

**Ohio Library Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**AGENDA**

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Sept. 19, 2025  
OLC Office  
10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (#)\*
2. Approval of Minutes
  - A. July 18, 2025 – Regular Meeting (#)\*
  - B. July 18, 2025 – Executive Session (#)\* [Board Members Only]
3. Reports for Action
  - A. Financial Report: Month-End – July 2025 (#)\*
4. Reports for Discussion
  - A. America 250 – Ohio
  - B. 2027 OLC Convention & Expo Location Ad Hoc Committee
  - C. 2025 OLC Convention & Expo Update
  - D. OLC Committee Appointments - 2026
5. Reports for Information
  - A. 2025 OLC Elections Report (#)
  - B. OLC Board Meeting Dates – 2026 (#)
  - C. ALA Councilor Report (#)
  - D. State Library of Ohio Report (#)
  - E. OPLIN Report (#)
  - F. Executive Director's Report (#)
  - G. Staff Reports
    1. Government and Legal Services Report (#)
    2. Professional Development Report (#)
    3. Communications Report (#)
    4. Membership Services Report (#)
6. Announcements

Next Meetings: Nov. 7 – OLC Office
7. Adjournment

(#) Report included in background packet

\* Action Item

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 18, 2025  
10:00 A.M.  
Via Zoom

PRESENT	Kathy Bach, Cincinnati Monica Baughman, Worthington Travis Bautz, Middletown Julianne Bedel, Medina Sarah Clevidence, Findlay Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Cleveland Heights Sandra Hedlund Tunnell, Ashland Mary Ellen Icaza, Canton Robbie Jenkins, Gallipolis Elizabeth Muether, Celina Bernie Rochford, Akron Stacey Russell, Zanesville William Rutger, Avon Lake
GUESTS	Stewart Smith, OPERS & Columbus Metropolitan Library Mandy Knapp, State Library of Ohio Nick Tepe, ALA Councilor
STAFF	Michelle Francis, Executive Director Jeanine D'Andrea, Director, Membership Services Angie Jacobsen, Director, Communications Denise Kise, Accounting/Data Services Laurie Miller, Director, Professional Development Jay Smith, Director, Government and Legal Services
CALL TO ORDER	<p>The meeting was called to order by Chair Icaza at 10:02 a.m. Icaza welcomed guest Stewart Smith, current member of the OPERS Board and Director of Finance at Columbus Metropolitan Library. She noted that Don Yarman is unable to participate in today's meeting and the OPLIN report is a written only report.</p> <p>Smith thanked the Board for allowing him to address the Board. He is honored to be a 3-year member of the OPERS Board. The role is deeply personal to him. Smith's current term is coming to an end, and he would like to run for re-election for that position. Petition signatures are required, and he asked for support for his nomination and to encourage others in their libraries to sign the petition. He will email the petition form to Francis, and she will pass it on. Smith thanked the Board for their time.</p>
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<p>Icaza noted the OPLIN report is a written report only.</p> <p>BAUTZ MOVED AND RUSSELL SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	MUETHER MOVED AND RUTGER SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE MAY 16, 2025 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
MONTH-END  
May 2025

Francis thanked the Board for their support the past 6 months.

Francis presented the financial report for the month-end May 2025.

Revenue.

Dues. Institutional dues are over budget due to Plain City Public Library joining. Other Institutions are under budget due to delayed invoicing. Individual Memberships are under budget due to decrease in personal membership possibly caused by the instability of the State Budget, PLA and the new Association Software system.

Continuing Education. Legislative Day is over budget due to increased attendance. Convention & Expo is under budget due to timing of accrual. Workshops are under budget due to low attendance.

Contract Income. Sourcing Office is over budget due to library purchases.

Other Income. Interest and Dividends is over budget due to returns on short-term investments. Unrealized Gain is over budget due to returns on long-term investments. Management & Consulting Revenue is under budget due to less background checks.

Expenses.

Salaries and Benefits. Salaries are under budget due to timing of 2025 adjustments. Retirement is under budget due to timing of plan contributions. Workers' Comp is slightly under budget due to BWC rebates.

Supplies and Resources. Supplies are under budget.

Communications. Postage/Courier Service is under budget.

Printing and Design. Printing is under budget due to timing of payments.

Maintenance and Equipment. Equipment Rental is over budget due to expenses for the CPIM conference, coding issue, and Legislative Day.

Travel and Meals. Board is under budget due to reduced request for reimbursement. Staff slightly over budget due to increased travel. Committees and Divisions under budget due to reduced requests for reimbursement.

Management Expenses. Bank services are over budget. Insurance is slightly over budget. Organization Memberships is under budget. Staff Development and Memberships is under budget due to timing. Catering and meals is under budget due to reduced registrations.

**The net change in assets is under budget by (16,407).**

RUSSELL MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT: MONTH-END – MAY 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2025 OLC CITIZEN OF  
THE YEAR

Francis reported that nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award were solicited from the membership through articles in Access and on the OLC website. No nominations were submitted by the general membership related to statewide

impact. If the OLC Board of Directors chooses to award the Citizen of the Year in 2025, the staff recommends either of the following individuals:

Bob Hinkle, Chief Deputy Auditor for Ohio Auditor of State, Keith Faber, or Thomas Suddes, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Instruction, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University.

RUSSELL MOVED AND BACH SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF PRESENTING THE 2025 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD TO BOB HINKLE AND TO KEEP THOMAS SUDDER IN MIND FOR THE FUTURE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 2025 OLC AWARDS AND HONORS

D'Andrea presented the OLC Awards & Honors Committee recommendations. There was a question regarding not awarding the Librarian of the Year Award. D'Andrea noted the low number of nominations and Muether described the reasons behind not wanting to change the criteria or the parameters of the Librarian of the Year Award.

Hall of Fame Librarian: Molly Carver, Sandusky Library (Retired)

Librarian of the Year: The Awards and Honors Committee has chosen not to present the Librarian of the Year award this year.

Service Excellence Award: Kristy Szkudlarek, Findlay-Hancock County Public Library

Local Library Champion: Barry Romich, Wayne County

Emerging Leader Award: Collin Kuhn, Ritter Public Library

Library Innovation Award: Huron Beacon Podcast, Huron Public Library

DENERO AKROYD MOVED AND JENKINS SECONDED ACCEPTANCE OF THE AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED WITH 12 YEA VOTES AND ONE ABSTENTION (Clevidence).

## FY 2026-2027 STATE BUDGET UPDATES

Smith reported on the State Budget.

### Public Library Fund.

- Reduces actual state funding for public libraries from \$504.59 million in FY25 to \$479.7 million in FY26 and \$489.7 million FY27.
- Changes the Public Library Fund (PLF) from a percentage of General Revenue Fund (GRF) tax receipts to a line-item appropriation.
- Funds the PLF at \$490 million in FY26 and \$500 million in FY27 through a line-item appropriation instead of a percentage of state tax receipts as proposed by the Governor.
- The Senate added language to deduct more than \$10.3 million in each fiscal year from the PLF line-item appropriation to fund the following entities: State Library of Ohio, OPLIN, Library for the Blind, Regional Library Systems, and the Ohioana Library Association.

### Library Materials.

- Requires public libraries to place material related to sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in a portion of the library that is not primarily

open to the view of individuals under the age of 18. \*\*\*The Governor vetoed this provision in the budget. Certain legislators have publicly called for this veto to be overridden.

#### County Budget Commissions

- Allows a county budget commission to reduce millage on any voter-approved tax levy, aside from a debt levy, if the commission finds it reasonably necessary or prudent to avoid unnecessary, excessive, or unneeded property tax collections. \*\*\*The Governor vetoed these provisions in the budget. The Ohio House has scheduled a session on Monday, July 21 to override this veto.

#### Income Tax Changes.

- Reduces Ohio state income tax to a flat rate of 2.75% starting in Tax Year 2026.

#### Replacement Levies

- Eliminates replacement property tax levies beginning with elections held on or after January 1, 2026. \*\*\*The Governor vetoed this provision in the budget. The Ohio House has scheduled a session on Monday, July 21 to override this veto.

#### Library Trustee Terms

- Reduces the term of office for school district library trustees and county district trustees from seven to four years.

#### Cybersecurity

- Requires the legislative authority of a political subdivision to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards the political subdivision's data and makes other changes.

## 2027 OLC CONVENTION AND EXPO LOCATION

Francis reported that staff has been researching options for the 2027 Convention and Expo. OLC staff is requesting feedback on the location and authority to move forward with negotiations to secure a location for 2027.

