

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

AGENDA

July 17, 2026
Via Zoom
10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (#)*
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. May 15, 2026 – Regular Meeting (#)*
3. Reports for Action
 - A. Financial Report: Month-End – May 2026 (#)*
 - B. Ratification of Action without a Meeting: Change in 2026 OLC BoD Election Slate
4. Reports for Discussion
 - A. OLC Strategic Planning (#) *[Board Members Only]*
 - B. Ohioans to Protect Public Services (#) *[Board Members Only]*
5. Reports for Information
 - A. ALA Councilor Report (#)
 - B. State Library of Ohio Report (#)
 - C. OPLIN Report (#)
 - D. Executive Director's Report (#)
 - E. Staff Reports
 1. Government and Legal Services Report (#)
 2. Professional Development Report (#)
 3. Communications Report (#)
 4. Membership Services Report (#)
6. Announcements – Next Meeting: Sept. 18 – OLC Offices
7. Executive Session
 - A. 2026 OLC Awards and Honors Recommendations (#)* *[Board Members Only]*
 - B. 2026 OLC Citizen of the Year Award (#)* *[Board Members Only]*
 - C. Executive Director Evaluation
8. Adjournment

(#) Report included in background packet

* Action Item

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 15, 2026
10:00 A.M.

PRESENT	Kathy Bach, Cincinnati Monica Baughman, Worthington Travis Bautz, Middletown (Virtual) Julianne Bedel, Medina Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Cleveland Heights Sandra Hedlund Tunnell, Ashland Mary Ellen Icaza, Canton (Virtual) Cindy Lombardo, Peninsula Elizabeth Muether, Celina Bernie Rochford, Akron Stacey Russell, Zanesville William Rutger, Sandusky (Virtual) Susan Titkemeier, Marion
GUESTS	Michael Goldberg, Perks, Pusateri & Co. Mandy Knapp, State Library of Ohio Nick Tepe, ALA Councilor (Virtual) Don Yarman, OPLIN
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	The meeting was called to order by Chair Russell at 10:04 a.m. She noted Icaza, Bautz, Rutger and Nick Tepe, ALA Councilor are participating via Zoom. Russell welcomed guest Michael Goldberg, Perks Pusateri & Co. He is attending the meeting to discuss the 2025 Financial Audit under Item 3.B.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	HEDLUND TUNNELL MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	LOMBARDO MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 13, 2026 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH-END March 2026	Francis presented the financial report for the month-end March 2026. <u>Revenue.</u> <u>Dues.</u> Institutional Dues income is under budget due to delayed invoicing. More than usual delays from County auditors. As of the meeting, 235 libraries have paid out of 249. Other institutions are under budget due to delayed invoicing. Individual Memberships are under budget due to decrease in personal membership. Friends are under budget due to delayed invoicing.

Continuing Education. Legislative Day is under budget due to timing. Convention & Expo is under budget due to timing of accrual. Workshops are under budget due to timing of registration payments.

Contract Income. Sourcing Office is under budget due to decrease in library purchases.

Other Income.

Interest and Dividends are over budget due to returns on short-term investments. Unrealized gain is over budget due to returns on long-term investments. Workers' Comp is over budget due to timing of payments.

Expenses.

Salaries and Benefits. Salaries are under budget due to timing of 2026 adjustments. Accrued vacation reflects accrued vacation. Retirement is under budget due to timing of plan contributions. Payroll taxes are slightly under budget.

Consultants and Contractors. Speaker Honoraria is over budget due to timing of payments. Legal Services is under budget due to timing of invoices. Expo Contractors is under budget due to timing of payments. Consultants/Contractors are under budget due to timing of payments.

Supplies and Resources. Computer Software/Supplies were over budget due to timing of payments.

Communications. Postage/Courier Service is under budget.

Printing and Design. Printing was over budget due to timing of payments. Copying was on budget.

Maintenance and Equipment. Rental equipment was under budget. Software support is over budget due to timing of payments.

Travel. Board travel is under budget due to reimbursements. Staff travel is under budget.

Management Expenses. Bank services are under budget. Investment Fees were slightly over budget. Employee Hiring is under budget for library background checks. Staff Development and Memberships are slightly over budget due to timing. Catering is under budget due to timing of payments and attendance.

The net change in assets is under budget by (\$137,190).

BAUGHMAN MOVED AND HEDLUND TUNNELL SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE MONTH-END – MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2025 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Francis introduced Michael Goldberg from Perks Pusateri & Co.

Goldberg gave an overview of the audit and reported the accounting process has proper oversight and approvals. He noted the OLC received a clean opinion, meaning that the financial statements referred to in the report are presented fairly, in all material respects. Goldberg expressed his gratitude for a very solid, very organized audit.

BEDEL MOVED AND LOMBARDO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE DRAFT AUDIT AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The OLC Nominating Committee met on May 1 to discuss potential candidates for the 2026 OLC Board of Directors elections. The committee recommends the following slate for election to three-year terms beginning in January 2027:

MLIS Director [one to be elected]

Travis Bautz, Executive Director, MidPointe Library System
Ben Heckman, Director, Bexley Public Library

Library Trustee Director [one to be elected]

Sandra Hedlund Tunnell, Trustee, Ashland Public Library
Robert Jenkins, Trustee, Bossard Memorial Library of Gallia County

At-Large Director [one to be elected]

Travis McAfee, Assistant Director, Way Public Library
Stacey Russell, Executive Director, Muskingum County Library System

At-Large Director [one to be elected]

Bryan Howard, Director, Delaware County District Library
Amy Young, Director, Reed Memorial Library

ROCHFORD MOVED AND MUETHER SECONDED ACCEPTANCE OF THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THREE-YEAR TERMS BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2027. MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYE VOTES, AND 3 ABSTENTIONS (Bautz, Hedlund Tunnell, Russell).

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Francis thanked the Board and others for their participation in the full strategic planning retreat session with Lowell Applebaum, Vista Cova. She just received the Summary, and will review it and meet with Applebaum, and then with Russell. The Summary will be shared with the full board once reviewed. Russell has had several members reach out. She is reminding members that give and take is necessary for growth. Rochford liked the process. DeNero Ackroyd thought it was energizing and liked mixing up our groups.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN

Francis reported that OLC contracted with Public Opinion Strategies to conduct a statewide poll in January. OLC released the results in February. Neil Newhouse from Public Opinion Strategies crafted a memo summarizing the poll results that could be shared publicly. Toolkit pieces were developed and can be found in the Member Info Hub under: Resources/Directors and Fiscal Officers Only/PR Toolkit. More pieces to the toolkit will be added. These pieces help to reinforce the messages when meeting with legislators. Francis would like to do this every two-years to help with the state budget.

Feedback is appreciated. Jacobsen is certain there are times of the year that these pieces would be helpful with back to school; library sign up month; summer reading. Smith noted OLC will be getting ready in August for the next State Budget.

OHIOANS TO PROTECT PUBLIC SERVICES

Francis reported OLC is on the steering committee. More than 75 statewide organizations have joined the coalition. The group is strictly providing information as a public education effort; it is not a campaign. More information can be found on the OLC website, and directors can find the Toolkit in the Member Info Hub under the Property Tax folder.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The OLC Board of Directors is responsible for identifying nominees and selecting the winner of the OLC Citizen of the Year Award. Nominations for the Citizen of the Year will be solicited from the membership through announcements in *Access Weekly* and *This Week*, and on the OLC website. Staff will make recommendations to the OLC Board at the July meeting.

ALA COUNCILOR REPORT

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

ALA Annual Conference. Action is moving forward ahead of Annual Conference including a new Guidance on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Libraries, produced by the ALA Artificial Intelligence Policy Working Group, and a new statement on “Liberty and the Library” produced by the Intellectual Freedom Committee. IFC is accepting feedback on the proposed statement through May 28th.

Concerns continue to be expressed by members regarding ALA's financial situation and how the organization is responding to that. The Council and the Executive Board are taking those concerns very seriously and are working with staff leadership to address the situation while remaining true to their core values. There is a member-led resolution regarding transparency. The resolution is counter-productive currently.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT

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

IMLS. The IMLS is gathering Library Directors on July 22. The topic is America 250.

Relocation. State Library Staff offices are relocating to downtown Columbus, 35 East Chestnut Street, while the collections are moving to a specialized archival facility with state-of-the-art environmental controls at 1831 Deffenbaugh Court in Gahanna.

Strategic Plan. The State Library Board set high level goals at the March Board meeting. It will be finalized by the July SLO Board Retreat.

Serving Every Ohioan (SEO). RFPs were sent for a new LSP for ILS with 6 responses. They will evaluate them on May 22.

