

**Ohio Library Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**AGENDA**

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July 18, 2025  
Via Zoom  
10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (#)\*
2. Approval of Minutes
  - A. May 16, 2025 – Regular Meeting (#)\*
3. Reports for Action
  - A. Financial Report: Month-End – May 2025 (#)\*
  - B. 2025 OLC Citizen of the Year Award (#)\* *[Board Members Only]*
  - C. 2025 OLC Awards & Honors Recommendations (#)\* *[Board Members Only]*
4. Reports for Discussion
  - A. State Budget Update
  - B. 2027 OLC Convention & Expo Location (#)
  - C. Amazon Business Prime (#)
  - D. OLC Divisions & Committees (#)
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. 19
7. Executive Session
  - A. Executive Director Evaluation
8. Adjournment

(#) Report included in background packet

\* Action Item

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL  
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May 16, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

PRESENT	Kathy Bach, Cincinnati Monica Baughman, Worthington Travis Bautz, Middletown (Virtual) Julianne Bedel, Medina Sarah Clevidence, Findlay (Virtual) Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Cleveland Heights Sandra Hedlund Tunnell, Ashland Mary Ellen Icaza, Canton Elizabeth Muether, Celina (Virtual) Bernie Rochford, Akron Stacey Russell, Zanesville William Rutger, Avon Lake
ABSENT	Robbie Jenkins, Gallipolis
GUESTS	Michael Goldberg, Perks, Pusateri & Co. Evan Struble, State Library of Ohio Nick Tepe, ALA Councilor 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 Icaza at 10:04 a.m. Icaza noted Michael Goldberg is attending the meeting to discuss the 2024 Financial Audit under Item 3.B. She also noted Bautz, Clevidence and Muether will be joining us virtually.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	DENERO ACKROYD MOVED AND RUTGER SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	BACH MOVED AND RUSSELL SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, 2025 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  BAUGHMAN MOVED AND ROCHFORD SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 16, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  RUSSELL MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 25, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS APPROVED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH-END	Francis presented the financial report for the month-end March 2025.

March 2025

Revenue.

Dues. Institutional Dues income is under budget due to delayed invoicing. More than usual delays from County auditors. As of the meeting, 232 libraries have paid out of 249. Plain City Public Library has joined OLC as an Institutional Member. 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 over budget due to increased attendance. Convention & Expo is under budget due to timing of accrual. Workshops are under budget due to timing of registration payments. OLC has over \$65,000 in sponsorships for Convention and Expo.

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/(Loss) is over budget due to returns on long-term investments.

Expenses.

Salaries and Benefits. Salaries are under budget due to timing of 2025 adjustments. Retirement is under budget due to timing of plan contributions. Health Insurance is slightly over budget due to timing of transition.

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

Communications. Postage/Courier Service is under budget. Telephone is under budget.

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

Travel and Meals. Board is under budget due to ALA Councilor reimbursements. Committees and Divisions is under budget due to reduced requests for reimbursement.

Management Expenses. Bank Services are over budget. Organization Memberships is under budget. Staff Development and Memberships are under budget due to timing. Catering slightly over budget due to timing of payments.

**The net change in assets is under budget by (194,102).**

HEDLUND TUNNELL MOVED AND DENERO ACKROYD SECONDED  
APPROVAL OF THE MONTH-END – MARCH 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT AS  
PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2024 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 and expressed his thanks to Denise Kise for her work on the audit.

BEDEL MOVED AND HEDLUND TUNNEL SECONDED TO APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AUDIT AS PRESENTED WITH A NOTICE OF THANKS TO STAFF. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Clevidence, Francis presented the slate of candidates for election to three-year terms beginning in January 2026.

The Nominating Committee met on April 29 to discuss potential candidates for the 2025 OLC Board of Directors elections.

### **MLIS Director** [one to be elected]

Julianne Bedel, Executive Director, Medina County District Library  
Andrew Harant, Director, Cuyahoga Falls Public Library  
Daniel Slife, Director, Wadsworth Public Library

### **Library Trustee Director** [one to be elected]

Robert Jenkins, Trustee, Bossard Memorial Library of Gallia County  
Cindy Lombardo, Trustee, Peninsula Library & Historical Society

### **At-Large Director** [one to be elected]

Kathy Bach, Director of Public Services, Cincinnati & Hamilton Co. Public Library  
Angela Bronson, Regional Manager, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library

### **At-Large Director** [one to be elected]

Michel Limer, Director, Guernsey County District Public Library  
Susan Titkemeier, Information Services Manager, Marion Public Library

RUTGER MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED ACCEPTANCE OF THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THREE-YEAR TERMS BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2026. MOTION PASSED WITH 11 AYE VOTES, AND 1 ABSTENTION (Bedel).

## FY26-27 STATE BUDGET REPORT

Smith reported on the State Budget.

In addition to OLC's testimony, several library directors testified last week before various Senate committees to advocate for the Public Library Fund (PLF) as part of the state budget process. OLC sincerely appreciates their time and effort in traveling to the Statehouse and sharing powerful messages with lawmakers currently reviewing House Bill (HB) 96.

Their testimony illustrated the broad impact of public libraries and emphasized the need to restore the PLF to 1.75% of the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF), as originally proposed by Governor DeWine.

### Senate Education Committee (5/12/25)

- Paula Brehm-Heeger, Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library
- Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz, Lorain Public Library System
- Aimee Fifarek, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County
- Beth Freeman, New Carlisle Public Library
- Lauren Hagan, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Chauncey Montgomery, Community Library in Sunbury

### Senate Health Committee (5/13/25)

- Paula Brehm-Heeger, Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library

- Chris May, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library

Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee (5/14/25)

- Liz Muether, Mercer County District Library
- Sandi Thompson, Puskarich Public Library

Senate Higher Education Committee (5/15/25)

- Tracy Strobel, Cuyahoga County Public Library

The Ohio Senate is currently working behind-the-scenes to put together its version of the state budget, which is expected to be released during the first week of June. At this stage, OLC is not asking library patrons to take action. However, we are encouraging library directors, fiscal officers, and trustees to contact their state senators regarding two important amendments.

Francis thanked all those who testified. She also thanked Smith for the very long week. Icaza thanked staff for their work on advocacy.

#### 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 Election Results. Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries, Cambridge Public Library was elected 2025-2026 president-elect.

State of American Libraries Report. New data reported to ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom show that the majority of book censorship attempts are now originating from organized movements. Overall challenges were down from 2023, with 5,813 books challenged in 2024 compared to 9,021 in 2023, and 821 censorship attempts in 2024 compared to 1,247 in 2023.