Option 1. Sharonville Convention Center (NE suburb of Cincinnati)

Option 2. Dayton Convention Center

Option 3. Hyatt Regency Columbus

#### [Discussion]

Bach – Sharonville CC is recently renovated. It is about 40 minutes to downtown. She thinks about it more for a stand-alone. Forest Park Branch is stunning and would be a good place to host a reception or tour. Bautz asked about hotels in Dayton.

Clevidence – Asked about cancellation clauses if OLC had to cancel due to low registration or cuts in state funding.

Rochford – Sharonville sounds like best option from financial risk. Concern of things to do after the convention.

Icaza – Asked about contracts and cancellation fees. She asked if other state associations have conventions every year or every other year. State Associations

in Ohio do annual or every other year. Some do 1½ day or 2 day. Others are also see reducing their professional development offerings. It varies.

DeNero Akroyd – In 2027 there is no PLA and ALA is in New Orleans just to think about competing professional development opportunities.

Clevidence – Asked if OLC is committed to an annual convention.

From a financial perspective, the Board can create an Ad Hoc Committee and come back to the September meeting with recommendations.

Rutger – It's worth exploring an Ad Hoc Committee. Every other year or just 2 days. Is there a financial benefit to go to the same location? Would a hotel and convention center hold a space with first right of refusal?

[END DISCUSSION]

HEDLUND TUNNEL MOVED AND RUTGER SECONDED TO CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FUTURE ANNUAL CONVENTION OPTIONS AND BRING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Members interested in serving on that Ad Hoc Committee are: Baughman, Hedlund Tunnell, Rochford, and Rutger.

## AMAZON BUSINESS

OLC is currently in the second year of our Amazon Business Prime Association Accounts Program. There is no cost to OLC or to our members through year 3. OLC will receive a one-time rebate payment of \$116,232.14 as part of the rebate program.

OLC Staff would like feedback on the following expenditures and authority to move forward:

\$20,000 – New OLC Laptops, Docking Stations and Printers  
\$20,000 – OLC 2025 Convention & Expo 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception  
\$30,000 – Update Sample Policies for OLC Institutional Members  
\$15,000 – New Furniture and Technology for Hybrid Training  
\$31,000 – New OLC Office Furniture/Desks

Clevidence asked if this year's budget includes resources for strategic planning. Rutger indicated the Board may want to see how the State Budget plays out before tackling a new strategic plan.

RUSSELL MOVED AND BEDEL SECONDED TO GIVE OLC STAFF AUTHORITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE EXPENDITURES AS OUTLINED ABOVE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## OLC DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES

Francis reported there are currently 2,066 Individual Members; 7 Standing Committees and 14 Divisions. In 2023 OLC merged the Adult and Reference Services Divisions. There has been some conversations that Digital & Media Services and Special Collections could merge. There has also been some requests for a maker-space division. Some divisions are struggling to find volunteers to serve on Division Action Councils.

DeNero Akroyd asked if there was potential for an additional Committee and additional Division. She would like to propose a Sustainability Committee. Her

library embarked on the Sustainable Libraries Initiative and is undergoing that certification.

She would also like to recommend a new Division on Safety and Security. There is an informal group of 24 people representing 15 libraries throughout the state already meeting virtually informally about every 8 weeks. They do have purpose statements, duties, they are organized but don't have a body.

She recognizes there is a human cost with staff liaisons, and board liaisons, but thought it was a way to serve membership and garner new memberships.

Francis noted OLC did have a stand-alone conference on safety and security in 2019.

Rutger shared it would be a good opportunity to review with the Management and Administration Division to get things rolling.

Icaza asked what would be the process for consideration? The OLC Professional Development Committee meets in August and Stand Alone Conference are determined in September. Rutger will reach out to the MAD Division. PDC will discuss further in August.

#### ALA COUNCILOR REPORT

In addition to his written report, Tepe reported on the following:

Council Actions at Annual Conference. Tepe reported the Council sessions were productive and hopefully turned the corner with the organization.

New ALA Strategic Plan. Tepe feels this is a strong plan and that there is a driving desire to ensure fiscal stability with ALA.

Merritt Fund. A Resolution was introduced to increase awareness for the Merritt Fund. Donations are not tax deductible. A Toolkit is available.

ALA Executive Director. ALA has selected Daniel J. Montgomery to be its next Executive Director. He will officially start at ALA on November 10.

Francis reported the ALA Annual attendance was 14,000, yet paid attendees was 8,000. They are considering an all-virtual event in January.

#### STATE LIBRARY REPORT

In addition to her written report, Knapp reported on the following:

Location. The State Library continues to investigate options for a new facility with the Department of Administrative Services. The first location they viewed will not hold the weight of books.

Listening Tour.

Knapp met with Meg Brown of Thurber House, OhioNet Director Katy Mathuews, Director of INFOhio Erica Clay, Ohioana staff, Ohio Center for the Book staff, Coshocton Public Library Director, Homer Public Library Director, Staff from Columbus Metropolitan Library, Worthington Public Library and Upper Arlington Public Library along with many others.

Early Literacy Workshops. Registration is open for Early Literacy 101 workshops in Steubenville on August 20 and Medina on September 22. Registration will open in August for workshops in Powell and Circleville.

Science of Reading Grant. The State Library of Ohio is pleased to announce that Toledo Lucas County Public Library (TLCPL) has been awarded \$48,000 in federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) LSTA funds for a multi-year collaborative project titled "The Science of Reading: A Guide for Ohio's Public Libraries to Help Raise Literacy Achievement."

#### OPLIN REPORT

A written report was provided by Yarman.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to her written report, Francis reported on the following:

IRS Form 990. The IRS Form 990 was reviewed by the Finance Committee and filed.

ALA Annual Conference. Francis was able to attend a portion of the ALA Annual Conference due to state budget discussions. Francis met with Amazon and was able to have e-book pricing conversations.

OLC Elections. Francis thanked the staff for getting the election ballots out. Results will be sent to all candidates and then posted on the OLC website.

Small Library Directors' Forums. Francis is working with the Small Libraries Division Action Council to schedule dates for these forums which 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.

OLC Staff Anniversaries. Denise Kise celebrated 12 years with OLC on July 1.

#### GOVERNMENT AND LEGAL SERVICES REPORT

In addition to his written report, Smith reported on the following:

Public Library Fund. The new fiscal year began on July 1 and Ohio's public libraries are facing a decrease in funding compared to last year. The PLF is now a line-item appropriation instead of being calculated as a percentage of the state's general revenue fund.

Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate Property Taxes. Citizens for Property Tax Reform has fallen short of the 413,487 signatures needed to get a constitutional amendment added to the November 2025 ballot. It was reported that the group is now focusing on the 2026 ballot instead.

Budget Wrap Up Webinar. A Budget Wrap Up Webinar is scheduled for July 30 at 10:00 a.m.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

In addition to her written report, Miller reported on the following:

Convention & Expo. OLC currently has 38 exhibitors and 13 sponsors. The keynote speaker for Wednesday is Ruta Sepetys; Thursday is Andre Norman; and Friday is Peter H. Reynolds. Registration opens in September.

#### COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

In addition to her written report, Jacobsen reported on the following:

State Budget. OLC issued a press release expressing serious concerns about the state budget. OLC staff conducted follow-up interviews and provided additional information to reporters to ensure accurate coverage and to amplify the message. Consistent press releases were sent during the budget process. OLC is seen as a trusted source for information.



Convention & Expo. A promotional postcard will be sent at the end of July. Development of the website and OLC app are underway. The Exhibit Hall map was added to the website. The announcement of Awards and Honors winners was posted in Access.

#### MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

In addition to her written report, D'Andrea reported on the following:

2025 Individual Membership. The proration of membership dues began on July 1 and goes through October 1. The Membership Committee will meet on July 22 via Zoom.

Nominations and Elections. Elections began on July 1. There was a 99.7% delivery rate. A reminder email will be sent one week prior to the closure of voting on July 30. As of Tuesday, July 15, there was a 14% return on the Board and between 27-53% return on Divisions. Staff will review the results with the chair of the Nominating Committee and final results will be sent to all candidates prior to posting on the website.

