

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.F**

MEETING DATE: **Sept. 19, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

OLC Board Elections

OLC Elections ended on July 30. The results were reviewed with Sarah Clevidence, Chair of the OLC Board of Directors Nominating Committee on Aug. 4. The return rate for the Board was 19%. Board candidates were notified by phone, and all candidates for Division Action Councils were notified by letter. A full report of the results was published in *Access Weekly*.

OLC Workers Comp Program

I am happy to report that more than 180 public library systems will be participating in OLC's 2026 Group Rating Program. The Group Retrospective Rating Program will be filed soon as well.

Library Card Sign-up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when OLC and libraries nationwide join with the ALA to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Director Forum for Small Libraries

The OLC Small Libraries Division is hosting discussion forums for directors of small libraries around the state of Ohio. These forums are designed for directors of small libraries to discuss issues of common interest and to share ideas on how to deal with challenges unique to small libraries. The discussions also include an update on OLC activities, legislative issues, and library funding. About 60 directors have registered for the forums.

- Sept. 3 at the Perry County District Library – Canceled
- Sept. 24 at the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library
- Oct. 15 at the Wayne County Public Library
- Oct. 23 – Virtual

Regional Meetings for Directors and Fiscal Officers

The OLC is hosting a series of regional meetings for library directors and fiscal officers. These in-person sessions will provide timely updates and essential insights into several key financial and policy issues impacting Ohio's public libraries.

Topics include:

- Library materials language in the state budget
- New Public Library Fund (PLF) distributions
- Property taxes and county budget commissions
- The proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate property taxes

In addition, OLC staff are providing advocacy training and offering practical talking points to help effectively engage with elected officials on each of these topics. Each session runs from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and requires advance registration.

1. **September 11** – Washington-Centerville Public Library
2. **September 16** – Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County
3. **September 18** – Athens County Public Library
4. **September 23** – Findlay-Hancock County Public Library (at capacity)
5. **September 26** – Ohio Library Council Office
6. **October 7** – Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library
7. **October 9** – Puskarich Public Library

OLC 2026 Planning & Leadership Conference

This is an opportunity for OLC Committees and Division Action Councils to meet and plan for 2026. This event will be in-person on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Huntington Convention Center in Cleveland. Formal invitations will be distributed, and registration will be required.

Activities since the July 18 meeting include:

July 28	Summer Reading Challenge/OGIL Special Event at Ohio State Fair w/Mrs. DeWine and 2 nd Lady Usha Vance
July 30	OLC State Budget Webinar on HB 96
July 31	Meeting w/HBM Architects CC w/Bob Hinkle/AOS
Aug. 4	Meeting on OLC Election Results Property Tax Constitutional Amendment Meeting
Aug. 5	OLC Staff Meeting
Aug. 6	Meeting w/Metro Library Directors OLC BoD Ad Hoc Comm. on C&E
Aug. 7	OLC Intellectual Freedom Comm. Meeting CC w/Bricker Conference Calls w/OLC Election Candidates
Aug. 8	OPLIN Board Meeting Conference Calls w/OLC Election Candidates
Aug. 11	Meeting w/School Principals Assoc.
Aug. 12	Meeting w/Amazon Business ICLAE Meeting
Aug. 13	OLC Staff Meeting
Aug. 14 Aug. 20	Property Tax Workgroup Meeting OLC Staff Meeting CC w/Highlights & Google Property Tax Constitutional Amendment Meeting
Aug. 21	Meeting w/Ohio 250 OLC Professional Development Comm. Meeting Meeting w/Amazon Business Meeting w/Legislator
Aug. 22	OLC C&E Committee Site Visit to Cleveland
Aug. 25	OLC Staff Meeting
Aug. 27	OLC New Directors Workshop #4
Aug. 28	Ohio Chamber Crisis Communications Webinar CyberOhio Webinar CC w/Bill Seitz Property Tax Workgroup Meeting
Sept. 2	Meeting w/School Superintendents Assoc. (BASA) OLC Staff Meeting

Sept. 3	Meeting w/Metro Library Directors Meeting w/OLC Legal Counsel (Vorys) Property Tax Constitutional Amendment Meeting Meeting w/Ohio Township Association
Sept. 4	Meeting w/North Hill Consulting Property Tax Workgroup Meeting Meeting on ED Evaluation
Sept. 5	Meeting w/Highlights & Google
Sept. 8	OLC Staff Meeting
Sept. 9	Meeting w/Legislator United for Libraries Webinar Meeting on ED Evaluation ICLAE Meeting
Sept. 10	OLC Library Fiscal Officer 102 Workshop
Sept. 11	Regional Library Director Meeting & Advocacy Training – Washington- Centerville Property Tax Workgroup Meeting
Sept. 15	OLC Staff Meeting
Sept. 16	Regional Library Director Meeting & Advocacy Training – Youngstown CC w/Randy Gardner
Sept. 17	Meeting w/CPL & CCPL Directors – Cleveland ALA Membership Meeting Property Tax Constitutional Amendment Meeting
Sept. 18	CC w/Dolly Parton Imagination Library Regional Library Director Meeting & Advocacy Training – Nelsonville
Sept. 19	OLC Board of Directors Meeting