SearchOhio. Work continues as SLO takes the administrative lead on SearchOhio.

Francis asked if Ohioana is also moving to the new space. Knapp reported that they were offered the opportunity and have declined to move with the State Library. They are moving to Grove City.

OPLIN REPORT

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

E-Rate. Be careful of phishing when it comes to E-Rate. The originating domain is usac.org NOT usac.com. Nearly every Category 2 request is being met with a square footage review. You can request a letter from Don Yarman. By August 2026, all applicants invoicing for E-Rate reimbursements will require an active SAM.gov registration for payment.

Cooperative Database Subscription Funding. Yarman has been negotiating with a few vendors to try a “NPR Model” of cooperative database subscription funding. A “GoFundMe” type campaign where he would post the cost negotiated,

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

libraries pledge the amounts they're willing to contribute and see if we reach the target. More to come this summer.

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

Institutional Membership. As of May 8, 235 public library systems are Institutional Members of OLC. There are 14 library systems that are still in the process of renewing their membership. Only two library systems have not paid their 2026 dues and were not included in the revenue projections for the 2026 OLC operational budget.

Library Levies on May Primary Ballot. Voters across Ohio approved 12 of the 14 library levies on the ballot on May 5. It is important to keep in mind that most requests were placed on the ballot to maintain current services, not necessarily to expand services.

OLC Staff Anniversaries. Angie Jacobsen celebrated her 10 year anniversary on March 28; Laurie Miller celebrated 5 years on April 19; and Ro Swanson celebrated 26 years on May 8.

Trustee Lunch/Dinners. This spring, OLC hosted four regional Trustee Dinners/Lunch. The events focused on OLC's PR Campaign and property taxes. If you have any feedback, send to Francis. Hedlund Tunnell asked if they are always in March/April. Usually in a budget year, trustees want to hear more about the next State Budget. People like networking.

GOVERNMENT AND LEGAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Public Library Fund Update. The May 2026 Public Library Fund (PLF) distribution of \$40,419,668 – which is \$393,641 or (+0.98%) more than ODT's original estimate that was issued in July 2025. The state's General Revenue Fund tax receipts for April 2026 came in \$338.9 million or 13.3% above estimate. This means the total GRF tax receipts to-date for FY 2026 are exceeding estimates by 1.16 billion or 4.9%. The final PLF distribution for the current fiscal year will be posted and distributed at the beginning of June. Once the final distribution is posted, OLC will provide a complete analysis and comparison of the PLF as a line-item appropriation vs a percentage of the GRF for FY 2026.

Statehouse Update. The legislature has been on recess for most of April. Moving forward, both the House and Senate plan to meet throughout May and into June. Over the next several weeks, the primary focus will be on the Capital Budget.

Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate Property Taxes.

The OLC continues to serve on the Steering Committee for Ohioans to Protect Public Services (OPPS), a coalition of more than 65 statewide organizations working to educate Ohioans about the serious consequences of eliminating all property taxes on homes and businesses, with no plan to replace the revenue. Additional information is available at protectpublicservices.org.

As discussions surrounding property taxes continue, it remains important to share clear, factual information about how public services are funded and the essential role libraries play in local communities. Public libraries receive just 2.5% of all property taxes collected statewide.

We encourage you to continue utilizing OLC's Public Libraries and Property Taxes Fact Sheet along with the resources provided by OPPS.

Recently, the coalition partnered with four former directors of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) on an op-ed published in The Columbus Dispatch. This piece describes the far-reaching consequences of eliminating property taxes without a viable replacement revenue source.

Post Primary – Impact Ohio Event. OLC staff recently attended a post-election conference featuring party chairs, strategists and legislative leadership.

137th Ohio General Assembly Senate President. Jerry Cirino has formally ended his bid in the race to become the next Senate President. This gives Senator Bill Reineke a clearer path to succeed President Rob McColley next year.

Library Ballot Issues Workshop. This workshop will be hosted virtually on July 9.

OLC Library Legislative Day 2027. Save the Date – next year's Library Legislative Day will take place on Wednesday, May 19, 2027.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

2026 Convention & Expo. The Program committee met in-person on April 14 to discuss program selection. Approval emails are being sent through the app, and the deadline to accept is today. There are 12 poster sessions. Staff is currently working on the program grid to solidify dates and times of breakout sessions. OLC is still researching General Session speakers for Wednesday and Friday.

Miller thanked Mary Ellen Icaza, Kacie Armstrong and Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz for their participation in the Mentorship Webinar Series where they shared goals and inspirations. There will be 3 more webinars in the series.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

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

Legislative Day. Legislative Day and the Preparing for Legislative Day webinar were promoted through This Week and Access. Advocacy resources and tools were added to the OLC website and Member Info Hub. OLC received some local news coverage. Good traction with sample press release. Strong engagement with #OhioLibraryDay.

Library Levies. A press release was issued about Ohio voters approving 12 of the 14 public library levies on the May primary ballot.

Statewide Coalition – Ohioans to Protect Public Services. Information was shared in This Week, Access and the OLC website about OLC serving on the steering Committee of Ohioans to Protect Public Services. The coalition launched its website on April 16. Jacobsen will post the social media guide. Updated property tax sheet.

Convention and Expo. Preliminary work has begun on the 2026 Convention and Expo website. A save-the-date postcard will be sent in June. The Exhibitor Prospectus was mailed in March. Sponsorship opportunities were updated on the website. Goal is to get registration open July 8.

Strategic Planning. Information about the OLC's strategic planning process was shared in This Week, Access and social media.

GZ Learn. Training has begun on the new GrowthZone Learning module to support implementation. GZ Learn will be used to deliver the Ohio Reference Excellence (ORE) courses as well as other online professional development opportunities for members.

Francis mentioned the HR Workshop 101 and 102. There is an amazing lineup of attorneys appealing to different parts of our membership on presentations to hiring, HR basics, evaluations, disciplinary action. It is a hybrid event.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES REPORT

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

2026 Individual Membership. Individual membership is consistent with last year's numbers. A retention letter was sent to 388 prior members on April 30. A thank you letter to those libraries that responded to the survey on Individual Dues support will be sent shortly. A second Membership Meet-Up was held on April 6. There were 24 members registered. Discussion centered on how members can get involved in OLC, and how to navigate certain areas of the Member Info Hub.

Nominations and Elections. D'Andrea is working directly with division coordinators to complete their states. Nomination acceptance forms were sent on May 13 to candidates requesting biographical information. Potential Board candidates will receive their letter after approval at today's Board meeting.

Awards and Honors. Promotion continues through This Week, Access and Director memos. The deadline for nominations is May 29th.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OLC Board of Directors is scheduled for July 17 virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

HEDLUND TUNNELL MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED THE MEETING ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.A**

MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Financial Report: May 2026**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR ACTION

REVENUE

Cost Center	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Dues	\$ 1,236,429	\$ 1,249,314	\$ (12,886)
Publications	20	175	(155)
Continuing Education	92,570	198,462	(105,892)
Contract Income	2,346	1,500	846
Other Income	86,499	15,325	71,174
TOTAL	\$ 1,417,864	\$ 1,464,776	\$ (46,912)

Dues Income (- \$12,886)

- Institutional Membership: slightly under budget due to delayed payments (- \$750).
- Other Institutions: under budget (- \$2,763).
- Individual Memberships: under budget due to decrease in personal membership (- \$8,405).
- Friends: under budget due to delayed invoicing (- \$968).

Publications (- \$155)

- Sales: under budget due to decrease in demand for physical copies (- \$155).

Continuing Education (- \$105,892)

- Legislative Day: slightly under budget (- \$1,200).
- Convention & Expo: under budget due to timing of accrual (- \$48,443).
- Workshops: under budget due to decrease in registration and timing of other events (- \$56,249).

Contract Income (+ \$846)

- Sourcing Office: over budget due to increase in library purchases (+ \$846).

Other Income (+ \$71,174)

- Interest and Dividends: over budget due to returns on short-term investments (+ \$2,029).
- Unrealized Gain/(Loss): over budget due to returns on long-term investments (+ \$67,205).
- Workers Comp: over budget due to timing of payments (+ \$2,340).
- JobLine: under budget due to decrease in non-member postings (- \$280).
- Management & Consulting: under budget due to decrease in background check requests (- \$120).