Awards and Honors. Following the Board's approval of the recommendations, the winners will be notified, press releases issued and planning for the Awards luncheon will begin.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OLC Board of Directors is scheduled for Sept. 19 at the OLC Office.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

RUSSELL MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:40 A.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RUTGER MOVED AND MUETHER SECONDED A MOTION TO EXIT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:45 PM. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

CLEVIDENCE MOVED AND BEDEL SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:45 PM. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ohio Library Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.A**

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

SUBJECT: **Financial Report: July 2025**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

**REPORT FOR ACTION**

**REVENUE**

<b>Cost Center</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Dues	\$ 1,235,352	\$ 1,244,079	\$ (8,727)
Publications	210	500	(290)
Continuing Education	180,047	214,391	(34,344)
Contract Income	119,601	2,500	117,101
Other Income	72,852	21,485	51,367
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,608,062</b>	<b>\$ 1,482,955</b>	<b>\$ 125,107</b>

Dues Income (- \$8,727)

- Institutional Membership: over budget due to Plain City PL joining (+ \$26,161).
- Other Institutions: under budget (- \$2,275).
- Individual Memberships: under budget due to decrease in personal membership (- \$31,838).
- Friends: under budget due to decrease in Friends membership (- \$775).

Publications (- \$290)

- Sales: under budget due to decrease in requests (- \$290).

Continuing Education (- \$34,344)

- Legislative Day: over budget due to increased attendance (+ \$2,795).
- Convention & Expo: over budget due to timing of accrual (+ \$2,809).
- Workshops: under budget due to low attendance (- \$39,948).

Contract Income (+ \$117,101)

- Sourcing Office: over budget due to one-time Amazon rebate (+ \$117,101).

Other Income (+ \$51,367)

- Interest and Dividends: over budget due to returns on short-term investments (+ \$6,920).
- Workers Compensation: under budget due to timing of payment (- \$2,275).
- Unrealized Gain/(Loss): over budget due to returns on long-term investments (+ \$47,267).
- JobLine: under budget due to decrease in non-member posting (- \$480).
- Management & Consulting Revenue: under budget due to decrease in background checks (- \$65).

## EXPENSES

Cost Center	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 573,971	\$ 575,059	\$ (1,088)
Consultants and Contractors	83,524	100,895	(17,371)
Supplies and Resources	35,371	34,868	503
Communications	9,595	14,181	(4,586)
Printing/Design	995	5,219	(4,224)
Maintenance and Equipment	18,357	14,843	3,514
Space Rental	81,928	81,933	(5)
Travel and Catering	15,031	18,030	(2,999)
Management Expenses	61,342	86,263	(24,921)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 880,114</b>	<b>\$ 931,291</b>	<b>\$ (51,177)</b>

### Salaries and Benefits (- \$1,088)

- Staff Salaries: slightly under budget due to timing of 2025 adjustments (- \$1,229).
- Accrued Vacation: reflects accrued vacation (+ \$10,660).
- Retirement: under budget due to timing of plan contributions (- \$6,705).
- Health Insurance: under budget due to timing of 2025 adjustments (- \$2,504).
- Worker's Compensation: slightly under budget due to BWC rebates (- \$133).
- Payroll Taxes: under budget (- \$1,330).
- LTD & Life Insurance: on budget (+ \$152).

### Consultants and Contractors (- \$17,371)

- Auditor: slightly over budget (+ \$250).
- Speaker Honoraria: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$6,000).
- Legal Services: under budget due to delayed invoicing (- \$9,006).
- Expo Contractors: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$6,000).
- Consultants/Contractors: slightly over budget due to timing of payments (+ \$3,385).

### Supplies and Resources (+ \$503)

- Supplies: slightly over budget (+ \$1,074).
- Subscription/Resource Materials: on budget (+ \$91).
- Computer Software/Supplies: under budget (- \$663).

### Communications (- \$4,586)

- Telephone: Local/Mobile/Conf. Calls: on budget (- \$49).
- Postage/Mailing/Courier Service: under budget (- \$4,647).
- Internet: slightly over budget due to additional hotspot (+ \$109).

### Printing and Design (- \$4,224)

- Printing: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$4,290).
- Copying: on budget (+ \$66).

Maintenance and Equipment (+ \$3,514)

- Equipment Rental: over budget due to coding (+ \$3,510).
- Equipment Maintenance: on budget (- \$36).
- Software Support: on budget (+ \$40).

Space Rental (- \$5)

- Office Space: over budget due to CAM (+ \$742).
- Workshops / Meetings: under budget (- \$748).

Travel and Meals (- \$2,999)

- Board: under budget due to reimbursements (- \$1,829).
- Staff: over budget due to increased travel (+ \$710).
- Committees and Divisions: under budget due to reduced requests for reimbursement (- \$1,880).

Management Expenses (- \$24,921)

- Bank Services: over budget (+ \$3,655).
- Investment Fees: over budget (+ \$314).
- Depreciation Replacement: on budget (+ \$453).
- Employee Hiring: slightly under budget for library background checks (- \$25).
- Insurance: slightly over budget (+ \$221).
- Organization Memberships: under budget (- \$851).
- Staff Development and Memberships: under budget due to timing (- \$2,210).
- Catering and Other Meals: under budget due to reduced registrations (- \$26,477).

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Net Change in Assets	\$ 727,949	\$ 551,664	\$ 176,285

**Ohio Library Council**  
**Income Statement**  
**For the 7 Months Ending Thursday, July 31, 2025**

	July			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>REVENUE</b>						
<b>Dues</b>						
Institutional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,032,851.00	\$1,006,690.00	\$26,161.00
Other	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	6,600.00	8,875.00	(2,275.00)
Personal	1,995.00	2,086.00	(91.00)	194,126.00	225,964.00	(31,838.00)
Friends	600.00	0.00	600.00	1,775.00	2,550.00	(775.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,495.00</b>	<b>\$2,086.00</b>	<b>\$2,409.00</b>	<b>\$1,235,352.00</b>	<b>\$1,244,079.00</b>	<b>(\$8,727.00)</b>
<b>Publications</b>						
Sales	0.00	65.00	(65.00)	210.00	500.00	(290.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>(\$65.00)</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>(\$290.00)</b>
<b>Continuing Education</b>						
Legislative Day	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,670.00	17,875.00	2,795.00
Convention & Expo	19,900.00	5,409.00	14,491.00	81,750.00	78,941.00	2,809.00
Workshops	11,767.00	13,355.00	(1,588.00)	77,627.00	117,575.00	(39,948.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$31,667.00</b>	<b>\$18,764.00</b>	<b>\$12,903.00</b>	<b>\$180,047.00</b>	<b>\$214,391.00</b>	<b>(\$34,344.00)</b>
<b>Contract Income</b>						
Shared Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	119,601.35	2,500.00	117,101.35
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$119,601.35</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$117,101.35</b>
<b>Other Income</b>						
Interest & Dividends	3,412.43	2,500.00	912.43	24,419.59	17,500.00	6,919.59
Workers Compensation	0.00	2,275.00	(2,275.00)	0.00	2,275.00	(2,275.00)
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	2,636.61	0.00	2,636.61	47,267.46	0.00	47,267.46
Jobline	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	680.00	1,160.00	(480.00)
Mgmt & Consulting Revenue	165.00	45.00	120.00	485.00	550.00	(65.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,214.04</b>	<b>\$5,020.00</b>	<b>\$1,194.04</b>	<b>\$72,852.05</b>	<b>\$21,485.00</b>	<b>\$51,367.05</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$42,376.04</b>	<b>\$25,935.00</b>	<b>\$16,441.04</b>	<b>\$1,608,062.40</b>	<b>\$1,482,955.00</b>	<b>\$125,107.40</b>

