

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **6.E.2**

MEETING DATE: **March 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Professional Development
Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Laurie Miller**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 OLC Convention and Expo – Search. Create. Inspire. – Oct. 21-23, 2026

- Working with Fern again this year. Revised floor plan for R@H app for booth sales. Redesigning OLC Connects to one large interactive booth designed to increase visibility and engagement for Divisions and Committees instead of separate tables.
- Reached out to General Session speakers, nothing confirmed yet.
- Committee chairs and members have all been selected and introductions via Zoom happening this month.
- The Program Committee is judging the submissions this month. They will meet in person at OLC in April to discuss results. There were 88 one-hour programs submitted and 6 poster sessions.
- Registration and hotel information will be on the website soon.
- Working on getting Exhibitor and Sponsorship opportunities into GrowthZone for registration this year.
- Searching for a vendor for onsite bookstore. Received some suggestions from C&E Leadership.

Meetings Participation

- Technical Services Division Meeting – Jan. 21
- OSAP Virtual Education – Jan. 23
- Digital & Media Services Division Meeting – Jan. 26 and Feb. 3
- OLC DEI Committee Meeting – Feb. 5
- C&E Program Committee Meeting – Feb. 26
- Outreach Coffee Chat Feb. 27
- Adult & Reference Services Division Meeting – Mar. 12

2026 Events	Date	Location	Attendance
Special Virtual Meeting for Directors & FOs	Jan. 28	Virtual	284
Membership Meet-up	Feb. 9	Virtual	42
Teen Services Talk	Feb. 10	Virtual	31
Outreach Coffee Chat	Feb. 27	Virtual	30
Preparing for Legislative Day Webinar	Mar. 3	Virtual	183
IT Division “Rack’side Chat”	Mar. 6	Virtual	24
Library Trustee Workshop	Mar. 7	OLC/Virtual	59
Library Legislative Day	Mar. 18	Renaissance Columbus Downtown	140

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CPIM – Public Library Fiscal Officer Conf.	Mar. 26-27	Embassy Suites Dublin	112
Membership Meet-up	Apr. 6	Virtual	8
Library Trustees Lunch (SW)	Apr. 9	MidPointe Library, West Chester	4
Library Trustees Dinner (NW)	Apr. 16	Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	3
HR Hybrid Workshop 101	Apr. 28	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
Library Trustees Dinner (East)	Apr. 30	Guernsey County Library, Cambridge	0
Library Trustees Dinner (NE)	May 7	Embassy Suites Independence	4
Virtual Mentorship Series #1	May 13	Virtual	0
Teen Services Talk	May 14	Virtual	5
New Directors Workshop Series 1 of 4	May TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
IT Division “Rack’side Chat”	Jun. 5	Virtual	0
Outreach Coffee Chat	Jun. 12	Virtual	3
Ballot Issues Workshop #1	Jun. TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
New Directors Workshop Series 2 of 4	Jun. TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
Virtual Mentorship Series #2	Jul. 15	Virtual	0
New Directors Workshop Series 3 of 4	Jul. TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
HR Hybrid Workshop 102	Aug. 4	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
Teen Services Talk	Aug. 12	Virtual	4
New Directors Workshop Series 4 of 4	Aug. TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
Outreach and Special Services Retreat	Aug. 14	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
Library Fiscal Officer 102	Aug. TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
IT Division “Rack’side Chat”	Sept. 4	Virtual	0
Safety & Security Conference	Sept. 11	OCLC Conference Center	Not Open
Virtual Mentorship Series #3	Sept. 16	Virtual	0
Outreach Coffee Chat	Sept. 25	Virtual	2
2026 Convention & Expo	Oct. 21-23	Kalahari, Sandusky	Not Open
Ballot Issues Workshop #2	Nov. TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
Virtual Mentorship Series #4	Nov. 11	Virtual	0
Teen Services Talk	Nov. 16	Virtual	4
Planning & Leadership Conference	Nov. TBD	Virtual	Not Open
IT Division “Rack’side Chat”	Dec. 4	Virtual	0

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