EXPENSES

Cost Center	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 428,461	\$ 429,180	\$ (719)
Consultants and Contractors	88,042	131,465	(43,423)
Supplies and Resources	41,856	40,065	1,791
Communications	6,643	7,627	(984)
Printing/Design	2,709	2,751	(42)
Maintenance and Equipment	14,194	13,382	812
Space Rental	60,183	59,990	193
Travel	8,890	10,255	(1,365)
Management Expenses	79,205	78,027	1,178
TOTAL	\$ 730,182	\$ 772,742	\$ (42,560)

Salaries and Benefits (- \$719)

- Staff Salaries: under budget due to timing of 2026 adjustments (- \$23,352).
- Accrued Vacation: reflects accrued vacation (+ \$30,096).
- Retirement: slightly under budget due to timing of plan contributions (- \$2,884).
- Health Insurance: under budget (- \$2,467).
- Worker's Compensation: on budget (- \$17).
- Payroll Taxes: under budget (- \$2,124).
- LTD & Life Insurance: on budget (+ \$29).

Consultants and Contractors (- \$43,423)

- Speaker Honoraria: under budget due to timing of payment (- \$4,850).
- Legal Services: under budget due to timing of invoices (- \$10,872).
- Expo Contractors: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$3,500).
- Consultants/Contractors: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$24,201).

Supplies and Resources (+ \$1,791)

- Supplies: over budget due to timing of purchasing (+ \$2,141).
- Subscription/Resource Materials: under budget (- \$426).
- Computer Software/Supplies: on budget (+ \$75).

Communications (- \$984)

- Telephone: Local/Mobile/Conf. Calls: on budget (- \$48).
- Postage/Courier Service: under budget (- \$939).
- Internet: on budget (+ \$3).

Printing and Design (- \$42)

- Printing: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$65).
- Copying: on budget (+ \$22).

Maintenance and Equipment (+ \$812)

- Equipment Rental: slightly over budget (+ \$845).
- Equipment Maintenance: slightly under budget (- \$313).
- Software Support: slightly over budget due to timing of payments (+ \$280).

Space Rental (+ \$193)

- Office Space: slightly over budget due to CAM (+ \$539).
- Workshops/Meetings: on budget (- \$346).

Travel and Meals (- \$1,365)

- Board: slightly over budget due to strategic planning (+ \$2,003).
- Staff: under budget due to timing (- \$3,368).

Management Expenses (+ \$1,178)

- Bank Services: under budget (- \$5,080).
- Investment Fees: slightly over budget (+ \$377).
- Depreciation Replacement: slightly under budget (- \$634).
- Employee Hiring: under budget for library background checks (- \$196).
- Insurance: on budget (+ \$3).
- Organization Memberships: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$239).
- Staff Development and Memberships: over budget due to timing (+ \$1,349).
- Advertising: under budget due to timing of purchases (- \$3,700).
- Catering and Other Meals: over budget due to timing of payments (+ \$9,298).

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Net Change in Assets	\$ 687,682	\$ 692,034	\$ (4,352)

Ohio Library Council
Income Statement
For the 5 Months Ending Sunday, May 31, 2026

	May			Year to Date		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
REVENUE						
Dues						
Institutional	\$88,640.00	\$5,214.00	\$83,426.00	\$1,048,073.00	\$1,048,823.00	(\$750.00)
Other	450.00	162.00	288.00	4,075.00	6,838.00	(2,763.00)
Personal	1,006.00	1,935.00	(929.00)	183,305.50	191,710.00	(8,404.50)
Friends	150.00	58.00	92.00	975.00	1,943.00	(968.00)
Subtotal	\$90,246.00	\$7,369.00	\$82,877.00	\$1,236,428.50	\$1,249,314.00	(\$12,885.50)
Publications						
Sales	20.00	40.00	(20.00)	20.00	175.00	(155.00)
Subtotal	\$20.00	\$40.00	(\$20.00)	\$20.00	\$175.00	(\$155.00)
Continuing Education						
Legislative Day	(75.00)	0.00	(75.00)	13,800.00	15,000.00	(1,200.00)
Convention & Expo	13,450.00	6,407.00	7,043.00	19,640.46	68,083.00	(48,442.54)
Workshops	9,280.00	26,059.00	(16,779.00)	59,130.00	115,379.00	(56,249.00)
Subtotal	\$22,655.00	\$32,466.00	(\$9,811.00)	\$92,570.46	\$198,462.00	(\$105,891.54)
Contract Income						
Shared Revenue	1,342.38	0.00	1,342.38	2,345.55	1,500.00	845.55
Subtotal	\$1,342.38	\$0.00	\$1,342.38	\$2,345.55	\$1,500.00	\$845.55
Other Income						
Interest & Dividends	3,274.74	2,917.00	357.74	16,614.19	14,585.00	2,029.19
Workers Compensation	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,340.38	0.00	2,340.38
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	19,017.83	0.00	19,017.83	67,204.86	0.00	67,204.86
Jobline	80.00	120.00	(40.00)	160.00	440.00	(280.00)
Mgmt & Consulting Revenue	45.00	60.00	(15.00)	180.00	300.00	(120.00)
Subtotal	\$22,417.57	\$3,097.00	\$19,320.57	\$86,499.43	\$15,325.00	\$71,174.43
Total Revenue	\$136,680.95	\$42,972.00	\$93,708.95	\$1,417,863.94	\$1,464,776.00	(\$46,912.06)

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	May			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
EXPENSES						
Salary & Benefits						
Staff Salaries	\$47,274.59	\$65,294.00	(\$18,019.41)	\$299,313.54	\$322,666.00	(\$23,352.46)
Accrued Vacation	3,862.98	0.00	3,862.98	30,096.16	0.00	30,096.16
Retirement Contribution	5,909.32	6,529.00	(619.68)	29,380.60	32,265.00	(2,884.40)
Health Insurance	8,929.43	10,199.00	(1,269.57)	45,272.09	47,739.00	(2,466.91)
Workers' Compensation	0.00	17.00	(17.00)	68.04	85.00	(16.96)
Payroll Taxes	4,375.54	4,971.00	(595.46)	22,441.40	24,565.00	(2,123.60)
LTD & Life Insurance	377.88	372.00	5.88	1,889.40	1,860.00	29.40
Subtotal	\$70,729.74	\$87,382.00	(\$16,652.26)	\$428,461.23	\$429,180.00	(\$718.77)
Consultants & Contractors						
Speaker Honoraria	0.00	9,600.00	(9,600.00)	4,750.00	9,600.00	(4,850.00)
Legal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,628.00	12,500.00	(10,872.00)
Expo Contractors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)
Consult / Contractors	14,169.05	29,616.00	(15,446.95)	81,663.92	105,865.00	(24,201.08)
Subtotal	\$14,169.05	\$39,216.00	(\$25,046.95)	\$88,041.92	\$131,465.00	(\$43,423.08)
Supplies & Resources						
Supplies	3,240.95	768.00	2,472.95	7,491.17	5,350.00	2,141.17
Subscriptions / Res Mat	509.87	530.00	(20.13)	2,224.42	2,650.00	(425.58)
Computer Sftwr / Supplies	2,199.53	3,151.00	(951.47)	32,140.14	32,065.00	75.14
Subtotal	\$5,950.35	\$4,449.00	\$1,501.35	\$41,855.73	\$40,065.00	\$1,790.73
Communications						
Telephone - Local	240.99	291.00	(50.01)	1,404.95	1,453.00	(48.05)
Postage	95.25	510.00	(414.75)	519.77	1,459.00	(939.23)
Internet	944.50	943.00	1.50	4,718.00	4,715.00	3.00
Subtotal	\$1,280.74	\$1,744.00	(\$463.26)	\$6,642.72	\$7,627.00	(\$984.28)
Printing & Typesetting						
Printing	257.75	630.00	(372.25)	1,697.39	1,762.00	(64.61)
Copying	75.23	146.00	(70.77)	1,011.45	989.00	22.45
Subtotal	\$332.98	\$776.00	(\$443.02)	\$2,708.84	\$2,751.00	(\$42.16)

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For the 5 Months Ending Sunday, May 31, 2026