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	July			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Salary &amp; Benefits</b>						
Staff Salaries	\$65,658.97	\$65,659.00	(\$0.03)	\$432,690.43	\$433,919.00	(\$1,228.57)
Accrued Vacation	11,056.31	0.00	11,056.31	10,660.48	0.00	10,660.48
Retirement Contribution	7,883.40	6,378.00	1,505.40	36,741.10	43,446.00	(6,704.90)
Health Insurance	6,826.46	8,178.00	(1,351.54)	57,273.64	59,778.00	(2,504.36)
Workers' Compensation	50.00	51.00	(1.00)	67.57	201.00	(133.43)
Payroll Taxes	6,388.02	4,702.00	1,686.02	33,916.09	35,246.00	(1,329.91)
LTD & Life Insurance	377.88	374.00	3.88	2,621.41	2,469.00	152.41
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$98,241.04</b>	<b>\$85,342.00</b>	<b>\$12,899.04</b>	<b>\$573,970.72</b>	<b>\$575,059.00</b>	<b>(\$1,088.28)</b>
<b>Consultants &amp; Contractors</b>						
Auditor	8,250.00	0.00	8,250.00	8,250.00	8,000.00	250.00
Speaker Honoraria	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	10,500.00	(6,000.00)
Legal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,494.00	17,500.00	(9,006.00)
Expo Contractors	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	(6,000.00)
Consult / Contractors	6,695.39	7,393.00	(697.61)	59,280.29	55,895.00	3,385.29
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$14,945.39</b>	<b>\$7,393.00</b>	<b>\$7,552.39</b>	<b>\$83,524.29</b>	<b>\$100,895.00</b>	<b>(\$17,370.71)</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Resources</b>						
Supplies	6,090.64	3,108.00	2,982.64	14,296.38	13,222.00	1,074.38
Subscriptions / Res Mat	509.87	536.00	(26.13)	3,807.05	3,716.00	91.05
Computer Sftwr / Supplies	2,966.05	2,432.00	534.05	17,267.48	17,930.00	(662.52)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,566.56</b>	<b>\$6,076.00</b>	<b>\$3,490.56</b>	<b>\$35,370.91</b>	<b>\$34,868.00</b>	<b>\$502.91</b>
<b>Communications</b>						
Telephone - Local	239.12	289.00	(49.88)	1,971.40	2,020.00	(48.60)
Postage	70.43	3,068.00	(2,997.57)	788.97	5,080.00	(4,291.03)
Mailing Service	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Courier / Special	0.00	8.00	(8.00)	0.00	56.00	(56.00)
Internet	992.00	961.00	31.00	6,834.42	6,725.00	109.42
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,301.55</b>	<b>\$4,626.00</b>	<b>(\$3,324.45)</b>	<b>\$9,594.79</b>	<b>\$14,181.00</b>	<b>(\$4,586.21)</b>
<b>Printing &amp; Typesetting</b>						
Printing	0.00	927.00	(927.00)	0.00	4,290.00	(4,290.00)
Copying	120.95	72.00	48.95	995.23	929.00	66.23
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$120.95</b>	<b>\$999.00</b>	<b>(\$878.05)</b>	<b>\$995.23</b>	<b>\$5,219.00</b>	<b>(\$4,223.77)</b>

**Ohio Library Council**  
**Income Statement**  
**For the 7 Months Ending Thursday, July 31, 2025**

	<b>July</b>			<b>Year to Date</b>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Equip</b>						
Equipment Rental	\$1,354.96	\$1,351.00	\$3.96	\$17,019.03	\$13,509.00	\$3,510.03
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	764.06	800.00	(35.94)
Software Support	83.90	77.00	6.90	573.97	534.00	39.97
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,438.86</b>	<b>\$1,428.00</b>	<b>\$10.86</b>	<b>\$18,357.06</b>	<b>\$14,843.00</b>	<b>\$3,514.06</b>
<b>Space Rental</b>						
Office Space	9,911.84	10,113.00	(201.16)	71,527.40	70,785.00	742.40
Workshops / Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,400.29	11,148.00	(747.71)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,911.84</b>	<b>\$10,113.00</b>	<b>(\$201.16)</b>	<b>\$81,927.69</b>	<b>\$81,933.00</b>	<b>(\$5.31)</b>
<b>Travel</b>						
Board	1,938.29	2,500.00	(561.71)	3,671.15	5,500.00	(1,828.85)
Staff Travel	1,686.70	1,450.00	236.70	11,359.85	10,650.00	709.85
Committees	0.00	102.00	(102.00)	0.00	690.00	(690.00)
Divisions	0.00	182.00	(182.00)	0.00	1,190.00	(1,190.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,624.99</b>	<b>\$4,234.00</b>	<b>(\$609.01)</b>	<b>\$15,031.00</b>	<b>\$18,030.00</b>	<b>(\$2,999.00)</b>
<b>Management Expenses</b>						
Bank Services	500.94	582.00	(81.06)	7,724.54	4,070.00	3,654.54
Investment Fees	724.71	520.00	204.71	3,954.15	3,640.00	314.15
Depreciation	1,045.27	977.00	68.27	7,298.94	6,846.00	452.94
Employee Hiring	135.00	67.00	68.00	440.00	465.00	(25.00)
Insurance	693.50	693.00	0.50	5,077.83	4,857.00	220.83
Organizational Mbrshps	0.00	0.00	0.00	349.00	1,200.00	(851.00)
Staff Devel & Mbrshps	355.00	0.00	355.00	2,790.00	5,000.00	(2,210.00)
Catering & Other Meals	443.40	1,475.00	(1,031.60)	33,707.52	60,185.00	(26,477.48)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,897.82</b>	<b>\$4,314.00</b>	<b>(\$416.18)</b>	<b>\$61,341.98</b>	<b>\$86,263.00</b>	<b>(\$24,921.02)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$143,049.00</b>	<b>\$124,525.00</b>	<b>\$18,524.00</b>	<b>\$880,113.67</b>	<b>\$931,291.00</b>	<b>(\$51,177.33)</b>
<b>Net Change in Assets</b>	<b><u>(\$100,672.96)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$98,590.00)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$2,082.96)</u></b>	<b><u>\$727,948.73</u></b>	<b><u>\$551,664.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$176,284.73</u></b>

**Ohio Library Council**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of Thursday, July 31, 2025**

**ASSETS**

**Cash and Short Term Investments**

Commerce Nat'l Bank - Checking	\$114,456.43
Commerce Nat'l Bank- Money Market	514,273.57
Investments - Money Market	4,402.34
Investments - TRAK Account	625,577.79
Investments - Mutual Funds	819,315.57
<b>Total Cash and Short Term Investments</b>	<b>\$2,078,025.70</b>

**Other Current Assets**

Accounts Receivable	122,146.80
Office Equipment (net of Accum Depr)	56,205.66
Prepaid Postage	1,310.07
Prepayments	77,479.94
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$257,142.47</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$2,335,168.17</u></b>
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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	(\$6,474.60)
Advances	1,274.86
Accrued Salaries	11,418.95
Accrued Vacation	55,227.01
Accrued Insurance	1,134.71
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$62,580.93</b>

**Net Assets**

Unappropriated Fund Balance	1,544,638.51
YTD Change in Net Assets	727,948.73
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,272,587.24</b>

<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$2,335,168.17</u></b>
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**Ohio Library Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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ITEM NO.: **5.A**

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

SUBJECT: **2025 OLC Elections Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

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**REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

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Following is a list of individuals elected to leadership positions in the 2025 OLC elections.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
(Terms begin January 1, 2026)

**MLIS DIRECTOR**

**Julianne Bedel**, Medina County District Library

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE DIRECTOR**

**Cindy Lombardo**, Peninsula Library & Historical Society

**AT-LARGE DIRECTOR**

**Kathy Bach**, Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library

**AT-LARGE DIRECTOR**

**Susan Titkemeier**, Marion Public Library

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**DIVISION ACTION COUNCILS**  
(Terms begins January 1, 2026)

**ADULT & REFERENCE SERVICES DIVISION**

- Meagan Mariotti, Salem Public Library
- Jennie Walker, MidPointe Library System

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION**

- Benjamin Corll, Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County
- Wendy Torrence, Tipp City Public Library

**CUSTOMER SERVICE & SUPPORT STAFF DIVISION**

- Emily Hegner, Portage County District Library
- Alex Wolfe, Grandview Heights Public Library

**DIGITAL & MEDIA SERVICES DIVISION**

- Adrien Bryant, Westerville Public Library
- Nestor Rave, Sandusky Library

#### HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

- Gale Koritansky, Stow Munroe Falls Public Library
- Michael Ronga, Lorain Public Library System

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

- Bill McIntire, Dayton Metro Library
- Caden O'Boyle, Pickerington Public Library

#### LIBRARY ACCOUNTING DIVISION

- Chris Butler, Stark County District Library
- Jamie Rieger, Dover Public Library

#### MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

- Renee Hopper, Defiance Public Library
- Michelle Petersen, Pickerington Public Library

#### MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION

- Joe Armstrong, Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library
- Rebecca Miller, Reed Memorial Library

#### OUTREACH AND SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

- Sarah Rozniak, Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library
- Emily Thirion, Warren-Trumbull County Public Library

#### SMALL LIBRARIES DIVISION

- Shannon Featheringill, Seneca East Public Library
- Lisa Santucci, Tipp City Public Library

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DIVISION

- Kathryn (Katie) Beverly, Public Library of Mt. Vernon & Knox County
- Shane Plassenthal, Preble County District Library

#### TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

- Christopher Hill, Greene County Public Library
- Joyce Strong, Columbus Metropolitan Library

#### TEEN SERVICES DIVISION

- Kelly Edwards, Bexley Public Library
- Collin Kuhn, Ritter Public Library

**Ohio Library Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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ITEM NO.: **5.B**

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

SUBJECT: **OLC Board Meeting Dates - 2026**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

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**REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

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Following are the proposed dates for the 2026 meetings of the OLC Board of Directors. Board members are encouraged to check their calendars and report any major conflicts. Final approval of the schedule will take place at the Nov. 7 meeting.