IMLS. ALA has been active in opposing the administration's efforts to eliminate the agency. ALA has joined forces with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in a lawsuit that challenges the administration's gutting of IMLS.

Library Bill of Rights. There is a special session at the end of the month looking at interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights. The goal of the revisions is to get them into plain language.

Appointments. Tepe was appointed to the Strategic Planning Committee where they refined results and passed those on to the Executive Committee. He was also appointed to the Committee on Organization.

#### STATE LIBRARY REPORT

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

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In addition to the written report, Struble reported on the following:

Listening Tour. Knapp has completed Phase I – Staff. Next phase is libraries and library organizations.

LSTA Grants. Struble reported that they awarded Federal grants which were approved, including funds for Library for the Blind, and Guiding Ohio online.

Ohio House Workforce and Higher Education. Knapp gave testimony in front of the Ohio House Workforce and Higher Education Committee on the SLO FY26-27 State Budget.

Relocation. The search for a new space for the State Library has been making slow progress. The weight study results for 35 E. Chestnut St. should be available soon. The SLO would occupy two floors in the building and would share one floor with Ohioana Library Association.

Ohio Preservation Council. The SLO, in partnership with the Ohio Preservation Council (OPC), is pleased to announce the availability of LSTA funds of up to \$4,999 for libraries to conserve a single item or preserve a small, discrete group of items within their collections. The item(s) selected for conservation/preservation should be unique, valuable (culturally or monetarily), and as a cultural artifact speak to the mission and values of the applying institution. Additionally, as a cultural artifact or collection it should reflect some element of the historic and artistic record of Ohio. This is in accordance with goals outlined in the SLO Five Year LSTA Plan. All analog formats, including book and paper, object, and artwork are appropriate.

#### OPLIN REPORT

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

E-rate at the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court heard arguments over the constitutionality of the E-Rate program. Consumers Research has challenged that the Universal Service Fund is a tax, and the FCC has improperly delegated authority over those funds to another party. Most observers have the sense that the majority of the justices are reluctant to overturn USF. The Court is likely to issue its decision before June 30, 2025.

Statewide Web Based Digital Skills RFP. A proposal has been selected to provide a statewide digital literacy training platform (Northstar or equivalent) and final approvals are working their way through the state's platform and the release of federal funds.

Board Members. The SLO Board appointed Mohamed Ragheb, Brad Stephens, Shawn Walsh, and reappointed Jenny Eyink for a second term.

Statewide Databases. Except for the genealogy resources the statewide databases are partially funded by an LSTA grant to the "Libraries Connect Ohio" partnership with OPLIN, INFOhio and OhioLINK. It was feared that the federal spending pause and disruptions to IMLS might necessitate cuts in the statewide subscriptions. We have been given permission for year three of the current subscription package. We are not expecting any changes for the next fiscal year.

Congressional Fly-In. Yarman attended the Congressional fly-in to talk to Senate offices about COSLA, with a sub-message of Broadband and LSTA.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Institutional Dues. As of today, 232 Institutional libraries have paid. Plain City Public Library has joined as an Institutional Member. Bettsville and Franklin are the only non-members statewide.

Library Levies. Congratulations to the 13 library systems. Voters approved every levy on the ballot. It included eight renewals, two replacements, two additional/new and one bond.

Staff Anniversaries. Angie Jacobsen – 9 years; Laurie Miller – 4 years and Ro Swanson – 25 years.

Trustee Dinners. Thank you to the members of the Board who hosted or attended the Trustee Dinners/Luncheon. The events focused on the FY 26-27 State Budget and provided a venue for library trustees and administrators to share information.

Activities. March/April are extremely busy. Legislative Day had the highest attendance ever. CPIM and Trustee Dinners, testimony and State Budget have kept staff busy. Francis acknowledged and thanked the staff, members and Board for their support.

Amazon Business Prime. Francis met with Amazon Business yesterday. They are going to be a Diamond Sponsor for C&E. OLC can still get it free for our members for two more years. After that we will most likely see support in the form of a sponsorship rather than a rebate. Later this month, OLC will receive a report on our one-time rebate. OLC staff will come back to the Board in July for expenditure.

#### GOVERNMENT AND LEGAL SERVICES REPORT

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

PLF. The May 2025 distribution is 2.38% above ODT's original estimates issued in July 2024 and 2.20% above ODT's updated estimate issued in December 2024.

Trustee Dinners. The Trustee events were a great opportunity to connect with Trustees and administrators. They were well attended.

Library Legislative Day. Legislative Day was well attended with over 300 attendees. Smith gave kudos to all library leaders.

HB 28 – Replacement Levies. HB 28 was passed by the Ohio House on March 19. It will eliminate the option for a political subdivision, including libraries to seek a replacement property tax levy. OLC opposed similar legislation during the last general assembly and will continue to oppose the proposal during the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The bill is now before the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

Meetings Participation. Staff had several meetings with the Professional Development Committee, Convention and Expo Committee, etc. To date there have been a total of 186 program submissions for the Convention and Expo. The Unconventional to Conventional Conference is June 12 and the New to Libraries Conference is September 12. New Directors will be a hybrid workshop series.

2027 Convention. It is time to begin looking at venues for 2027 Convention and Expo. Miller viewed the Sharonville Convention Center. Dayton has an arcade

that has come back to life. Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati are holding out for citywide conventions (which OLC is not). While we might not be in the position to sign anything at this time due to state funding, Francis acknowledged Miller for her negotiating skills.

## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

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

Media Blitz. OLC issued a press release after the Ohio House announced their state budget proposal. The release prompted extensive media coverage statewide. Champions around the state have included Tom Suddes, (retired), Plain Dealer, and Susan Tebben with Capital Journal.

Legislative Day received significant media coverage, and the event also gained traction on social media.

A press release was sent about Ohio voters approving all 13 public Library levies on the ballot.

Website. The most popular pages on the OLC website have been Jobline, Ohio Library Advocates Thank Ohioans for Support; State Budget.

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

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

2025 Individual Membership. Much fewer members have selected their divisions, and several reminders have been sent in Access reminding them to make those selections.

Quick Poll. The Quick Poll that is generally sent to directors to inquire about their policy on paying all, some or none of their staff's Individual Dues was halted due to the consideration of time and the influx of emails directors are currently receiving regarding the State Budget.