	May			Year to Date		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Maintenance & Equip						
Equipment Rental	\$1,606.98	\$1,652.00	(\$45.02)	\$13,686.83	\$12,842.00	\$844.83
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	108.00	(108.00)	227.05	540.00	(312.95)
Software Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	279.71	0.00	279.71
Subtotal	\$1,606.98	\$1,760.00	(\$153.02)	\$14,193.59	\$13,382.00	\$811.59
Space Rental						
Office Space	10,968.91	10,768.00	200.91	54,378.95	53,840.00	538.95
Workshops / Meetings	4,809.14	500.00	4,309.14	5,804.05	6,150.00	(345.95)
Subtotal	\$15,778.05	\$11,268.00	\$4,510.05	\$60,183.00	\$59,990.00	\$193.00
Travel						
Board	4,502.88	0.00	4,502.88	4,502.88	2,500.00	2,002.88
Staff Travel	569.00	870.00	(301.00)	4,387.43	7,755.00	(3,367.57)
Subtotal	\$5,071.88	\$870.00	\$4,201.88	\$8,890.31	\$10,255.00	(\$1,364.69)
Management Expenses						
Bank Services	581.86	1,734.77	(1,152.91)	6,366.37	11,446.06	(5,079.69)
Investment Fees	622.28	520.00	102.28	2,977.19	2,600.00	377.19
Depreciation	1,249.76	1,306.29	(56.53)	5,489.77	6,124.04	(634.27)
Employee Hiring	0.00	67.00	(67.00)	135.00	331.00	(196.00)
Insurance	716.58	716.00	0.58	3,582.94	3,580.00	2.94
Organizational Mbrshps	0.00	160.00	(160.00)	10,655.95	10,895.00	(239.05)
Staff Devel & Mbrshps	711.71	49.00	662.71	3,534.71	2,186.00	1,348.71
Advertising	0.00	1,850.00	(1,850.00)	0.00	3,700.00	(3,700.00)
Catering & Other Meals	2,625.93	7,325.00	(4,699.07)	46,462.92	37,165.00	9,297.92
Subtotal	\$6,508.12	\$13,728.06	(\$7,219.94)	\$79,204.85	\$78,027.10	\$1,177.75
Total Expenses	\$121,427.89	\$161,193.06	(\$39,765.17)	\$730,182.19	\$772,742.10	(\$42,559.91)
Net Change in Assets	\$15,253.06	(\$118,221.06)	\$133,474.12	\$687,681.75	\$692,033.90	(\$4,352.15)

**Ohio Library Council
Balance Sheet
As of Sunday, May 31, 2026**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments

Commerce Nat'l Bank - Checking	\$142,341.35
Commerce Nat'l Bank- Money Market	621,984.95
Investments - Money Market	4,928.92
Investments - TRAK Account	702,500.78
Investments - Mutual Funds	879,537.71
Total Cash and Short Term Investments	\$2,351,293.71

Other Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	6,918.00
Office Equipment (net of Accum Depr)	56,299.56
Prepaid Postage	115.96
Operating Lease ROU Assets	71,310.17
Prepayments	54,548.25
Total Other Current Assets	\$189,191.94

Total Assets	<u><u>\$2,540,485.65</u></u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$18,340.04
Advances	1,249.86
Accrued Salaries	14,773.31
Accrued Vacation	77,566.19
Operating Lease Liability	79,495.20
Accrued Insurance	(1,419.18)
Total Liabilities	\$190,005.42

Net Assets

Unappropriated Fund Balance	1,662,798.48
YTD Change in Net Assets	687,681.75
Total Net Assets	\$2,350,480.23

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u><u>\$2,540,485.65</u></u>
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**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.B**

MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Ratification of Action Without a Meeting: Change in 2026 OLC Board of Directors Election Slate**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR ACTION

As permitted by the OLC Code of Regulations (Section 6.01) and the Ohio Revised Code, Section 1702.25, the OLC Board of Directors completed an Action Without a Meeting by electronic vote to change the 2026 OLC Board of Directors Election Slate to ensure a contested election.

All members of the Board responded to the request and approved the following action:

Replace Amy Young on the slate as a candidate in the At-Large Director race with Beth Steiner, Director of the Auglaize County Public District Library. OLC's 2026 elections run from June 30 through July 30.

Ratification of this action is required.

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.A**

MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **ALA Councilor Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Nick Tepe**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

ALA Council Actions at ALA Annual Conference

Council held three very productive sessions at Annual Conference, with relatively few deviations from what was expected.

The only resolution referred to Council from the Annual Membership meeting was a [“Resolution on Libraries Supporting Caregiver Awareness, Community Dialogue, and Dignity in Aging,”](#) which also easily passed Council. Most libraries are already doing many of the things covered in the resolution, so adopting the resolution is an opportunity to highlight that work. Council also passed the resolutions brought by the [Policy Monitoring Committee](#) and the [Committee on Organization](#) that continue the necessary reorganizing work that has come from ongoing efforts to streamline the Association. Council discussed COO’s proposed three-year moratorium on forming new units of the Association in detail, with some voices speaking up against the motion because of the need to respond quickly to the many threats and changes facing libraries. In response to those concerns, many Councilors pointed out the many ways that already exist within the organization to work on those responses, rather than creating new units. The motion passed, largely due to a recognition that we should not even consider adding new units to the organization while we continue work to resolve our structural deficit and while the ALA staff navigate the complexities of unionization.

Council also approved the new [Librarians’ and Library Workers’ Bill of Rights](#) as an official statement of principle and practice. This resolution was originally introduced at the winter Council meeting, but was tabled until Annual so it could be reviewed by other units and so there would be more attention on it at the Annual conference. This resolution is intended to stand alongside other statements like the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement, drawing attention to the fact that library workers are increasingly under threat in many places around the country, demonstrating that the Association is standing up against this, and giving libraries where this is an issue a tool to guide how to respond.

The Committee on Legislation brought a resolution on [Library Infrastructure as Essential Economic and Civic Infrastructure](#) in response to the US Government Accountability Office’s report on public library facilities issued in December 2025, which was passed with an amendment to broaden the statement to all libraries and not just public libraries. Council also passed a resolution on [Library Card Access Policies as a Form of Social Equity](#), which was modeled on [principles for library card access developed by the Brooklyn Public Library](#). This resolution is similar to previous resolutions about library fines and the restrictions those create on accessing library resources.

As I mentioned in my last report, the working group on Artificial Intelligence brought their report and [AI Guidance for Libraries](#) document for Council to consider. There was much productive discussion about the document, and Councilors recognized the strong work of

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the working group tackling a very challenging subject. However, many points were identified where additional work was needed, particularly around including the needs of School Libraries, and a recognition that because this technology is changing so quickly this document would also have to continue to change. Council approved the document as presented, recognizing that many libraries were waiting for this document before creating their own policies to respond to AI. However, Council also asked the Information Technology Advisory Committee to review the document considering the questions that were raised and report back at the winter Council meeting.

Council reviewed Treasurer Larry Neal's report, which included a five-year plan to close the Association's multi-million-dollar structural deficit. There was a great deal of discussion and questions for the Treasurer about the deficit and the plan to close it, but also a recognition that a massive structural deficit like this cannot be resolved quickly and requires many difficult decisions. Larry has made himself available to anyone who has questions about the Association's finances and the plan to close the deficit. Endowment trustee Brett Bonfield also delivered the Endowment's report, with additional discussion about how the Association is handling transfers from the endowment and how those transfers might be repaid in the future.

Finally, Council passed a resolution [recognizing the ALA staff](#) for their work and dedication in honor of the Association's 150th anniversary, with a standing ovation for the staff.

E-Rate Advocacy

Following the FCC's proposal that questions whether or not to continue to the E-Rate program, ALA has announced a [national advocacy campaign](#) along with Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition partners. ALA's campaign is in coordination with SHLB. [SaveOurERate.com](#) is a central hub for everyone who depends on the program. The site houses the resources the community needs to get involved, including tools to file comments with the FCC, guidance on how to write to members of Congress and other ways to take action. The coalition urges schools, libraries and the communities they serve to visit the site, make their voices heard and keep returning to it as the proceeding moves forward.

[See the full press release here.](#)



Message from the State Librarian

In June, the State Library's relocation efforts took fruit. The majority of the staff located in Columbus moved into our new downtown offices on East Chestnut Street. Throughout the month, the State Library's collection of state and federal government documents, rare books, and other items was packed into record boxes. Then those record boxes were moved to the new book depository in Gahanna. In addition, at the end of the month our Talking Book staff and transportation services staff moved. Please pardon our dust as we settle into our new locations and update workflows. Throughout it all, our staff have worked exceptionally hard to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. I am continually in awe of their dedication and tenacity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Kruger".

Highlights

- The Columbus relocation is in full swing. All books destined to be moved to the Caldwell location have been sent.
- In June, Mandy attended the OhioLINK All Directors' Meeting at The Ohio State University's Thompson Library, visited the Jackson City Library, and delivered a special Ohio welcome at the Institute of Museum and Library Service's (IMLS) America250 Convening.
- A final recommendation was made to the Advisory Committee on securing a Library Services Platform (LSP) for the Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Consortium.