- Jan. 16
- March 13
- May 15
- July 17
- Sept. 18
- Nov. 13

All meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the OLC Office in Dublin or via Zoom.

Other dates to note:

OLC Library Fiscal Officer CPIM Conference – March 26-27

PLA 2026 Conference (Minneapolis) – April 1-3

ALA Annual (Chicago) – June 25-29

OLC Convention & Expo (Kalahari) – Oct. 21-23

**Ohio Library Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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ITEM NO.: **5.C**

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

SUBJECT: **ALA Councilor Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Nick Tepe**

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**REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

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Council Activity

Council held special meetings on August 27 and September 3 to vote on several items that were time sensitive. First, we approved the new ALA Position Statement Framework that was completed by a task force formed following the 2024 Annual Conference. This was to have been completed for the 2025 Annual Conference, but the task force needed additional time to complete their work. The goal of this framework is to provide a consistent rubric to guide ALA and all units in making or responding to statements. The new framework is adopted on a trial or pilot basis, with any recommended changes to come to Council at the 2026 Annual Conference.

Second, we considered a suite of changes to ALA structure recommended by the Executive Board. These needed to be considered now so that any changes would be able to be implemented in time for the 2026 elections. All of the recommended changes are part of the ongoing efforts to streamline ALA operations, reduce the complexity and confusion surrounding ALA structure, and make the organization more responsive to pressing issues.

Three of the recommendations were uncontroversial: discontinuation of forums and discussion groups as a sub-group of divisions, and aligning all division interest groups as member-based (meaning non-members would not be able to participate in division interest groups). The Executive Board also recommended that Round Table elections be limited to the same positions that are elected for other ALA officers, meaning that the only elected positions for Round Tables would be the Chair-Elect/Coordinator-Elect/President-Elect and Treasurer. While other officers and at-large positions would no longer be elected, the elected officers would be free to appoint any positions necessary to carry out the work of the Round Table. The rationale for this change is that electing the additional positions requires a significant investment of staff time as well as increasing the cost of the election to run, while many of those positions run unopposed or are even vacant. The primary opposition to this change was that academic librarians seeking tenure would not receive as much recognition towards tenure in a non-elected position, as well as some suggesting that the change would be undemocratic. An amendment was successfully added to keep Secretary as an elected position, with the rationale that the Secretary position is essential for the operations of the Round Table. With the amendment, the motion passed. Finally, the Executive Board also recommended that all ALA, division, round table and office publications (including books and journals) be published by ALA Publishing & Media. There were a number of questions about what this would look like in practice, particularly from units who in the past were unable to afford to have their publications printed by ALA Publishing. With reassurances that as part of this change ALA Publishing would be re-evaluating their pricing structures to ensure that all ALA units would be able to afford to use their services, this motion also passed.

Council also heard a preliminary report on the development of an Artificial Intelligence Policy Working Group which is being formed pursuant to a resolution Council passed at the 2025 Annual Conference. The group has an accelerated schedule to complete their recommendations in time for the 2026 Annual Conference, given that the issues around AI continue to grow, and ALA as well as libraries generally need guidance on how to respond to this quickly changing landscape.

Finally, I am continuing my work as part of an Ad-Hoc committee making a recommendation to the Executive Board on how the organization manages the nomination and election of Executive Board members. We expect to make our recommendation to the Executive Board in October so that any needed changes to the Bylaws can go to membership in the 2026 elections. I have also started my term on the Committee on Organization, where I am helping to finish the work of reviewing all ALA committees and making recommendations for any changes to the current structure. Both of these are in keeping with my efforts to carry on the work that was begun with the Standing Committee on Organization Efficiency, Transforming ALA Governance, and other efforts to streamline ALA operations in order to make the organization more nimble and eliminate our operating deficits.

#### Ongoing Federal Actions

On Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> the current Federal Communications Commission Chairman made an [announcement](#) proposing to reverse the FCC's 2024 decision to authorize E-Rate funding for Wi-Fi hotspots checked out by public library patrons for internet access at home. This follows action in Congress where a Congressional Review Act resolution to abolish the hotspots program [passed the Senate](#) in May. The measure has been awaiting action in the U.S. House, where the companion legislation has only two sponsors. ALA issued a [statement](#) supporting the continuation of the approved funding for hotspots through E-Rate.

ALA also led a coalition of leading library, museum, cultural organizations, and a labor union representing cultural workers in filing a [friend-of-the-court brief](#) in *Rhode Island v. Trump*, urging the First Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold an injunction against the administration's attempt to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through an Executive Order. A [statement](#) regarding the filing can be found here.



## Message from the State Librarian

Recently we asked our past and present grantees to highlight the impacts of federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants and—Wow! I can't tell you how moving these videos are. From safeguarding our Ohio cultural heritage to helping our babies become readers to helping students engage with new technology, I couldn't be more proud of the work we do together.

Please take a moment to take a look at the videos on the State Library's social media channels and see our librarians make a real change in our Ohio communities. I challenge you to leave with a dry eye.



Library Director Sarah Frump and State Librarian Mandy Knapp in front of Carnegie Public Library in Washington Court House

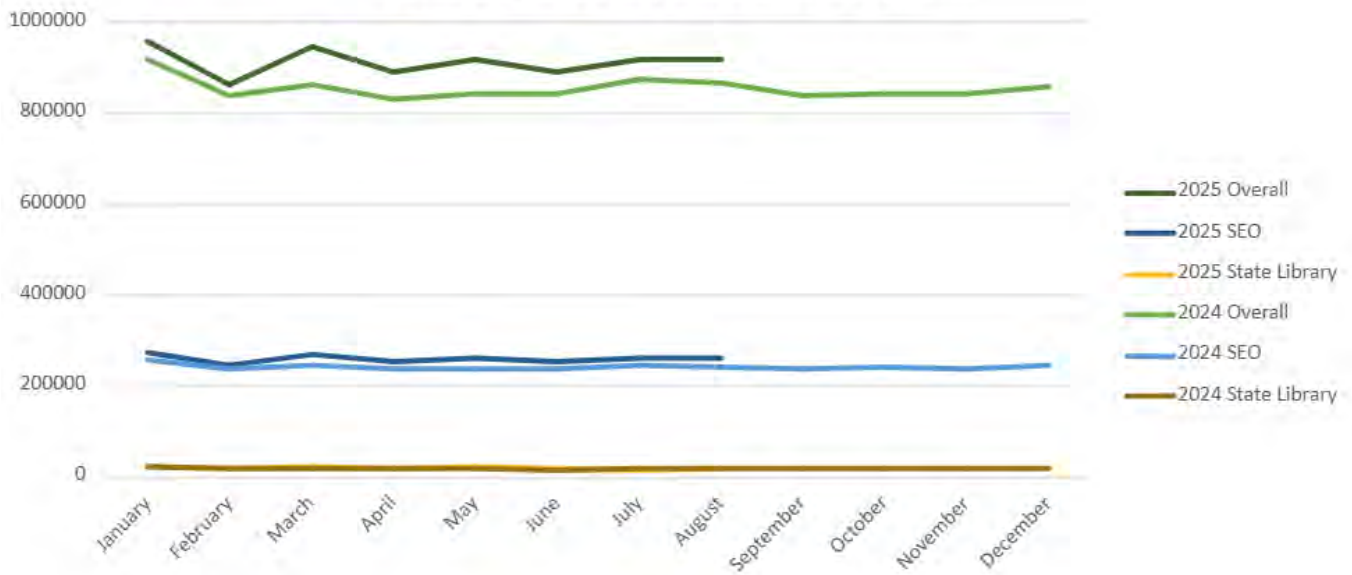
## Highlights

- ◆ State Librarian Mandy Knapp was interviewed by PBS Books on the literary heritage of Ohio—the episode should come out this October!
- ◆ Mandy attended the Geneva Public Library Expansion Grand Opening. The new expansion has a makerspace funded in part by federal funds awarded by the State Library.
- ◆ In August, Mandy's Listening Tour continued with visits to University of Cincinnati Libraries, Mary Lou Johnson Hardin County District Library, Logan County Libraries, Carnegie Public Library (Washington Court House), and Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library, and meetings with members of the State Library's Talking Book Consumer Advisory Committee.