Membership Meetups. The launch of the Membership Meetups is being postponed to the Convention & Expo Meet & Greet. The intention is to launch the first meeting in-person and have a complete list of topics, dates and facilitators to be shared for future virtual meetings.

Nominations and Elections. Staff continues to work with all Division Action Councils to provide slates for this summer's elections.

Awards and Honors. The number of submissions is low. A promotional flyer has been printed to take to all OLC events, and we will continue to promote in Access weekly until May 30.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OLC Board of Directors is scheduled for July 18 virtually. at the OLC Office.

## ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.



**Ohio Library Council  
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ITEM NO.: **3.A**

MEETING DATE: **July 18, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Financial Report: May 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	\$ 1,217,834	\$ 1,235,063	\$ (17,229)
Publications	190	325	(135)
Continuing Education	113,765	173,094	(59,329)
Contract Income	3,369	2,500	869
Other Income	35,669	13,675	21,994
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,370,827</b>	<b>\$ 1,424,657</b>	<b>\$ (53,830)</b>

Dues Income (- \$17,229)

- Institutional Membership: over budget due to Plain City PL joining (+ \$21,641).
- Other Institutions: under budget due to delayed invoicing and timing (- \$5,975).
- Individual Memberships: under budget due to decrease in personal membership (- \$31,245).
- Friends: under budget due to delayed invoicing (- \$1,650).

Publications (- \$135)

- Sales: slightly under budget (- \$135).

Continuing Education (- \$59,329)

- Legislative Day: over budget due to increased attendance (+ \$2,925).
- Convention & Expo: under budget due to timing of accrual (- \$22,509).
- Workshops: under budget due to low attendance (- \$39,745).

Contract Income (+ \$869)

- Sourcing Office: over budget due to library purchases (+ \$869).

Other Income (+ \$21,994)

- Interest and Dividends: over budget due to returns on short-term investments (+ \$4,331).
- Unrealized Gain/(Loss): over budget due to returns on long-term investments (+ \$17,894).
- JobLine: on budget (- \$80).
- Management & Consulting Revenue: under budget due to less background checks (- \$150).

## EXPENSES

Cost Center	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 405,529	\$ 410,580	\$ (5,051)
Consultants and Contractors	50,893	57,542	(6,649)
Supplies and Resources	22,068	23,315	(1,247)
Communications	6,784	8,049	(1,265)
Printing/Design	745	3,721	(2,976)
Maintenance and Equipment	16,023	12,289	3,734
Space Rental	60,198	60,832	(634)
Travel and Catering	9,997	12,076	(2,079)
Management Expenses	48,999	70,254	(21,255)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 621,235</b>	<b>\$ 658,658</b>	<b>\$ (37,423)</b>

### Salaries and Benefits (- \$5,051)

- Staff Salaries: slightly under budget due to timing of 2025 adjustments (- \$1,229).
- Accrued Vacation: reflects accrued vacation (+ \$6,521).
- Retirement: under budget due to timing of plan contributions (- \$7,088).
- Health Insurance: on budget (- \$217).
- Worker's Compensation: slightly under budget due to BWC rebates (- \$116).
- Payroll Taxes: under budget (- \$2,984).
- LTD & Life Insurance: on budget (+ \$112).

### Consultants and Contractors (- \$6,649)

- Speaker Honoraria: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$5,500).
- Legal Services: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$3,697).
- Expo Contractors: over budget due to timing of payments (+ \$3,000).
- Consultants/Contractors: slightly under budget (- \$452).

### Supplies and Resources (- \$1,247)

- Supplies: under budget (- \$1,195).
- Subscription/Resource Materials: on budget (- \$36).
- Computer Software/Supplies: on budget (- \$15).

### Communications (- \$1,265)

- Telephone: Local/Mobile/Conf. Calls: on budget (+ \$1).
- Postage/Courier Service: under budget (- \$1,353).
- Internet: on budget (+ \$87).

### Printing and Design (- \$2,976)

- Printing: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$2,936).
- Copying: on budget (- \$40).

### Maintenance and Equipment (+ \$3,734)

- Equipment Rental: over budget (+ \$3,745).

- Equipment Maintenance: on budget (- \$36).
- Software Support: on budget (+ \$25).

Space Rental (- \$634)

- Office Space: over budget due to CAM (+ \$1,145).
- Workshops / Meetings: under budget (- \$1,779).

Travel and Meals (- \$2,079)

- Board: under budget due to reimbursements (- \$1,267).
- Staff: slightly over budget due to increased travel (+ \$514).
- Committees and Divisions: under budget due to reduced requests for reimbursement (- \$1,326).

Management Expenses (- \$21,255)

- Bank Services: over budget (+ \$3,529).
- Investment Fees: on budget (+ \$87).
- Depreciation Replacement: on budget (+ \$316).
- Employee Hiring: slightly budget for library background checks (- \$71).
- Insurance: slightly over budget (+ \$221).
- Organization Memberships: under budget (- \$851).
- Staff Development and Memberships: under budget due to timing (- \$2,565).
- Catering and Other Meals: under budget due to reduced registrations (- \$21,921).

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Net Change in Assets</b>	\$ 749,592	\$ 765,999	\$ (16,407)

**Ohio Library Council**  
**Income Statement**  
**For the 5 Months Ending Saturday, May 31, 2025**

	<b>May</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>REVENUE</b>						
<b>Dues</b>						
Institutional	\$156,052.33	\$4,978.00	\$151,074.33	\$1,022,971.00	\$1,001,330.00	\$21,641.00
Other	275.00	275.00	0.00	2,625.00	8,600.00	(5,975.00)
Personal	1,155.00	2,247.00	(1,092.00)	191,363.00	222,608.00	(31,245.00)
Friends	25.00	75.00	(50.00)	875.00	2,525.00	(1,650.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$157,507.33</b>	<b>\$7,575.00</b>	<b>\$149,932.33</b>	<b>\$1,217,834.00</b>	<b>\$1,235,063.00</b>	<b>(\$17,229.00)</b>
<b>Publications</b>						
Sales	0.00	60.00	(60.00)	190.00	325.00	(135.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>(\$60.00)</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>	<b>\$325.00</b>	<b>(\$135.00)</b>
<b>Continuing Education</b>						
Legislative Day	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,800.00	17,875.00	2,925.00
Convention & Expo	13,250.00	8,045.00	5,205.00	35,750.00	58,259.00	(22,509.00)
Workshops	9,545.00	20,880.00	(11,335.00)	57,215.00	96,960.00	(39,745.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$22,795.00</b>	<b>\$28,925.00</b>	<b>(\$6,130.00)</b>	<b>\$113,765.00</b>	<b>\$173,094.00</b>	<b>(\$59,329.00)</b>
<b>Contract Income</b>						
Sourcing Office	1,641.29	1,250.00	391.29	3,369.21	2,500.00	869.21
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,641.29</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>\$391.29</b>	<b>\$3,369.21</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$869.21</b>
<b>Other Income</b>						
Interest & Dividends	3,324.12	2,500.00	824.12	16,830.60	12,500.00	4,330.60
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	22,196.39	0.00	22,196.39	17,893.56	0.00	17,893.56
Jobline	280.00	200.00	80.00	680.00	760.00	(80.00)
Mgmt & Consulting Revenue	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	265.00	415.00	(150.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$25,800.51</b>	<b>\$2,800.00</b>	<b>\$23,000.51</b>	<b>\$35,669.16</b>	<b>\$13,675.00</b>	<b>\$21,994.16</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$207,744.13</b>	<b>\$40,610.00</b>	<b>\$167,134.13</b>	<b>\$1,370,827.37</b>	<b>\$1,424,657.00</b>	<b>(\$53,829.63)</b>