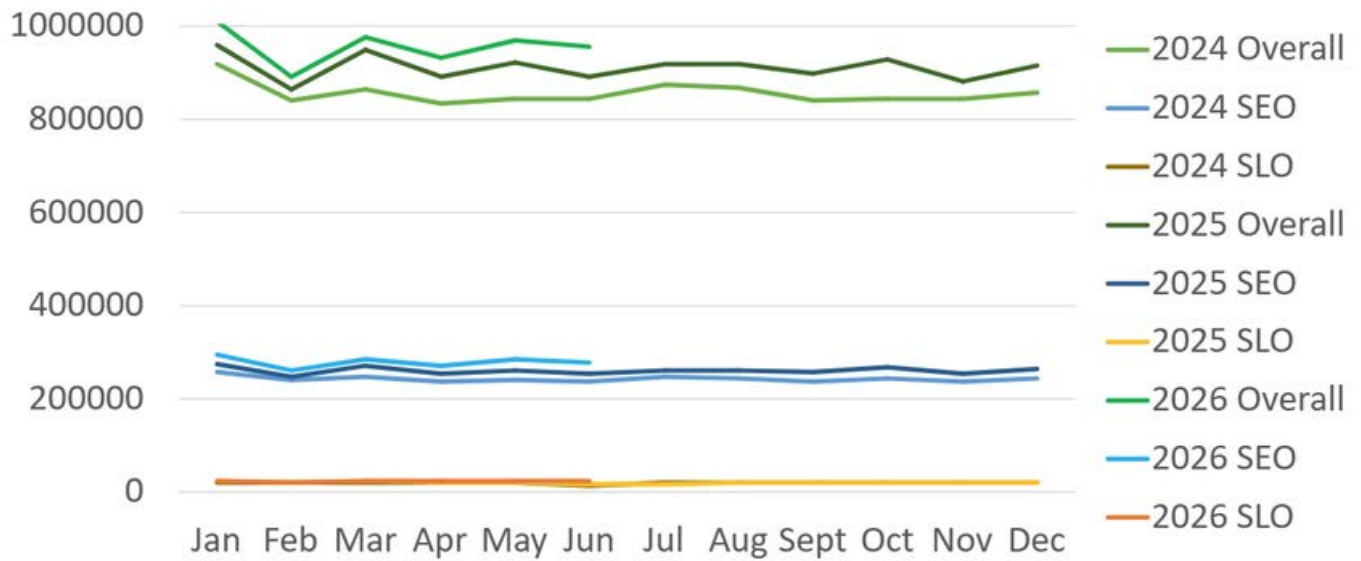


Chief Fiscal Officer Jamie Pardee hard at work in the new Gahanna book depository

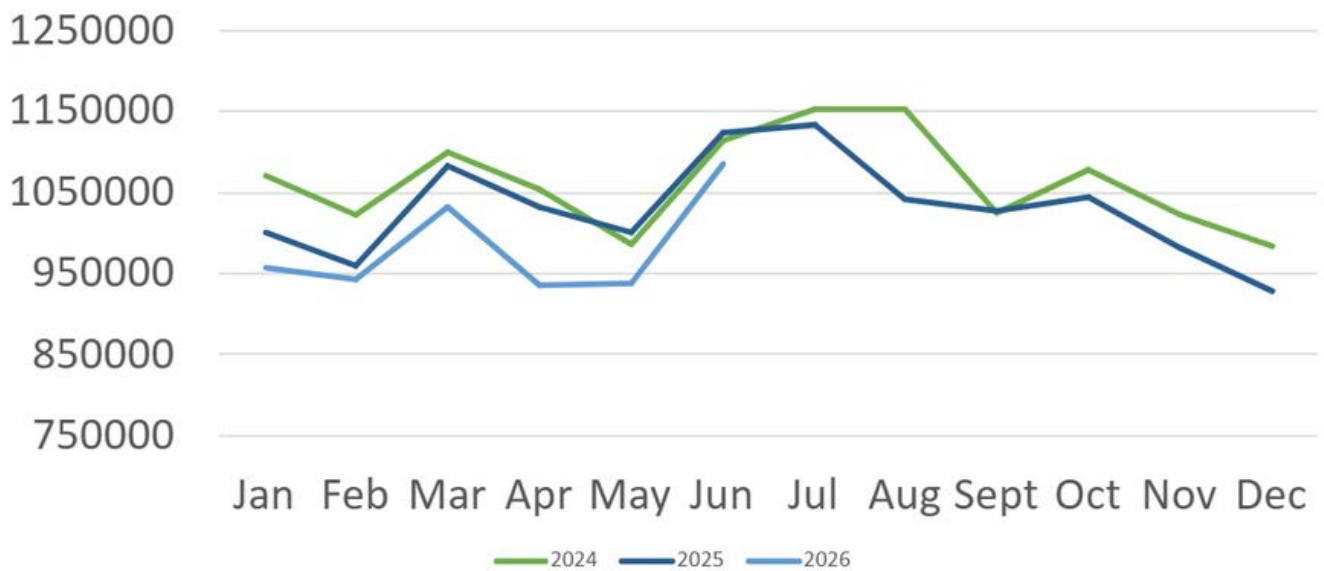


Director of Consortial Services Jay Miley and Director of the Brown Memorial Library Mary Lakes at the Amerca250 convening

Ohio Digital Library Circulation by Month



SEO Consortium Physical Circulation by Month



Staff Training by Month



Cooperative Partnership Meetings by Month



Library Services—June 2026

New Locations!

June was a very busy month as we moved into two new locations: 1831 Deffenbaugh Court in Gahanna and 35 East Chestnut Street in Columbus. It was a collaborative effort and involved coordination between all State Library departments, EE Ward Moving, and Department of Administrative Services. By the end of June, over 1,000 pallets and around 30,000 boxes of books made their way onto the shelves of our new archival storage facility in Gahanna and all our staff and furniture made the move into 35 East Chestnut!



Document Delivery Technician Eric Schrecengost is seen here placing items on the shelves at our Gahanna location.

Talking Books

During our move, Talking Book staff worked hard to continue to provide uninterrupted delivery of Talking Book Machines to the over 10,000 users around the state of Ohio. This month we received the kind message below from the relative of a recently deceased Talking Books user:

“I wanted to thank you for this incredible service. (Our mother) was a lifelong booklover, but she reached a point where she couldn't see well enough to read print books or manage negotiating the use of audiobooks on a cell phone. However, she could manage listening to a wonderful array of audiobooks tailored to her preferences on the playback machine you provided, and this greatly enhanced the quality of the last few years of her life.”

Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to our Digital Initiatives Librarian Shannon Kupfer-Trausch who was recently awarded the John T. Humphrey Memorial Scholarship by the National Genealogical Society!

Library Programs & Development—June 2026



Library Consultant Jeff Regensburger (left) is greeted by a welcome sign at Delphos Public Library; a young library patron (middle) is whipping up a fun recipe at the St. Paris Public Library; Elida Local Schools Librarian Mandy Henderson (right) hosts a storytime for elementary school students.

Library Consultants on the Road

State Library staff had the opportunity to visit several libraries in June to see how their LSTA Summer Library Program Grant-supported activities were going. Library Consultants Katy Hite, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, and Jeff Regensburger visited the following libraries: Bucyrus Public Library, Perry Cook Memorial Library, Conneaut Public Library, Andover Public Library, Elida Elementary School Library, Delphos Public Library, and St. Paris Public Library.

Summer library programs attended involved storytimes, dinosaurs, sewing classes, stop-motion animation, face-painting, cooking, and more!

Additionally, from June 26-29, Library Consultants Katy Hite and Jeff Regensburger, as well as Associate State Librarian Evan T. Struble, attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago. Session topics included artificial intelligence, accessibility needs, and services for various adult populations.

Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative

In partnership with TeachingBooks LLC, Library Consultant Erin Kelsey co-presented the webinar “Getting Started with the Ohio Collection Analysis Initiative (OCAI)” on June 16. OCAI is a tool that was developed with federal library funds to assist library staff in analyzing children’s and young adult books

in library collections, programs, displays, and more. This resource allows library staff to compare data points about what their library’s youth collection holds, and then use that information to purposefully reflect, compare, and determine which titles best fit their community’s needs.

This tool has been streamlined in order for it to integrate seamlessly into a library’s collection development routines. To learn more about this resource, [click here](#) for the recorded webinar. Additional webinar topics on how to best utilize OCAI will be posted [here](#) later this summer.

ODL By the Numbers

Let’s take a deeper dive into the Ohio Digital Library (ODL) for the month of June:

Total checkouts:

955,196 (5,726,395 YTD)

Format preference:

Slightly more audiobooks (roughly 438K) than ebooks (408K) circulated in June. Magazines clocked in with 110K.

Support:

95 support tickets were submitted and answered in June.