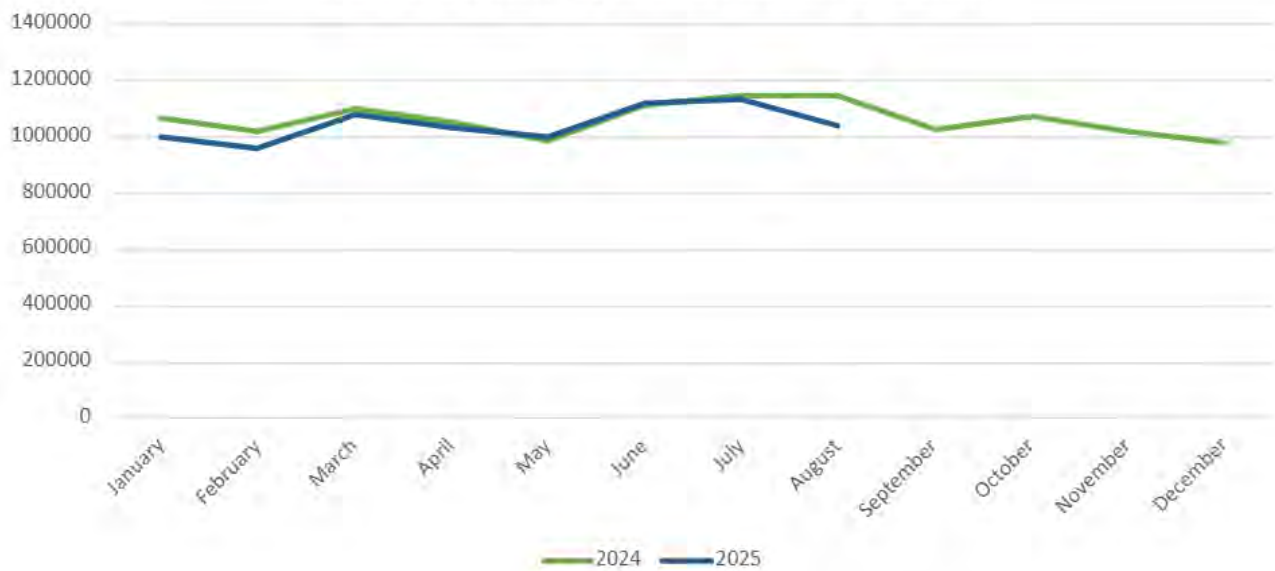


University of Cincinnati Dean and University Librarian Liz Kiscaden, State Librarian Mandy Knapp, and Associate Dean Brian Gray

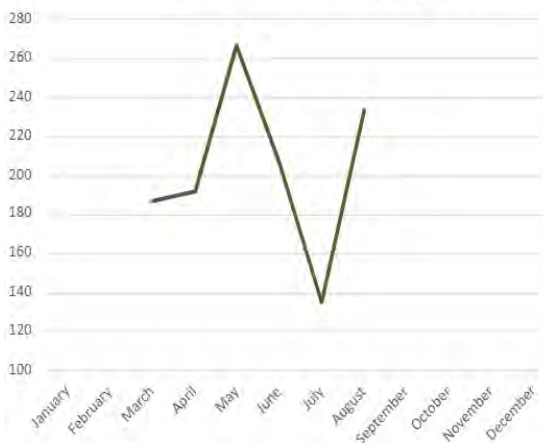
### Ohio Digital Library Circulation by Month



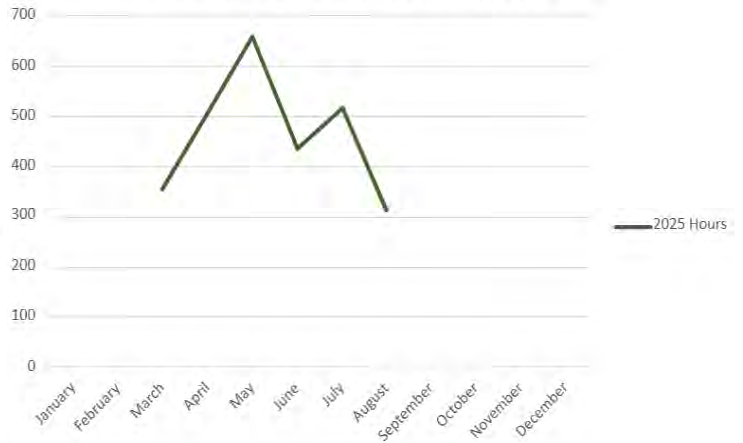
### SEO Consortium Physical Circulation by Month



### State Library Staff Training by Month



### Cooperative Partnership Meetings by Month





## Library Services—August 2025



*Director and Staff from The Ohio State University Press visit the State Library*

On August 29 we welcomed Ohio State University Press Director Tony Sanfilippo and 7 of his staff to our location for a visit and tour. They were very excited learn about the State Library of Ohio's history and see our

rare book collections. We also were able to show them several of their early publications from our State Documents collection that they hadn't seen previously!



This month we received our delivery of 744 **Digital Advanced Player 2s** from the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled. We are currently shipping these newly updated talking book players to our patrons all across Ohio!

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***"It's like an early birthday present."** From a Talking Book patron who received their new DA2 Talking Book Player*

On 8/3 we had the exciting opportunity to speak to the staff of the **Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities: Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired**. We presented to around 50 of their staff about the State Library of Ohio's resources and the Talking book program. They asked great questions, and we were able to show off our braille e-readers and new **DA2 Talking Book player**.

On 8/13 we welcomed the staff of **Southern State Community College's library** to our location for a tour of our facility and collections.

On 8/14 we promoted our Talking Book Program at the second

annual **Accessible Ohio Conference & Expo**, which highlighted Ohio's commitment to accessibility and meaningful opportunities for individuals with disabilities. We were able to promote our services to a variety of conference attendees which included community leaders, cabinet directors, Ohioans with disabilities, and their families and employers.

In August we implemented Ex Libris **RapidILL service** as part of our LSP migration. This services provides us access to article and book chapter ILL requests from 650 Ex Libris Libraries and is integrated with our new Ex Libris Library Services Platform.



## Library Programs & Development—August 2025



*(Left) A preview of the 2026 Collaborative Summer Library Program artwork was shared with Library Consultant Janet Ingraham Dwyer and other attendees of the CSLP annual meeting on August 5th-6th. The artwork by Tom Bonson is in support of the 2026 CSLP theme, “Unearth a Story.” (Right) Reimagining School Readiness workshop attendees at Licking County Library are guided through an exercise on practicing research-based strategies for engaging children about school preparedness.*

The State Library of Ohio’s **LSTA Competitive Grant** application window opened on August 18th. Applications will be accepted through October 20th, with awards being announced in December. The LSTA Competitive Grant offers eligible libraries the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000.00 in LSTA funds for projects that address one of three possible focus areas: Literacy, Library as Community Anchor, and Outreach and Engagement. Draft proposals may be submitted for feedback until October 5th. More information on the LSTA Competitive Grant can be [found here](#).

On August 7th, five awardees for the State Library of Ohio’s **LSTA Open Grant** [were announced](#): Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County, Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library, Highland County District Library’s Hillsboro Public Library, and Henderson Memorial Public Library. The LSTA Open Grant initiative invites libraries to apply for up to \$4,999 in federal funds to address a specific need within their community. Full information, including parameters and deadlines can be [found here](#).

Many libraries nationally and in Ohio participate in **At-risk Afterschool Meals/Snacks** (a part of the CACFP: Child & Adult Care Food Program). This USDA-funded program provides free meals and snacks to children ages 0-18 in communities with high levels of need. Besides the obvious benefits of addressing hunger and supporting vulnerable youth, CACFP

participation benefits libraries through: access to new user groups, especially underserved populations; increased visibility of the library as a community asset; opportunities for new partnerships; positioning of the library as an important stakeholder in community well-being and positive child outcomes; and potential increased attendance at library programming.

If you want to become an CACFP site, see No Kid Hungry’s [Summer and Afterschool Meals in Libraries](#) resource guide for basic information. The [Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, Office of Integrated Student Supports](#) can help you identify a CACFP sponsor. [Children’s Hunger Alliance](#) can also serve as sponsor for eligible sites across Ohio.