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	May			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Salary &amp; Benefits</b>						
Staff Salaries	\$57,094.76	\$62,804.00	(\$5,709.24)	\$307,081.96	\$308,311.00	(\$1,229.04)
Accrued Vacation	1,697.50	0.00	1,697.50	6,520.86	0.00	6,520.86
Retirement Contribution	5,255.60	6,378.00	(1,122.40)	23,602.10	30,690.00	(7,087.90)
Health Insurance	7,241.90	8,178.00	(936.10)	43,205.28	43,422.00	(216.72)
Workers' Compensation	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	(16.42)	150.00	(166.42)
Payroll Taxes	4,366.23	5,313.00	(946.77)	23,269.39	26,253.00	(2,983.61)
LTD & Life Insurance	377.88	357.00	20.88	1,865.65	1,754.00	111.65
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$76,033.87</b>	<b>\$83,080.00</b>	<b>(\$7,046.13)</b>	<b>\$405,528.82</b>	<b>\$410,580.00</b>	<b>(\$5,051.18)</b>
<b>Consultants &amp; Contractors</b>						
Speaker Honoraria	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	4,500.00	10,000.00	(5,500.00)
Legal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,053.00	8,750.00	(3,697.00)
Expo Contractors	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Consult / Contractors	6,503.26	7,209.00	(705.74)	38,339.63	38,792.00	(452.37)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,503.26</b>	<b>\$17,209.00</b>	<b>(\$10,705.74)</b>	<b>\$50,892.63</b>	<b>\$57,542.00</b>	<b>(\$6,649.37)</b>
<b>Supplies &amp; Resources</b>						
Supplies	770.49	1,358.00	(587.51)	7,333.56	8,529.00	(1,195.44)
Subscriptions / Res Mat	509.87	536.00	(26.13)	2,608.31	2,644.00	(35.69)
Computer Sftwr / Supplies	2,141.10	2,429.00	(287.90)	12,126.53	12,142.00	(15.47)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,421.46</b>	<b>\$4,323.00</b>	<b>(\$901.54)</b>	<b>\$22,068.40</b>	<b>\$23,315.00</b>	<b>(\$1,246.60)</b>
<b>Communications</b>						
Telephone - Local	289.12	289.00	0.12	1,443.16	1,442.00	1.16
Postage	202.70	248.00	(45.30)	450.97	1,764.00	(1,313.03)
Courier / Special	0.00	8.00	(8.00)	0.00	40.00	(40.00)
Internet	1,047.12	961.00	86.12	4,889.52	4,803.00	86.52
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,538.94</b>	<b>\$1,506.00</b>	<b>\$32.94</b>	<b>\$6,783.65</b>	<b>\$8,049.00</b>	<b>(\$1,265.35)</b>
<b>Printing &amp; Typesetting</b>						
Printing	0.00	876.00	(876.00)	0.00	2,936.00	(2,936.00)
Copying	77.19	222.00	(144.81)	745.34	785.00	(39.66)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$77.19</b>	<b>\$1,098.00</b>	<b>(\$1,020.81)</b>	<b>\$745.34</b>	<b>\$3,721.00</b>	<b>(\$2,975.66)</b>

**Ohio Library Council**  
**Income Statement**  
**For the 5 Months Ending Saturday, May 31, 2025**

	<b>May</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	\$4,506.99	\$4,981.00	(\$474.01)	\$14,852.85	\$11,108.00	\$3,744.85
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	764.06	800.00	(35.94)
Software Support	83.90	76.00	7.90	406.17	381.00	25.17
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,590.89</b>	<b>\$5,057.00</b>	<b>(\$466.11)</b>	<b>\$16,023.08</b>	<b>\$12,289.00</b>	<b>\$3,734.08</b>
<b>Space Rental</b>						
Office Space	12,120.70	10,113.00	2,007.70	51,703.72	50,559.00	1,144.72
Workshops / Meetings	5,077.88	9,823.00	(4,745.12)	8,493.79	10,273.00	(1,779.21)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$17,198.58</b>	<b>\$19,936.00</b>	<b>(\$2,737.42)</b>	<b>\$60,197.51</b>	<b>\$60,832.00</b>	<b>(\$634.49)</b>
<b>Travel</b>						
Board	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	1,732.86	3,000.00	(1,267.14)
Staff Travel	890.23	1,550.00	(659.77)	8,264.04	7,750.00	514.04
Committees	0.00	102.00	(102.00)	0.00	486.00	(486.00)
Divisions	0.00	168.00	(168.00)	0.00	840.00	(840.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$890.23</b>	<b>\$2,070.00</b>	<b>(\$1,179.77)</b>	<b>\$9,996.90</b>	<b>\$12,076.00</b>	<b>(\$2,079.10)</b>
<b>Management Expenses</b>						
Bank Services	776.60	582.00	194.60	6,435.18	2,906.00	3,529.18
Investment Fees	548.60	520.00	28.60	2,686.86	2,600.00	86.86
Depreciation	1,045.27	977.00	68.27	5,208.40	4,892.00	316.40
Employee Hiring	45.00	67.00	(22.00)	260.00	331.00	(71.00)
Insurance	693.50	694.00	(0.50)	3,690.83	3,470.00	220.83
Organizational Mbrshps	160.00	0.00	160.00	349.00	1,200.00	(851.00)
Staff Devel & Mbrshps	49.00	0.00	49.00	2,435.00	5,000.00	(2,565.00)
Catering & Other Meals	13,815.49	24,300.00	(10,484.51)	27,933.88	49,855.00	(21,921.12)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$17,133.46</b>	<b>\$27,140.00</b>	<b>(\$10,006.54)</b>	<b>\$48,999.15</b>	<b>\$70,254.00</b>	<b>(\$21,254.85)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$127,387.88</b>	<b>\$161,419.00</b>	<b>(\$34,031.12)</b>	<b>\$621,235.48</b>	<b>\$658,658.00</b>	<b>(\$37,422.52)</b>
<b>Net Change in Assets</b>	<b>\$80,356.25</b>	<b>(\$120,809.00)</b>	<b>\$201,165.25</b>	<b>\$749,591.89</b>	<b>\$765,999.00</b>	<b>(\$16,407.11)</b>