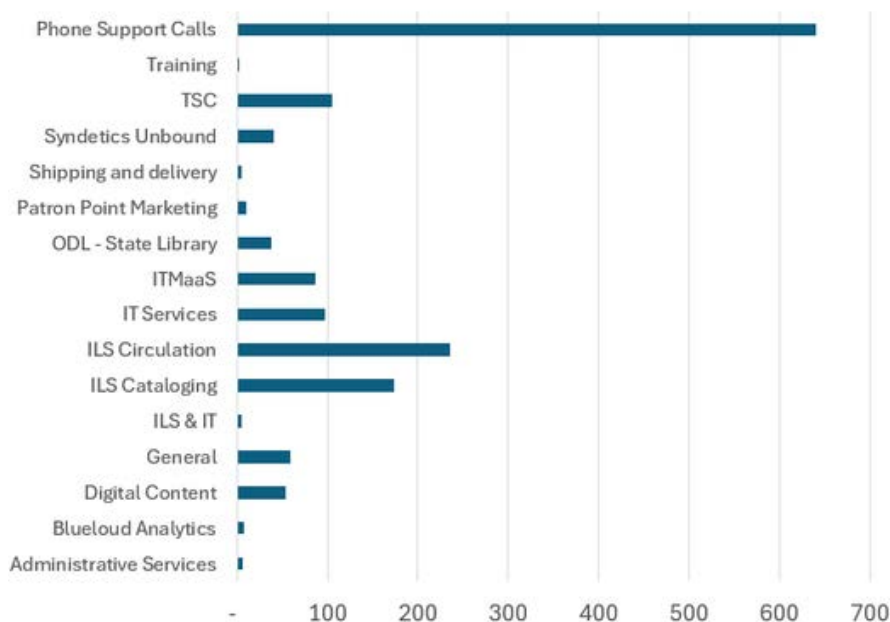
Most popular book title:

You Deserve to Know, by Aggie Blum Thompson (audiobook)

Curious about what’s being checked out? Take a look at the [real-time checkouts and holds](#).

SEO Service Center—June 2026

SEO Service Center Support Tickets and Calls for June 2026



Quick Takeaways:

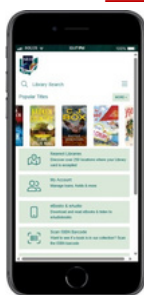
- Phone support calls (640) dominate overall volume.
- ILS work (Circulation + Cataloging 410) represents a major share of operational demand.
- IT Services + ITMaaS (87) and TSC (105) continue to be significant service drivers.

Key service highlights include:

- The SEO Team hosted three Library Service Platform vendor demos as a part of the RFP process.
- **Two library visits** - Claymont Public Library and Barnesville Public Library

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

- Over **1,085,251** items were circulated.
- **175,482** holds were created and **179,489** holds were filled.
- **8,902** new users were created.
- **420** interlibrary loan requests were initiated.
- **926** support tickets were created, with **14** relayed to the software vendor.



Mobile App Stats

	2025	2026	% Change
New Devices	2,147	1,876	-13%
Holds Placed	31,946	34,373	8%
App Launched	90,464	101,612	12%
Searches	92,344	92,651	0%



- Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views - **963**
- Online Catalog Patron Tutorial views - **542**
- Technical Services Committee - **14**



- Heavy use in Announcements and Newsletters being sent (**349,122 emails**)
- Medium use in Birthday/Anniversary campaigns (**3,216 emails**)
- Light use of Winback (**390 emails**) and Coming of Age (**1,512 emails**) campaigns



State Library of Ohio Awards Over 2.1 Million Dollars in Federal Grants

June 1, 2026: The State Library of Ohio Board recently awarded a combined total of \$2,137,403 in federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants for the Libraries Connect Ohio core set of databases known as Ohio Web Library, eighteen public libraries to hire Guiding Ohio Online technology trainers, and Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled to supplement state funding.



State Library of Ohio Board Honors Terri Fredericka For Service

June 4, 2026: The State Library of Ohio Board recently honored and recognized Theresa "Terri" Fredericka as she retires from her distinguished service on the State Library Board. During her tenure, she served with remarkable dedication and leadership, including as Vice-President of the Board. Her insight, advocacy, and collaborative spirit helped guide the State Library through a period of significant transition and renewal.



Jay Miley Promoted to Director of Consortial Services

June 8, 2026: The State Library of Ohio is pleased to announce the promotion of Jay Miley to Director of Consortial Services. In his new role, Jay will lead the State Library's transition to and administration of the SearchOhio consortium while continuing to oversee customer services and support for library management software for Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) consortium member libraries.



Important Update on State Library's Relocation

June 16, 2026: This week, furniture, office supplies, technology, and equipment for State Library staff offices are being relocated to our new space on the 5th floor of 35 East Chestnut Street in downtown Columbus. During this transition, staff continue to be fully available by phone and email without interruption. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work toward fully opening and operating our new location.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.C**

MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **OPLIN Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Don Yarman**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Competitive Bidding Portal

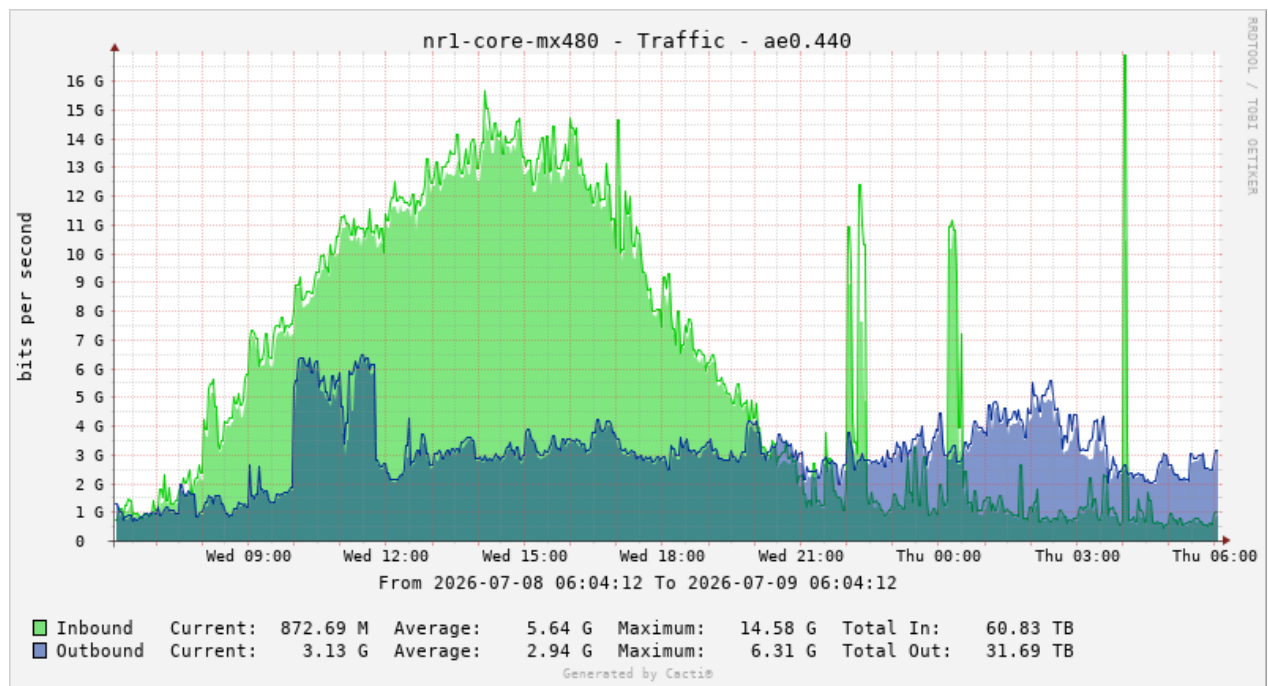
The FCC has long feared that, because reviewers do not have direct visibility into the competitive bidding process, the program is riddled with fraud and abuse. While it is true that some parties have been caught defrauding the program, the Government Accountability Office has praised the E-Rate program for its low error rate and for the fiscal controls that thwart waste, fraud, and abuse. Nevertheless, in April the FCC ordered the creation of a portal that all applicants must use to receive proposals for all 470s issued after July 1, 2027. SHLB and ALA are working “to help ensure the new requirement does not create unnecessary burdens for libraries, and schools.”

Existential Threat to E-Rate

On June 25, the FCC voted to advance proposals that target a variety of elements in the E-Rate program. The Benton Institute has [an excellent summary of the proposed rules](#). Briefly, the FCC is questioning whether the program (having completed its purpose) should be limited or sunset, whether limiting children's screen time should be a condition of funding, whether CIPA requirements should be expanded, and how consultants might be regulated. OPLIN is particularly concerned about a proposal that will require each member of a consortium to individually file their CIPA compliance within the E-Rate portal (currently, we streamline this process for libraries via oplin.org/erate). We urge everyone to visit SaveOurERate.com to learn more about how to take action.

