- Happy Birthday America! Be sure to highlight any activities your library has planned to celebrate the Semiquincentennial. Make sure to invite your legislators to any special events.
- Big election year! Keep an eye on likely candidates so you can begin educating them about what makes your library great.
- Continue communicating with your local legislators as we begin the second half of the 136th General Assembly.
- Make sure your legislator is on your library's newsletter mailing list.
- Review advocacy tools on the [OLC website](#).

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2026 Advocacy Calendar

February

- Write an article about the services your library offers to the community and how state and/or local funding supports these services.
- Celebrate "Toni Morrison" Day on Feb. 18.
- Invite your legislators to be a part of your library's storytime for "Read Across America Day" on March 2.
- Register for OLC's [Library Legislative Day](#) on March 18.

March

- March 3: Watch the OLC's [Preparing for Library Legislative Day Webinar](#).
- Coordinate your Library Legislative Day meetings with your [Legislative Network Representative](#).
- March 18: Attend OLC's [Library Legislative Day](#).
- Share stories and photos on your library's social media pages. Be sure to tag your legislators.

April

- April 19-25: Celebrate National Library Week. This year's theme is "Find Your Joy!"
- Promote free tax assistance and filing help available at your library.
- The Ohio General Assembly is in recess ahead of the May primary election. This is an ideal time to invite legislators to visit your library.

May

- May 5: Ohio Primary Election Day.
- Celebrate In-Demand Jobs Week in Ohio.
- Share what your library is doing for In-Demand Jobs Week on social media and tag your legislators.
- Send your legislators a short note letting them know about job search assistance, workforce development services, and educational courses provided by your library.

June

- Invite your legislators to read during storytime or participate in a Summer Reading Program event in June or July.
- Celebrate the National Week of Making. Share a picture of your library's makerspace on your social media pages [#NationalMakers](#).

July

- July 4: Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
- The Ohio General Assembly is in recess and legislators will be in their home districts preparing for the November General Election. Attend local events and say hello.
- Invite your legislators to read during Storytime or participate in a Summer Reading Program event.

August

- The Ohio General Assembly continues its summer recess. Make a point to attend meetings and events your legislators will be attending and invite them to special events at your library.
- Celebrate the end of your Summer Reading Program and Back to School season. Highlight library resources for students on social media.

September

- Celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month; tag your legislators on social media.
- Work with your OLC [Legislative Network Representative](#) and organize an informal Legislative Breakfast with your legislators back in the district or host a candidate forum.

October

- TeenTober is a month-long celebration promoting year-round teen services (TeenTober replaces YALSA's previous Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week). Highlight programs and materials for the teens in your community.
- Be sure to attend the [2026 OLC Convention and Expo](#), October 21-23 at the Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky.

November

- Nov. 4: Election Day.
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day. Highlight the programs and services your library offers to veterans. Be sure to share on your social media pages. [#VeteransDay](#)
- It's Picture Book Month. Invite a legislator to read during storytime.
- The Ohio General Assembly begins the "Lame Duck" session period to close out the 136th General Assembly.

December

- Remember to invite legislators to holiday events and programs at your library.
- Watch your inbox or visit [olc.org](#) to see important legislative updates as the 136th Ohio General Assembly ends.
- Get a recap of the legislation OLC has been monitoring at the Statehouse. Go to [olc.org/government-relations/olc-bill-tracker](#).