**Ohio Library Council**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of Saturday, May 31, 2025**

**ASSETS**

**Cash and Short Term Investments**

Commerce Nat'l Bank - Checking	\$232,282.80
Commerce Nat'l Bank- Money Market	614,232.84
Investments - Money Market	3,610.86
Investments - TRAK Account	604,884.51
Investments - Mutual Funds	805,145.46
<b>Total Cash and Short Term Investments</b>	<b>\$2,260,156.47</b>

**Other Current Assets**

Accounts Receivable	22,364.66
Office Equipment (net of Accum Depr)	58,296.20
Prepaid Postage	1,607.54
Prepayments	57,961.93
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$140,230.33</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$2,400,386.80</u></b>
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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	\$24,277.84
Advances	1,274.86
Accrued Salaries	28,547.38
Accrued Vacation	51,087.39
Accrued Insurance	968.93
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$106,156.40</b>

**Net Assets**

Unappropriated Fund Balance	1,544,638.51
YTD Change in Net Assets	749,591.89
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,294,230.40</b>

<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$2,400,386.80</u></b>
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ITEM NO.: **4.B**

MEETING DATE: **July 18, 2025**

SUBJECT: **2027 OLC Convention & Expo**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

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**REPORT FOR DISCUSSION**

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OLC staff has been researching options for the 2027 OLC Convention and Expo. More information from Maritz Global Events (OLC's consultant) will be shared at the meeting. The information on potential locations was gathered from statewide RFP.

OLC staff is requesting:

- Feedback on the location and authority to move forward with negotiations to secure a location for 2027.

**2027 OLC Convention & Expo Location**

Available dates are the week of October 25 to avoid religious holiday dates in 2027.

**Option 1: Sharonville Convention Center (NE suburb of Cincinnati)**

- Proposed space rental charges begin at \$60K. \$30 per room night rebate from hotels. Based on history, the reduction would be approximately \$22K and \$3K Visit Cincy incentive would bring rental down to \$35K.
- No food & beverage minimum currently on contract, but if added, would reduce overall rental further – amount TBD.
- Complimentary parking, complimentary robust Wi-Fi, and complimentary use of the Center's podiums and house sound system. Exhibit hall is already carpeted.
- The Hyatt Place Sharonville, attached to the Convention Center, is offering 100 rooms on peak nights of Wednesday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Oct. 28 for \$169 + tax per night.
- The Delta Hotel by Marriott, directly across the street from the Convention Center, is offering 200 rooms on peak nights of Wednesday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Oct. 28 for \$149 + tax per night.

**Option 2: Dayton Convention Center**

- Proposed space rental charges begin at \$52K. Discount offered on proposal is \$10K. Destination Dayton is offering \$2,500 incentive if OLC picks up 80% of the room blocks and signs contracts by Sept. 1, 2025.
- Food & beverage minimum of \$35K would further reduce space rental by \$7K, so total space rental if all stipulations achieved would be \$32,500.
- Parking garage is attached, but would include a fee to park. Wi-Fi is \$500 for multi-user access beyond the lobby which is free. Electric in meeting rooms is \$75 per outlet.
- The Vitality Hotel (used to be the Radisson), directly across the street from the Convention Center, is opening this year and the 2025 rates are \$189 + tax per night. Hotel will offer rates for 2027 that will not escalate more than 5% each year or \$207

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+ tax per night. The hotel is offering 150 rooms on peak nights of Wednesday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Oct. 28.

- The Hilton Garden Inn Dayton Downtown, approximately 2 blocks from the Convention Center, is offering 40 rooms on peak nights of Wednesday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Oct. 28 for \$169 + tax per night.
- The Hotel Ardent Dayton Downtown, approximately 4 blocks from the Convention Center, is offering 30 rooms on peak nights of Wednesday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Oct. 28.
- There is also an AC Marriott and Fairfield by Marriott 7-8 blocks away for use if needed. They do not have 2027 rates available at this time. The hotel use in Dayton would require transportation to/from the Convention Center at additional costs.

### **Option 3: Hyatt Regency Columbus**

- Only dates proposed are for Sunday, September 12 – Thursday, September 16 (Change of day pattern) with 298 rooms on peak nights of Tuesday, Sept. 14 and Wednesday, Sept. 15 for \$205 + tax per night. No Battelle Room available for Exhibit Hall.
- Larger city convention centers (Cincy, Cleveland, Columbus) are not wanting to book space for groups our size until 12-18 months out unless food & beverage minimums are significantly higher around \$80-\$100K. Date ranges and day patterns would need to be flexible to fit over already booked larger groups citywide dates.

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ITEM NO.: **4.C**

MEETING DATE: **July 18, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Amazon Business Associated  
Accounts Program**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

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**REPORT FOR DISCUSSION**

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Background Information

Amazon Business Prime for OLC Institutional Member Libraries

OLC is currently in the second year of our Amazon Business Associated Accounts Program.

Amazon's continued growth with library associations is allowing them to offer even more discounts which will specifically benefit Ohio's public libraries. As they continue to have a positive partnership with library associations and OLC, they hope to replicate their success to other state library associations across the country.