OPLIN Core Network Maintenance

On June 2, OPLIN and OIT completed extensive maintenance activities for OPLIN's network core. The core router had been online without interruption for nearly seven years. The planned scope of work included replacing end-of-support routing engines and upgrading firmware in both the core and secondary routers, which turned out to be more complicated than expected, but of course Jessica and Mike (our OIT engineer) handled it expertly. Completion of this maintenance ensures that OPLIN's core router components are fully upgraded and supported, and running the most recent supported firmware. It also positions OPLIN to upgrade our library internet paths to OARnet from 20G and 10G to 100G over the next year.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.D**

MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

IRS Form 990

Following the completion of the 2025 financial audit, the OLC's auditors prepared the IRS Form 990, the informational tax return that 501(c)(6) organizations are required to file under the IRS tax code. Per OLC policy, the form was reviewed by the Finance Committee and filed.

ALA Annual Conference

Thank you again to the OLC Board of Directors for including resources in the OLC 2026 Budget for the OLC Executive Director to attend the ALA Annual Conference.

Activities at the American Library Association's 2026 Annual Conference included:

- ALA Chapter Leaders Forum
- General Sessions and Keynotes
- ALA Chapter Relations Committee (CRC)
- Dinner Meeting with State Library Association Executives
- Special Meeting with Amazon
- International Council of Library Association Executives (ICLAE) Meeting
- Sessions with OLC Members Speaking

OLC Elections

The 2026 OLC Elections started on June 30 and run through July 30. OLC Individual Members will elect four members of the OLC Board of Directors, including one MLIS position, one library trustee position, and two at-large positions. Biographical information and candidate position statements are available on the OLC website at <https://members.olc.org/news/Details/2026-olc-elections-begin-june-30-338810>

Electronic ballots were sent via email. Voters/members must enter their **Voter ID** and **Voter Key** provided in the e-mail to cast their ballot. Once voting closes on July 30, OLC staff will review the results with the chair of the Nominating Committee. Results will be sent to all candidates and then posted on the OLC website.

Special Meeting for Association Libraries

Based on requests and feedback, the OLC is scheduling a special meeting for the 19 Institutional Member Association Libraries to address legal and legislative issues impacting them. The meeting will be held Thursday, August 6 at the OLC Office.

OLC Staff Anniversaries

Denise Kise: July 1 – 13 years

Activities

Activities from the last Board meeting include:

May 18	OLC Staff Meeting OPPS Coalition Steering Committee Meeting OLC Webinar w/Equalis Group on Joint Purchasing & Procurement
May 19	OLC New Directors Workshop #1 House Gov. Oversight Committee House General Gov. Committee
May 20	House Finance Committee CMC Luncheon w/Gov. DeWine & Jo Ingles House Ways & Means Committee OPPS Coalition Steering Committee Meeting Senate Local Gov. Committee
May 21	State Library Board Meeting
May 26	Meeting w/Vista Cova (Lowell) on Strategic Planning
Jun. 1	OLC Staff Meeting OPPS Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
Jun. 2	House General Gov. Committee Senate Finance Committee Senate General Gov. Committee House Finance Committee Former Speaker Ryan Smith Official Portrait Unveiling
Jun. 3	House Judiciary Committee Senate Finance Committee House Local Gov. Committee House Ways & Means Committee Meeting w/Metro Library Directors Meeting w/Fleeter & Associates
Jun. 5	Property Tax Press Conference
Jun. 8	OLC Staff Meeting OPPS Coalition Steering Committee Meeting House General Gov. Committee
Jun. 9	House Ways & Means Committee House Finance Committee Meeting w/Sen. Blessing Meeting w/Sen. Smith Meeting w/Sen. Landis ICLAE Meeting
Jun. 10	House General Gov. Committee

	House Finance Committee Special OLC Nominating Committee Meeting
Jun. 12	OLC Safety & Security Conf. Planning Meeting
Jun. 15	OLC Staff Meeting
Jun. 16	OLC HR 101 Workshop Special OPPS Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
Jun. 17	Chapter Leaders Forum Planning Meeting OLC Lease Meeting w/Ken Isenbarger Meeting w/DPIL Staff Meeting w/Amazon ALA Membership Meeting
Jun. 22	OLC Staff Meeting Meeting w/OLC Legal Counsel OPPS Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
Jun. 23	OLC New Directors Workshop #2
Jun. 25	Travel to ALA
Jun. 26	Meeting w/OLC ALA Chapter Councilor ALA Chapter Leaders Forum
Jun. 27	Meeting w/Amazon ICLAE Meeting Chapter Relations Committee Meeting Meeting with State Library Association Executives
Jun. 28	Travel from ALA
Jun. 29	OLC Staff Meeting
Jul. 7	OLC Staff Meeting Media Interview w/10TV Columbus Meeting w/Sedgwick
Jul. 9	Meeting w/Fleeter & Associates
Jul. 13	OLC Staff Meeting Meeting w/Amazon

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.E.1**

MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Government and Legal
Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jay Smith**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

PLF Update

According to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), state tax receipts for the month of June came in at \$306.5 million (or +11.3%) above estimate. Preliminary data shows that overall state revenues for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 were \$1.8 billion (or +6.1%) overestimates.

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) posted the first Public Library Fund (PLF) monthly distribution for FY 2027. The July 2026 PLF distribution is \$40,251,502 – consistent with ODT's original estimate issued in July 2025 and ODT's updated estimate issued in December 2025. The PLF Calendar Year (CY) 2026 year-to-date total is \$280,303,983.

As a reminder, the PLF is now a line-item appropriation and no longer a percentage of the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF) monthly tax receipts. The July distribution is the first distribution for FY 2027, but monthly distributions to the county level will change slightly each month. Even though the line-item appropriation for the PLF in FY 2027 is \$500 million, HB 96 included additional cash transfers from the PLF for the State Library of Ohio, OPLIN, Library for the Blind, the Ohioana Library Association and the Regional Library Systems.

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 July 2026 can be found on the [OLC website](#).

ODT Posts Final CY 2026 PLF Certification Update

ODT issued their final [estimates](#) for the Public Library Fund (PLF) distributions for each county for Calendar Year 2026 (CY 2026).

Overall, ODT is now estimating the total CY 2026 PLF distribution will be \$484,704,271, which is consistent with the original ODT certification issued in July 2025. As a reminder, the PLF is no longer a percentage of the state's GRF. 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 Links:

[ODT's monthly distribution to each county \(Excel file & PLF tab\)](#)

[ODT's county-by-county certification estimates distributed to county auditors \(PDF\)](#)

Please read the certification letter for your county entitlement carefully. These are county-by-county estimates and not detailed down to the library system or building level. As you

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know, each county has a different distribution formula. Therefore, neither OLC nor the ODT can issue estimates for each individual library system.

As a reminder, by statute, ODT is required to provide an initial certification in July for the following calendar year. That certification is then updated in December, and a final update is required in June of the actual calendar year. Therefore, the final statutorily required certification for CY 2026 was just provided and no further updates are planned by ODT for the CY 2026 estimates. The next certification issued by ODT will be in July 2026 for CY 2027.

FY 2027 Cash Transfers from the PLF

OPLIN: \$3,689,788

Library for the Blind: \$1,274,194

Ohioana Library Association: \$310,516

Regional Library Systems: \$494,000

State Library of Ohio: \$4,527,474

OBM recently shared an updated [schedule](#) of the cash transfers for FY 2027. These deductions and [transfers](#) from the PLF are made prior to the PLF distributions to public libraries. After the cash transfers are deducted, the actual PLF amount distributed to public libraries will be \$489,704,028.

HB 472 -Voter ID Legislation Vetoed

Governor Mike DeWine vetoed HB 472, which would have required most absentee voters to provide a photo ID. The legislation also included provisions requiring the Secretary of State, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, county boards of elections, and public libraries to provide copies of photo IDs for voting purposes at no cost. Please note that since 2021, public libraries are already required to provide copies of photo IDs upon request. In his veto statement, DeWine noted that the bill would create "a new burden" for absentee voters and stated that current election laws are functioning effectively. It is currently unknown if the House and Senate will convene a special session to attempt a veto override.

Statehouse Update Webinar: Mid-Year Legislative Review and Outlook

OLC hosted a [Statehouse Update Webinar](#) on Tuesday, July 14 at 10 a.m. The session provided an overview of legislative activity during the first half of the year and offered insight into issues expected to shape the remainder of the 136th Ohio General Assembly. More will be discussed during the board meeting.