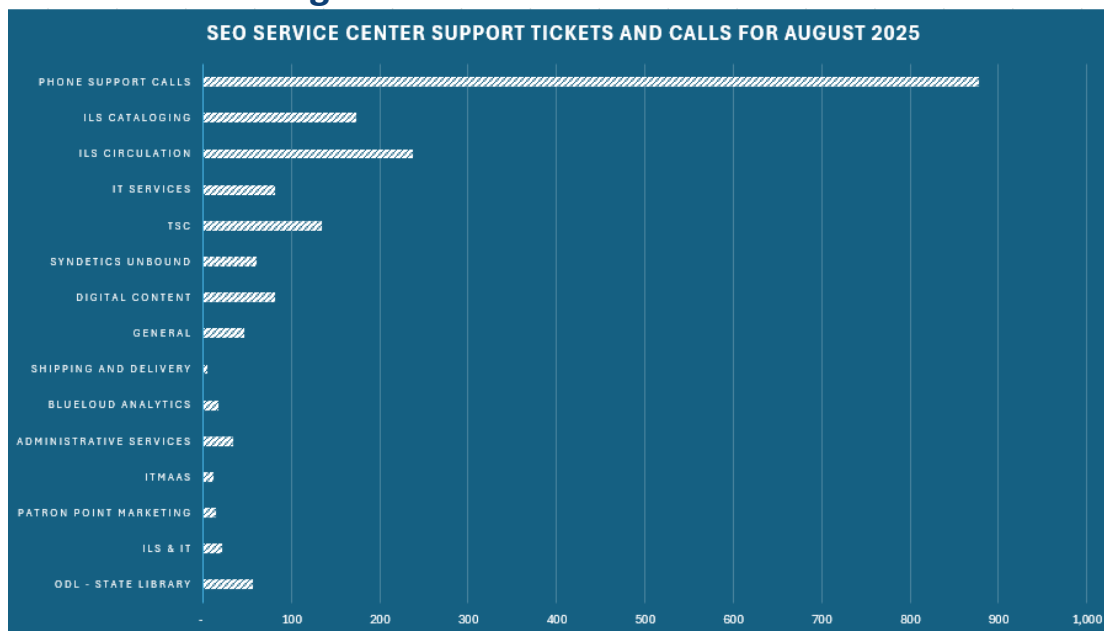
### LPD Staff On the Road!

Library Consultant **Penelope Shumaker** co-led a Reimagining School Readiness workshop at Licking County Library on August 28. Nearly 30 area library staff members attended the workshop to learn how best to assist families to prepare children aged 0 to 8 for success in school.

Library Consultant **Anne Kennedy** attended DigiPalooza 2025, OverDrive’s international user group conference, in Cleveland on August 12-14. Session topics included maximizing digital resources, driving digital traffic, and more.

Associate State Librarian **Evan T. Struble** visited the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library on August 6 and gave a presentation on the state of funding for Ohio’s libraries to the Findlay Kiwanis group, with nearly 30 in attendance.

## SEO Service Center—August 2025



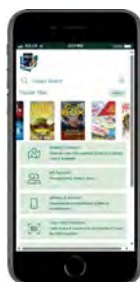
*The SEO Service Center team answered over 1,851 tickets and customer calls during the month of August.*

### Key service highlights include:

- **Visits** were made to Galion Public Library and Gnadenhutten member libraries.
- SEO Request for Proposal work continues to progress—Library Software Platform

### For the past 30 days, the Consortium experienced significant activity:

- Over 1.04 million items were circulated.
- 10,422 new users were created.
- 194,042 holds were created and 188,146 holds were filled.
- 469 interlibrary loan requests were initiated.
- 951 support tickets were created, with 18 relayed to the software vendor.



### Mobile App Stats

	2024	2025	% Change
New Devices	4,164	2,245	-46% ↓
Holds Placed	28,310	33,460	18% ↑
App Launched	78,653	90,312	15% ↑
Searches	86,313	89,585	4% ↑

### Niche Academy usage showed:

- Heavy engagement with **staff tutorials** (1,820 views) and the **online catalog tutorial** (1,3370 views)
- Lower engagement with the **Technical Services Committee** (2 view) and **ASL Storytime** (12 views) tutorials



Patron Point

### Patron Point Marketing e-mails showed:

- Heavy use in **Announcement and Newsletters** being sent (280,053 emails)
- Medium use in **Birthday/Anniversary** campaigns (2,946 emails)
- Light use of **Winback** (157 emails) and **Coming of Age** (1,441 emails) campaigns

## News—August 2025



### [New Video Series Showcases Libraries That Received Federally Funded Grants from the State Library](#)

August 01, 2025: The State Library of Ohio is thrilled to introduce our new video series, which showcases the statewide impact of federal library funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). These featured videos were created by Hillsboro Public Library and St. Paris Public Library.



August 7, 2025: [Federal IMLS Funding Enabled the Starting Pointe Early Literacy Initiative at MidPointe Library System](#)



August 13, 2025: [Federal IMLS LSTA Funds Used for Conservation & Preservation Grant Awarded to Cleveland Public Library](#)



August 19, 2025: [Oak Harbor Public Library Enhanced Their Summer Library Programs Using Federal IMLS LSTA Funds Awarded by the State Library](#)



August 07, 2025: [Five Libraries Selected to Receive Open Grants totaling \\$21,679.00 in federal funds](#)



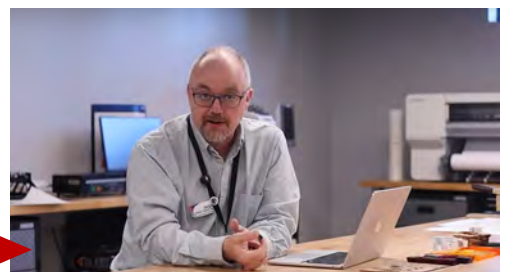
August 21, 2025: [Two Spotlight Videos from University Library at Muskingum University and McComb Public Library Illuminate the Crucial Impact of Federal Funding for Libraries from IMLS and Awarded by the State Library](#)



August 19, 2025: [Ohio Libraries Invited to Submit Proposals for the State Library of Ohio's 2025 LSTA Competitive Grant](#)



August 28, 2025: [Videos about Eastern Local School District and from the Ashtabula County Public Library District highlight the Vital Role of Federal Funding from IMLS and Awarded by the State Library for School and Public Libraries](#)





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ITEM NO.: **5.E**

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

SUBJECT: **OPLIN Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Don Yarman**

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WiFi Hotspot E-Rate

FCC Chairman Carr has announced his intention to overturn the eligibility of hotspots for E-Rate support. Organizations are lobbying to make this effective for the next funding year and allow this year's applications (none of which have been approved) to move forward.

Statewide Web-Based Digital Skills Platform

After a delay of more than a year, BroadbandOhio has contracted with Northstar as the statewide digital literacy training platform. While this process dragged out, Northstar wasn't available to libraries statewide (libraries that weren't using the resource had their accounts deactivated). We're in the process of reactivating accounts, and we'll be relaunching Northstar later this year. Watch OPLINLIST for more information.

WhoFi

More than half of the libraries using OPLIN's Webkit service use the Community Calendar product. I surveyed them and everyone likes the product. It is easier to use and has better features than the native Drupal options; I will be looking for a way to continue paying for it for our libraries that use it. OPLIN won't be paying for the Wifi Analytics piece, though. OhioNet is exploring group pricing for it, but before you buy, you may want your IT people to reach out to us for alternative ways of getting those stats for free.

Cybersecurity Requirements

We're working with OLC and State Library to help libraries with the new requirements. For more information, visit [oplin.ohio.gov/security](http://oplin.ohio.gov/security).

Managed Branch Connections

Sign-ups are open now for OPLIN to provide connections to library branches (we do almost all of the work for just \$2000 a year). Visit [oplin.ohio.org/mbc](http://oplin.ohio.org/mbc) for more info. We're also exploring a less expensive, lower tier of service for smaller locations. If it comes together, we'll announce that later in October.

Fall E-Rate Training Dates

[FY2026 E-Rate for Library Beginners Workshop](#), 1pm Oct. 8

[FY2026 E-rate for Experienced Library Applicants Workshop](#), 1pm Oct. 9

[FY2026 Form 470 Training for Library Category 1 Services Workshop](#), 9:30am Oct. 14

[FY2026 Form 470 Training for Library Category 2 Services Workshop](#), 1pm Oct. 16

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

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

**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)
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#### 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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



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

SUBJECT: **Government and Legal  
Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jay Smith**

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PLF Update

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) recently posted the September 2025 Public Library Fund (PLF) distribution of \$40,419,668 – which is \$6.8 million or -14.47% below ODT's original estimate that was issued in July 2024; and \$5.3 million or -11.67% below ODT's updated estimate issued in December 2024. The PLF Calendar Year (CY) 2025 year-to-date total is \$373,449,379.

According to the Office of Budget and Management's (OBM), the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF) tax receipts for August 2025 came in about \$52.1 million or 2.1% above estimate. As of July 2025, the state's rainy-day fund (aka Budget Stabilization Fund) reached a record level at \$3.942 billion.

As a reminder, even though the PLF is now a line-item appropriation, the monthly distributions to the county level will slightly change each month. HB 96 included additional cash transfers from the PLF to the State Library of Ohio, OPLIN, Library for the Blind, the Ohioana Library Association and the Regional Library Systems. OBM shared a schedule of those cash transfers for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. These deductions and transfers from the PLF are made prior to the PLF distributions to public libraries.