Below is a summary of our current benefits:

1. Benefit to Libraries:
  - a. Amazon Business Account; discounted pricing up to 15% from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)
  - b. Business Prime; fast and free shipping on prime eligible items
  - c. Pay by invoice; \$10k monthly line of credit with net-30 terms
  - d. Additional 10% discount on 5k items
  - e. Tax Exemption on all purchases
  - f. Additional discounts on specific book titles
  - g. Dedicated Customer Advisor, Tessa Sullivan
2. Benefit to the Ohio Library Council:
  - a. All that is included in point #1
  - b. Money back with Amazon's Rebate program
3. No Cost to OLC:
  - a. The ABAAP is currently at no cost to OLC. Also, there is currently no cost to OLC Institutional Member Libraries to join the program. This is an exclusive benefit with OLC Institutional Membership for at least one more year.
  - b. As part of the program Amazon provides Business Prime (BP) Medium to all participating OLC Institutional Member Libraries for free. The BP Medium plan allows libraries to have up to 100 unique users on the account. This equates to a \$1,299 value for free.

**4.C: Amazon Business Associated Accounts Program**

#### OLC One-Time Rebate – \$116,232.14

As discussed with the Board previously, the first year of OLC's agreement with Amazon Business ended on March 31, 2025 for purposes of the one-time rebate. OLC will receive a one-time 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> OLC Anniversary Reception
- \$30,000 – Update Sample Policies for OLC Institutional Member Libraries
- \$15,000 – New Furniture and Technology for Hybrid Training in OLC Conference Room
- \$31,000 – New OLC Office Furniture/Desks

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ITEM NO.: **4.D**

MEETING DATE: **July 18, 2025**

SUBJECT: **OLC Divisions & Committees**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

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**REPORT FOR DISCUSSION**

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Background Information on OLC Divisions and Committees

**OLC Individual Members**

2025 – 2,066  
2024 – 2,664  
2023 – 2,358  
2022 – 2,375  
2021 – 2,216  
2020 – 2,324  
2019 – 2,425  
2018 – 2,466  
2017 – 2,450  
2016 – 2,481  
2015 – 2,423

**7 Committees**

Awards and Honors Committee – 9  
Convention and Expo Committee – 32  
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee – 8  
Government Relations Committee – 13  
Intellectual Freedom Committee – 9  
Membership Committee – 7  
Professional Development Committee – 13

**18 Divisions**

Adult & Reference Services Division – 268  
Children's Services Division – 197  
Customer Service & Support Staff Division – 169  
Digital & Media Services Division – 100  
Human Resources Division – 144  
Information Technology Division – 104  
Library Accounting Division – 98  
Management & Administrative Services Division – 362  
Marketing & Public Relations Division – 117  
Outreach & Special Services Division – 121  
Small Libraries Division – 136  
Special Collections Division – 88  
Technical Services Division – 108  
Teen Services Division – 151

**4.D: OLC Divisions & Committees**

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ITEM NO.: **5.A**

MEETING DATE: **July 18, 2025**

SUBJECT: **ALA Councilor Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Nick Tepe**

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**REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

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Council Actions at Annual Conference

Council held three remarkably productive sessions at annual conference, covering a wide variety of topics that are central to the work of the organization and continue to work on the hard changes that are necessary to ensure ALA's future. While many of these actions are primarily focused on ALA, there were several actions that will affect Chapters or that call on Chapters to take actions in support of the profession.

On the structure of ALA, Council approved a complete update of the Policy Manual to align it with the new Bylaws approved two years ago. This was a long, detailed process that resulted in a much cleaner, easier to understand document outlining how ALA policies are implemented. Council also approved the elimination of the Committee Associate program and the Planning & Budget Assembly, both of which no longer served the purposes for which they were created. However, the most significant change to the structure of ALA was the approval of to reunify the Association for Library Services to Children and the Young Adult Library Services Association. These divisions were split several decades ago, but in the current fiscal environment it no longer made sense to maintain two separate divisions for these interest groups. The two divisions will now begin a process that will last for at least a year to determine how to merge the functions and infrastructure of the two divisions. This will be a challenging, detailed process, but the model of the Core division being formed out of the merger of several divisions should provide a good roadmap for the divisions to follow.

Council approved new interpretations of the ALA Core Values. This was requested following the approval of the new Core Values last year in response to concerns about several values that were not included from previous versions. The intent of these interpretations is to make clear how our core values support our work and lead to the outcomes that we want to see from our profession. Council also completed the approval of new interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights in preparation for the publication of the eleventh edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual this Fall. Since last September, the members and liaisons of the Intellectual Freedom Committee have been reviewing the current interpretations, and in October the committee formed working groups to revise the interpretations deemed to be in most need of review and revision. The goal of these revisions is to ensure that the Intellectual Freedom Manual is written in plain language that is accessible to any librarian at any size library who finds themselves on the receiving end of challenges and in need of assistance navigating their response. Council previously held one special meeting to approve the first round of revisions.

Finally, there were two actions of Council that I believe will have a direct effect on OLC's work. First, Council approved ALA's new Strategic Plan for the next three years (attached). Last fall, the ALA Executive Board initiated a strategic planning process by engaging expert consultants to develop the next comprehensive strategic plan for the organization. This

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plan was built from robust data analysis, focus groups, interviews, and member surveys, and centers the voices of members while charting a purposeful course forward. At the core of this plan is an updated mission: *Empowering and advocating for libraries and library workers to ensure equitable access to information for all*. It is anchored by a bold vision: *Libraries thrive so everyone can succeed*.

While the most important elements of the plan focus on taking steps to ensure ALA's future fiscal stability and streamlining the organization to respond more nimbly to the challenges facing the profession, there are a number of objectives under the "advocacy" domain that Chapters will be involved with and benefit from. In particular I believe we should pay attention to the objective to "launch a national public awareness campaign highlighting intellectual freedom, access to information, and the societal value of libraries in democracy and education." As we continue to face false narratives about what libraries do and what libraries stand for, this sort of public awareness campaign is much needed to help turn the tide of anti-library actions. I hope that this will result in a campaign that is comparable to the very successful "Libraries Transform" campaign of several years ago.

Council also approved a resolution calling on all Chapters, Divisions, Round Tables, and other units of ALA and affiliated organizations to increase awareness of and support for the Merritt Fund. The Merritt Fund provides support for library workers who are facing employment challenges based on their identity or for defending intellectual freedom. While the Fund has existed for decades, in the current environment it is facing unprecedented requests for support, and not enough donations to meet that demand. I recommend that OLC consider ways to make our members aware of the fund for any challenges they may face, and encourage library supporters in Ohio to support the fund as well.

#### New Executive Director

ALA has selected Daniel J. Montgomery to be its next executive director. He will replace Interim Executive Director Leslie Burger. Montgomery has worked on behalf of public education and the rights of workers for more than two decades. He was elected to a three-year term as president of the 103,000-member Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) in October 2010 and has been unanimously reelected every three years since then. He will start at ALA on November 10.