OLC Library Legislative Day 2027

Save the Date – Next year's Library Legislative Day will take place on Wednesday, May 19, 2027.

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MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Professional Development
Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Laurie Miller**

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

- We currently have 30 Exhibitors and 10 Sponsors. Last year at this time we had 38 Exhibitors and 13 Sponsors.
- Online registration opened on July 8 and is available until October 7.
- All the information is linked on the C&E Event Page:
Registration Fees, Hotel Accommodations, Exhibitor Information, Sponsorship Opportunities, Keynotes, Daily Schedules, Convention Leadership & Committee members.

Meetings Participation

- Technical Services Division Meeting – May 26
- C&E Local Arrangements Committee Meeting – May 26
- Digital and Media Services Division Meeting – June 10
- Lunch Meeting with Experience Columbus – June 17
- Professional Development Committee Meeting – June 17
- Kalahari Site Visit with Mantey, Buch & LA/Expo Committee Members – June 30
- Outreach & Special Services Division Meeting – July 1
- Adult & Reference Services Division Meeting – July 6

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	191
CPIM – Public Library Fiscal Officer Conf.	Mar. 26-27	Embassy Suites Dublin	132
Membership Meet-up	Apr. 6	Virtual	24
Library Trustees Lunch (SW)	Apr. 9	MidPointe Library, West Chester	26
Amazon Business for Libraries	Apr. 13	Virtual	149
Special Virtual Meeting for Directors & FOs	Apr. 16	Virtual	246

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Library Trustees Dinner (NW)	Apr. 16	Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	43
Library Trustees Dinner (East)	Apr. 30	Guernsey County Library, Cambridge	19
Library Trustees Dinner (NE)	May 7	Embassy Suites Independence	91
Virtual Mentorship Series #1	May 13	Virtual	27
Teen Services Talk	May 14	Virtual	17
Equalis Group Webinar: Joint Purchasing	May 18	Virtual	53
New Directors Workshop Series 1 of 4	May 19	OLC/Virtual	19
IT Division "Rack'side Chat"	Jun. 5	Virtual	15
Outreach Coffee Chat	Jun. 12	Virtual	16
HR Hybrid Workshop 101	Jun. 16	OLC/Virtual	91
New Directors Workshop Series 2 of 4	Jun. 23	OLC/Virtual	17
Ballot Issues Workshop #1	Jul. 9	Virtual	29
Statehouse Update Webinar	Jul. 14	Virtual	160
Virtual Mentorship Series #2	Jul. 15	Virtual	25
New Directors Workshop Series 3 of 4	Jul. 22	OLC/Virtual	7
Tech Services Summer Webinar	Jul. 28	Virtual	42
Voter Registration Responsibilities Webinar	Jul. 30	Virtual	141
HR Hybrid Workshop 201	Aug. 4	OLC/Virtual	7
Teen Services Talk	Aug. 12	Virtual	11
Marketing Meet-Up	Aug. 12	Virtual	26
Outreach and Special Services Retreat	Aug. 14	Virtual	0
Library Fiscal Officer 102	Aug. 21	OLC/Virtual	5
New Directors Workshop Series 4 of 4	Aug. 26	OLC/Virtual	0
IT Division "Rack'side Chat"	Sept. 4	Virtual	2
Safety & Security Conference	Sept. 11	OCLC Conference Center	Not Open
Virtual Mentorship Series #3	Sept. 16	Virtual	14
Outreach Coffee Chat	Sept. 25	Virtual	4
2026 Convention & Expo	Oct. 21-23	Kalahari, Sandusky	29
Virtual Mentorship Series #4	Nov. 11	Virtual	7
Teen Services Talk	Nov. 16	Virtual	5
Planning & Leadership Conference	Dec. 3	Virtual	Not Open
Ballot Issues Workshop #2	Dec. TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
IT Division "Rack'side Chat"	Dec. 4	Virtual	0

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MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Communications Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Angie Jacobsen**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Summer Reading

To support libraries during the summer reading season, OLC developed and distributed a Summer Reading PR Toolkit through the Member Info Hub. The toolkit includes customizable communications resources, such as a sample press release, letters to the editor, radio public service announcements, and social media content to help libraries promote their summer programming and community impact.

In addition, OLC Board Chair Stacey Russell authored an op-ed published in *The Columbus Dispatch* highlighting the critical role Ohio's public libraries play in supporting summer learning and serving as trusted community resources. The op-ed reinforced key advocacy messages about the value of public libraries and provided an opportunity to elevate the visibility of libraries statewide during the busy summer reading season.

[Ohio libraries aren't luxuries or just buildings for books](#)

The Columbus Dispatch, May 27, 2026

Library Funding

The proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate property taxes did not collect enough signatures to qualify for the November 2026 ballot; however, conversations surrounding property taxes and library funding continue. OLC's "Property Tax" folder remains available in the Member Info Hub and provides members with tools to help explain this complex issue, including flyers, sample letters to the editor, and guidance for responding to questions and comments on social media. The Public Libraries and Property Taxes fact sheet and other library funding resources are available on the OLC website.

With the start of the new fiscal year, OLC responded to a media inquiry from WBNS-10TV regarding the Public Library Fund (PLF). Executive Director Michelle Francis discussed the \$25 million reduction in funding. The article, [Ohio libraries struggle with reduced funding as demand for services rises](#), helped bring additional attention to the funding challenges facing Ohio's public libraries and was subsequently shared by several media outlets around the state.

Convention and Expo

A promotional save-the-date postcard was mailed on June 26. Keynote speaker information, daily schedules, hotel accommodations, and registration details are now available on the OLC website. Registration for the Convention and Expo opened on July 8. Development of the OLC mobile app is underway, and exhibitor and sponsorship information continues to be updated online. An interactive Exhibit Hall map has also been added to the OLC website.

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Division/Committee Projects

- Information on voting for OLC Leadership was included in Access, This Week and on the OLC website.
- The Adult and Reference Services Division sent its quarterly newsletter on May 19.
- The 2026 Awards and Honors program was featured weekly in Access. The deadline for submissions was extended to May 29.
- The Technical Services Division sent its quarterly newsletter on June 8.
- A call for the Citizen of the Year Award was included in This Week and Access.
- Information on dues proration was shared in Access and on the OLC website.
- A Call for Programs for the new Safety and Security Conference as well as the Outreach and Special Services Retreat was included in This Week, Access and on the OLC website.
- The Children's Services Division sent its quarterly newsletter on June 9.

Website

The most popular pages on the OLC website over the past two months are:

1. Jobs
2. Convention and Expo
3. Calendar
4. 2026 OLC Elections Begin June 30
5. Voter Registration Responsibilities for Public Libraries
6. Library Funding/PLF
7. 2026 Hybrid Outreach and Special Services Retreat
8. Expo
9. Institutional Member Directory
10. Certification

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MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 Membership

As of June 30, 2026, there are 2,113 Individual Members as compared to 2,066 on June 30, 2025. There are currently 1741 renewals; 341 new; and 31 Lifetime. There are currently 40 Friends Groups, and 7 Associate Members.

Proration of individual membership dues for **new** members only, began on July 1. New Members joining between July 1 and September 30 pay one-half annual membership dues. New Members joining after October 1 receive free membership for the remainder of the current year with the payment of full dues for the following year. This applies to individuals who have never been OLC members or who have not been OLC members for five or more consecutive years.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met via Zoom on June 18. Agenda items included: Review of monthly statistics; ALA/OLC Student Membership Update; Promotion of proration of dues for New Members; Student Membership Representative replacement; and recap of Membership Meet-Ups. The Committee was asked to begin thinking of recommendations for consideration for the 2027 Committee.

Nominations and Elections

The start of the online voting process for the OLC's 2026 elections opened on June 30, using our election software Election Runner. Electronic ballots were sent to all individual members who have a valid email address on file (3,521). Members without e-mail addresses, Friends groups, and certain Trustees were mailed paper ballots (168). There was a 99.4% delivery rate. Once the online voting opened, members have 30 days to cast their ballots for positions on the OLC Board of Directors, as well as the Action Council Members for their respective Divisions. A reminder email will be sent one week prior to the closure of voting on July 30.

OLC staff will review the results with the chair of the Nominating Committee a few days after the online election closes to allow time for any print ballots to be received by the postmark deadline. The final results will be sent to all candidates on all ballots prior to posting to the OLC website.

Committee Appointments

The 2026 Appointments Committee of the Board will begin their work in late August. Members of the Committee include Kathy Bach, Chair; Kim DeNero-Ackroyd and Stacey Russell, Ex-Officio. Committee openings will be identified and sent to the Committee by mid-August.