A look at the PLF distribution for the past three years and a link to an Excel spreadsheet listing each county's distribution total for September 2025 can be found on the [OLC website](#).

ODT Issues Initial CY 2026 PLF Certification

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) posted its initial county-by-county certifications for the Public Library Fund (PLF) for calendar year (CY) 2026.

- [PDF of Each county's Total Estimated Entitlement](#)
- [Excel Spreadsheet with the Monthly Estimates for Each County](#)

Please read the entitlement letter for your county carefully. The CY 2026 entitlement estimates are based on the changes to the PLF that were included in the state budget bill, House Bill (HB) 96. As a reminder, the PLF is no longer a percentage of the state's General Revenue Fund. HB 96 changed the PLF to a line-item appropriation.

In addition, other state agencies and entities are now funded through the PLF and deducted first before the PLF distributions to public libraries. As indicated in ODT's certification estimates, transfers to the Library for the Blind, OPLIN, the State Library of

Ohio, the Ohioana Library Association and the Regional Library Systems are deducted prior to the PLF distributions to the county level.

ODT's initial statewide PLF distribution estimate for CY 2026 is \$484,704,267 which is \$29.6 million less than CY 2025 (\$514,285,692). As required by law, these estimates will be updated again in December 2025.

As you review the monthly estimates for your county, keep in mind that the line-item appropriation is based on fiscal year (FY), not calendar year (CY). Therefore, the estimates for January through June will be different from the estimates for July through December. The line-item appropriation for the PLF is \$490 million in FY26 and \$500 million in FY27. However, those totals are before the deductions to other state agencies and entities.

### HB 96 State Budget Update

The Ohio House of Representatives convened on July 21 to vote on potential overrides of several of Governor DeWine's line-item vetoes in House Bill (HB) 96, the state budget for Fiscal Years 2026–2027. The House originally planned to challenge three specific vetoes related to: county budget commissions; the 20-mill floor calculation for school districts; and the elimination of certain tax levies.

Ultimately, the House secured enough votes to override only the veto concerning tax levies, which included the removal of replacement levies. For any veto override to take effect, it must also be approved by the Ohio Senate. As of now, the Senate has not scheduled a voting session prior to Oct 1. Notably, the House did not vote on overriding the veto related to library materials. The House retains the authority to revisit and override any of the remaining 66 vetoes at any time during the current General Assembly, which runs through December 2026. More will be discussed during the board meeting.

### State Budget Wrap-Up Webinar Recording Available

Thank you to everyone who attended the State Budget Wrap-Up Webinar on July 30. The webinar provided an in-depth review of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 state budget and what it means for Ohio's public libraries.

If you were unable to participate in the live presentation, the [recording](#) is now available in the [Member Info Hub](#), along with the [slide deck](#). Step-by-step directions on how to access the webinar and slide deck are available on the [OLC website](#).

As highlighted during the webinar, the OLC has prepared a [detailed analysis of House Bill \(HB\) 96](#), outlining the key provisions of the state budget. This document is also available in the [Member Info Hub](#) for your review.

### Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate Property Taxes

In response to the Citizens for Property Tax Reform initiative, OLC and other local governments have begun meeting to organize opposition against the amendment should it make it to the ballot. More will be discussed at the Board Meeting.

### OLC Regional Meetings

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#### Congressional Redistricting: What's Next?

The Ohio Legislature is tasked with redrawing voting districts for the U.S. House of Representatives. The new maps must be in place for the 2026 primary elections. The Ohio Constitution dictates that the process begins in the Ohio General Assembly which specifies a three-fifths vote in each chamber including at least half of the Republicans and Democrats to achieve a bipartisan map by the end of September.

If no agreement is achieved, the process moves to the Ohio Redistricting Commission where Republicans hold five out of the seven Redistricting Commission seats. The commission has a month to come up with a bipartisan plan. If the commission can't come to an agreement, the process returns to the legislature which then has until Nov. 30 to come up with a map.

If a bipartisan map is agreed upon, that map will last 10 years, but if there is no bipartisan agreement, or the legislature passes a map by a simple majority, the map will last for four years.

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

SUBJECT: **Professional Development  
Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Laurie Miller**

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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

<b>2025 Events &amp; Networking Opportunities</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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

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ITEM NO.: **5.G.3**

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

SUBJECT: **Communications Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Angie Jacobsen**

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Library Card Sign-up Month

Promotions for Library Card Sign-up Month are ongoing throughout September, with a variety of resources available for members via *Access*, the OLC website and social media pages.

Awards and Honors Media Coverage

Press releases announcing the 2025 award recipients were distributed and the winners were featured in *Access* and on the OLC website. The “Awards and Honors Spotlight” series continues to highlight recipients in *Access*. Award winners have received significant local media attention. Recent coverage includes:

- [Sandusky Register](#)
- [The Daily Record](#)
- [Vermillion Daily](#)
- [The Courier](#)

Convention and Expo

Updates for the 2025 Convention and Expo continue to be added to the OLC website. Registration officially opened on Sept. 10. A promotional postcard was mailed on July 18, and ongoing promotional efforts are being carried out through *Access*, social media, and the OLC website.

Work has begun on the on-site guide, which will feature maps of the Huntington Convention Center, session times, room assignments, and full-page ads for the event sponsors.

Development of the Convention and Expo mobile app is also underway. The app will offer detailed session descriptions and speaker information; program ratings; customizable agendas for attendees; upload functionality for speaker handouts; and session evaluations directly through the app. Attendees will receive an email with download instructions prior to the event.

In addition, collateral materials are being developed for the OLC Connects area of the exhibit hall to support the work of Divisions and Committees.

Election Results

OLC election information was shared through *This Week*, *Access*, and the OLC website. Official results were announced on Aug. 15 in *Access* and the OLC website.

Division/Committee Projects

- The Marketing and PR Division met on Aug. 13 to discuss materials for the OLC Connects table at the Convention and Expo.
- The Children’s Services Division met on Sept. 9 and will collaborate with the Ohio Ready to Read Task Force on a joint display for the OLC Connects table.
- A Call for Programs was issued for the Right Click 2025 — Library IT Conference.

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- The Small Libraries Forums were promoted in *This Week* and the OLC website.
- Members who recently earned or renewed their Certified Public Librarian and Certified Public Library Staff certifications were listed in *Access* and on the OLC website.
- A survey was created for the Children's Services, Teen Services, and Customer Service and Support Staff Divisions and shared in *Access*. The results from the survey will inform a new guide designed to help all library staff, regardless of role, feel more confident and well-prepared when working with young patrons.

#### OLC Website

The top-performing pages on the OLC website over the past 60 days are:

1. JOBLine
2. Convention and Expo
3. Event Calendar
4. Vendor Opportunities
5. Education
6. Library Funding/PLF
7. Certification
8. State Budget
9. Regional Directors Meetings
10. OLC Elections Results
11. News page



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ITEM NO.: **5.G.4**

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

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

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Individual Membership

The Individual Membership count as of Sept. 1 is 2,128 as compared to 2,664 on Sept. 1, 2024. There are currently 1747 renewals; 350 new; and 31 Lifetime. There are currently 77 Friends Groups; 11 Associate Members; 6 Other and 1720 Trustees.

Proration of Individual Membership dues for **new** members only, began on July 1 and continues through Sept. 30. To date we have received 55 New Members through the proration period. New Members joining after Oct. 1 receive free membership for the remainder of the current year with the payment of full dues for the following year.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met on July 22. Staff has been in contact with Bradley Kuykendall, Chair regarding upcoming meetings, committee appointment recommendations, and Convention. The Committee meeting scheduled for October 9 will need to be rescheduled due to a conflict. A Doodle poll has been sent and a new date will be selected soon.

Committee Appointments

Committee openings have been identified and shared with staff for fulfillment. A full report of the appointments will be provided to the Appointments Committee upon completion and presented for action at the November 2025 Board meeting.

Nominations and Elections

The OLC Nominations and Elections process was completed on July 30. Divisions had a return rate between 38% – 57%. All candidates for Division Action Councils were notified by letter. A full report of the results was published in Access.

Awards and Honors

Publicity for award winners has received significant coverage. The Awards and Honors luncheon details are moving along. We encourage members of the Board to attend the Awards and Honors Luncheon on Wed., Nov. 19, 11:30 am -1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required.

New Member Meet and Greet

The New Member Meet and Greet will be held on Wed., Nov. 19. Members of the Board are encouraged to attend to welcome our new members and first-time attendees.

OLC Connects at Convention

Staff is working with the Membership Committee and the Awards and Honors Committee to review and refresh materials for their OLC Connects booth and displays.

**5.G.4: Membership Services Report**