The steering committee chose Montgomery because of his commitment to public institutions, his comfort working across diverse and difficult political situations, his service to both cities and rural areas, and his experience managing a complex, member-driven organization.

Montgomery holds a master's degree in education from the School of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and a bachelor's degree from University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Read the full press release [here](#).

#### IMLS Update

On June 6th, the federal judge overseeing the *ALA v. Sonderling* lawsuit declined to block the Trump administration's efforts to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The ruling will allow the administration's cuts at the independent agency while the case proceeds. On May 6, a federal district court in Rhode Island issued a preliminary injunction in a separate case, prohibiting the agency from shutting down while that case is pending. That decision remains in effect. With this ruling, the IMLS may face

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devastating cuts to grants and services that will make it impossible to operate as required by Congress. The case will now proceed on the merits in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Read the full press release [here](#).

## ALA Strategic Plan

**Mission:** Empowering and advocating for libraries and library workers to ensure equitable access to information for all.

**Vision:** Libraries thrive so everyone can succeed.

**Values:** Access, Equity, Intellectual Freedom and Privacy, Public Good, Sustainability

Domain	A. Advocacy	B. Member Experience	C. Organizational Redesign	D. Financial Sustainability	E. Professional Development
Goal Statement	Champion libraries and empower advocates to support our core values	Deliver a personalized member experience that deepens engagement, strengthens retention, and reinforces ALA's value to the members at every stage of their careers.	Redesign and strengthen ALA's organizational structure to foster clarity, accountability, and collaborative leadership.	Optimize ALA's capacity for impact through disciplined financial stewardship, streamlined operations, and resource allocation into mission-aligned growth.	Offer educational and leadership opportunities that promote lifelong learning and career advancement.
	Strategic Objectives	Strategic Objectives	Strategic Objectives	Strategic Objectives	Strategic Objectives
Strategic Objectives	1. Develop a unified, proactive advocacy strategy centered on ALA's values of access, equity, and intellectual freedom.	1. Redesign the membership model to improve flexibility and demonstrate value.	1. Optimize programs and align organizational functions in accordance with ALA Forward recommendations.	1. End operating deficit spending, adhere to clear/realistic/reality sized budgeting practices.	1. Expand meaningful opportunities for engagement by providing a breadth of educational and informational resources such as virtual learning, networking, leadership and career pathways, mentoring, and certifications.
	2. Expand partnerships with aligned organizations to impact ALA's reach, credibility, public visibility, and policy influence	2. Improve all member-facing digital platforms.	2. Realign elements of the ALA governance structure to provide for more efficient decision-making.	2. Review programs/services to identify opportunities for consolidation, streamlining, or elimination.	2. Support library workers with a variety of skills and knowledge to support their learning and professional growth.
	3. Build an infrastructure to rapidly respond to opportunities and crises.	3. Reimagine the conference experience to engage more of the membership.	3. Advance the "Our ALA" model.	3. Centralize functions and operations to eliminate duplication and maximize efficiency.	3. Research and gather data to identify educational needs of library workers to develop opportunities in emerging and evolving trends.
	4. Empower advocates with toolkits, templates and legislative updates to amplify their voice at the local and state level.	4. Explore new ways of communicating and engaging with members.	4. Implement consistent onboarding, training and leadership development programs for Board members and staff in alignment with association and non profit management best practices.	4. Redesign or sunset low-performing, financially un-sustainable or outdated offerings.	4. Support and strengthen accreditation function of the association.
	5. Launch a national public awareness campaign highlighting intellectual freedom, access to information, and the societal value of libraries in democracy and education.			5. Create and invest operating surpluses to build a reserve fund to support the association's financial health.	

Notates: urgent priorities



## Message from the State Librarian

This June saw a number of changes for State Library. On the positive side, we and our colleagues at Department of Administrative Services worked hard to see progress on facilities issues experienced at our Columbus location. As we continue to plan for tomorrow, we ensure that the rare materials key to our state's past and future are kept safe.

Along with the rest of the OhioLINK consortium, a network of participating academic, medical and special libraries, State Library migrated to a new software platform called Alma. I look forward to seeing the possibilities that exist with this suite of resources.

The end of June also marks the end of the state fiscal year for our state. While there are many challenges ahead, I take solace in our excellent and knowledgeable staff and our collective ability to face any challenge .



