

Advocacy Checklist

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2026

- ☐ Request meetings with state legislative candidates who represent your library system.
- ☐ Prepare 2–3 meaningful patron stories that demonstrate how your library has made a difference in the community. Be ready to share these stories with decision-makers.
- ☐ Congratulate election winners and request meetings to discuss library funding. Begin by educating newly elected officials about how your library is funded and the importance of the Public Library Fund.
- ☐ Invite newly elected officials and returning legislators to special events and activities at your library.
- ☐ Develop a library fact sheet highlighting key data and statistics about your library system, such as: number of cardholders; circulation; program attendance; computer and technology usage.

JANUARY – MARCH 2027

- ☐ 137th Ohio General Assembly begins its legislative session.
- ☐ Request meetings with your legislators to discuss library funding and the importance of the Public Library Fund.
- ☐ Continue inviting legislators to library events and provide opportunities for them to see your library's impact firsthand.
- ☐ Watch for opportunities to testify in support of library funding before Ohio House committees.
- ☐ Use OLC's "Sample Letter from the Director" to inform your patrons about how your library is funded.

APRIL - JUNE 2027

- ☐ Continue communicating with your state legislators about library funding and the importance of the Public Library Fund.
- ☐ Testify before House and Senate committees when opportunities arise.
- ☐ Attend Library Legislative Day on May 19, 2027.