

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.G.2**

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

SUBJECT: **Professional Development
Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Laurie Miller**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2025 OLC Convention and Expo – Foundation to Future

- We have 64 exhibitors and 17 sponsors. Exhibit Hall booths are completely sold out.
- OLC staff did a site visit to the Huntington Convention Center with the C&E Chairs and members of the Expo and Local Arrangements Committee on August 22. Updates were shared with the group, as well as key contact from HCC.
- Keynote Speakers:
 - Wednesday – Ruta Sepetys
 - Thursday – Andre Norman
 - Friday – Peter H. Reynolds
- Special Events
 - Wednesday – Awards & Honors Luncheon, New Member Meet & Greet, Grand Opening in the Exhibit Hall, Reception at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
 - Thursday – Taste the Music Lunch & Learn with the Librarian from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Library & Archives and Game Night at CPL Main Library
 - Friday – Exhibit Hall Prize Drawings
- Registration opened Sept. 10.

Meetings Participation:

- Board of Directors Ad Hoc Committee on 2027 C&E to discuss contracts for future locations – August 6, virtual
- Adult & Reference Services Division Meeting – August 19, virtual
- Professional Development Committee Meeting – August 21, virtual
- Digital and Media Services Division Meeting about Gadget Gallery – August 21, virtual
- Discussion with Mac's Backs about Bookstore – September 4, phone

2025 Events & Networking Opportunities	Date	Location	Attendance
State Budget Advocacy Webinar	Jan. 9	Virtual	119
Newspaper Photo Archive Webinar	Jan. 28	Virtual	34
Teen Services Talk	Jan. 29	Virtual	32
State Budget Update Webinar	Feb. 13	Virtual	213
Library of Things Webinar	Feb. 18	Virtual	114
Outreach Coffee Chat	Feb. 21	Virtual	25
Library Trustee Workshop I	Mar. 8	OLC/Virtual	77
Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled Webinar	Mar. 11	Virtual	118
IT Division Rackside Chat	Mar. 14	Virtual	11

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Legal Webinar on New Virtual Meetings Law	Mar. 17	Virtual	133
America 250-Ohio Goes to the Movies	Mar. 18	Virtual	121
Library Trustees Dinner (East)	Mar. 20	Guernsey County Library, Cambridge	28
Teen Services Talk – Summer Reading	Mar. 25	Virtual	30
Preparing for Legislative Day Webinar	Mar. 27	Virtual	145
Library Trustees Dinner (NW)	Apr. 3	Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	52
Library Legislative Day	Apr. 8	Ohio Statehouse	338
HR Huddle	Apr. 10	Virtual	30
Library Trustees Dinner (SW)	Apr. 24	MidPointe Library, West Chester	43
CPIM – Public Library Fiscal Officer Conf.	May 1-2	Nationwide Hotel & CC, Columbus	132
Teen Services Talk	May 8	Virtual	19
Library Trustees Dinner (NE)	May 8	Embassy Suites, Independence	93
New Director Workshop 1 of 4	May 20	OLC/Virtual	20
IT Division Rackside Chat	Jun. 6	Virtual	16
Unconventional to Conventional Conference	Jun. 12	OCLC	50
Outreach Coffee Chat	Jun. 20	Virtual	27
New Director Workshop 2 of 4	Jun. 24	OLC/Virtual	27
Ballot Issues Workshop #1	July 15	Virtual	36
New Director Workshop 3 of 4	July 23	OLC/Virtual	24
State Budget Wrap-Up Webinar	July 30	Virtual	268
Outreach and Special Services Retreat	Aug. 15	OCLC	70
New Director Workshop 4 of 4	Aug. 27	OLC/Virtual	25
Director Forum for Small Libraries #1	Sept. 3	Somerset	0 – Canceled
IT Division Rackside Chat	Sept. 5	Virtual	22
Library Fiscal Officer 102	Sept. 10	OLC/Virtual	115
Regional Director Meeting #1	Sept. 11	Centerville	34
New to Libraries Conference	Sept. 12	Marriott, Dayton	74
Regional Director Meeting #2	Sept. 16	Youngstown	25
Regional Director Meeting #3	Sept. 18	Nelsonville	9
Regional Director Meeting #4	Sept. 23	Findlay	35
Director Forum for Small Libraries #2	Sept. 24	Tiffin	20
Regional Director Meeting #5	Sept. 26	OLC	26
Regional Director Meeting #6	Oct. 7	Cleveland Heights	46
Walking Tours Webinar	Oct. 7	Virtual	26
Reginal Director Meeting #7	Oct. 9	Cadiz	22

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Outreach Coffee Chat	Oct. 10	Virtual	11
Director Forum for Small Libraries #3	Oct. 15	Wooster	12
Director Forum for Small Libraries #4	Oct. 23	Virtual	22
Ballot Issues Workshop #2	Oct. TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
OLC Planning & Leadership Conference	Nov. 18	Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland	Not Open
2025 OLC Convention & Expo	Nov. 19-21	Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland	120
Right Click Conference	Dec. 5	Quest Conf. Center, Columbus	Not Open
Human Resources Workshop	TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
2026 OLC Convention & Expo	Oct. 21-23	Kalahari	Not Open