**Ohio Senator Andrew Brenner,  
State Librarian Knapp and  
Director of Operations Burley**

*Mandy Knapp*

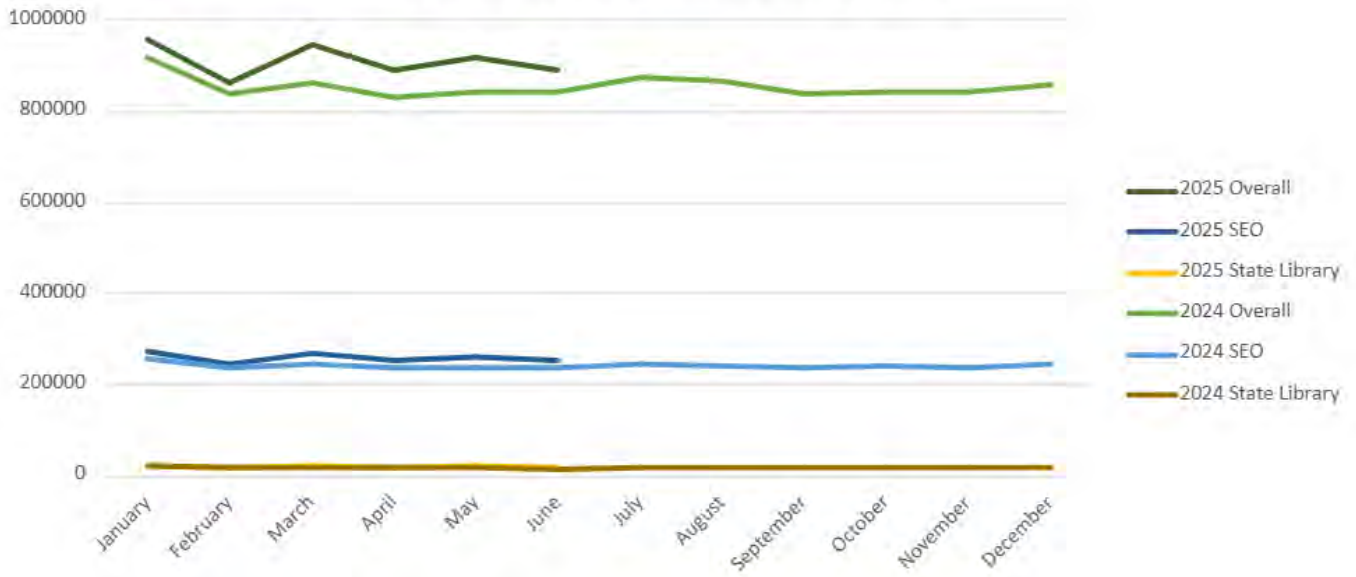
## Highlights

- ◆ On June 9, State Librarian Mandy Knapp and Director of Operations Ryan Burley met with Ohio Senator Andrew Brenner. Senator Brenner was very interested in the rare materials staff pulled for him, and took a keen interest in facilities issues.
- ◆ On June 13, Mandy attended the Grand Opening of the reimagined Glenville Campus of the Cleveland Public Library.
- ◆ In June Mandy had many Listening Tour visits. This included: 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 Jennifer Austin, Homer Public Library Director Amie Hatfield, retired librarian Susan Yutzey, Columbus Metropolitan Library staff, Worthington Public Library staff, Upper Arlington Public Library staff, and Mechanicsburg Public Library Director Rebecca Wilden.

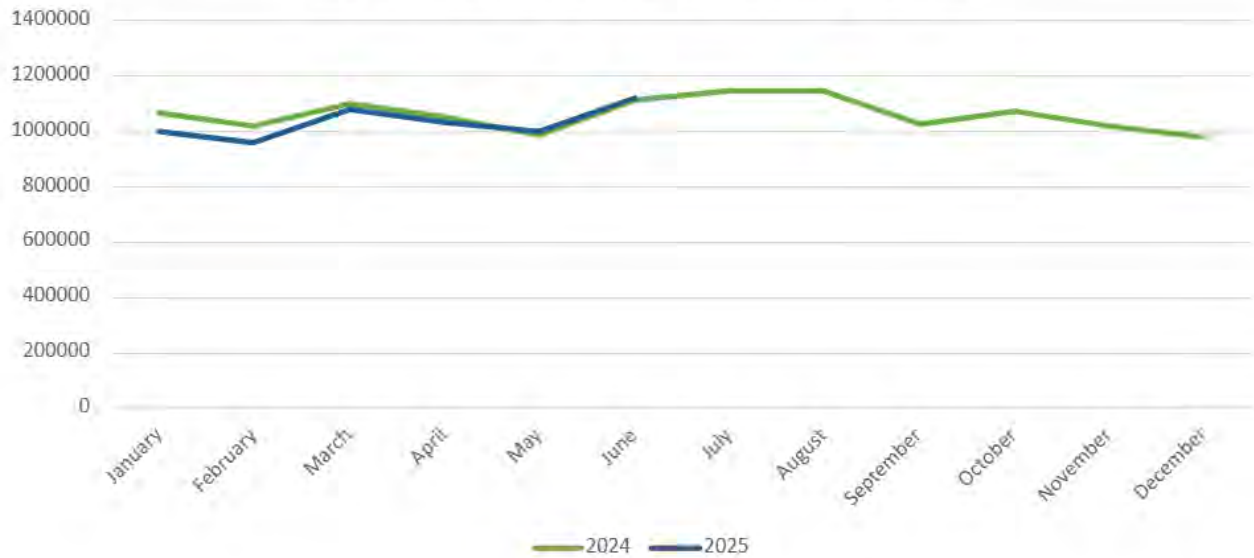


**Homer Public Library Director Amie Hatfield  
and State Librarian Mandy Knapp**

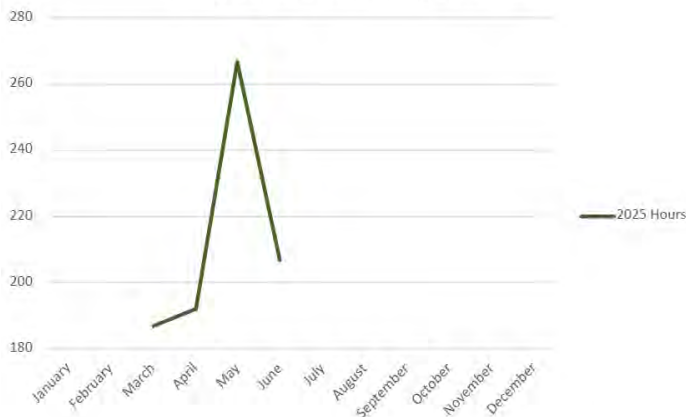
### Ohio Digital Library Circulation by Month



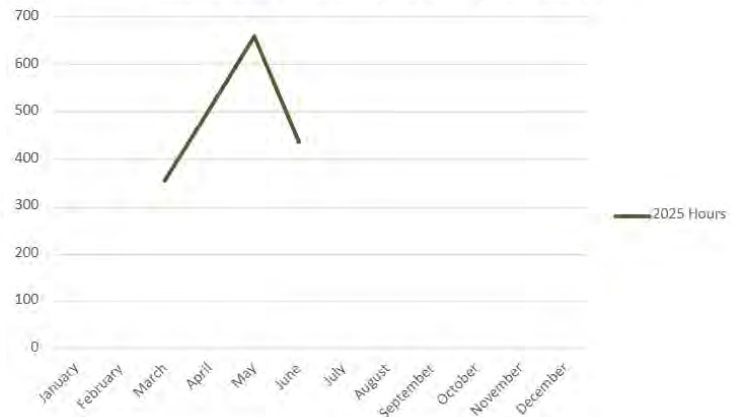
### SEO Consortium Physical Circulation by Month



### State Library Staff Training by Month



### Cooperative Partnership Meetings by Month



## Library Services—June 2025



Bexley Library Collaboration

### Bexley Library Collaboration

On June 20 we welcomed a group of 20 patrons from the Bexley Public Library to the State Library of Ohio and gave them a tour of our facility. We collaborated with the Bexley Public Libraries' Adult Services Department to arrange this experience for Bexley patrons.

The group was very excited to see our rare, one of a kind materials and to learn about the history of our building.



Department of Homeland Security Partnership

### Department of Homeland Security Partnership

In June we collaborated with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Citizenship, Partnership and Engagement to create a display of their publications that help explain the legal path of citizenship to the public.

#### Meeting with Senator Brenner

On June 9, Senator Andrew Brenner (District 19-R) visited our location. We gave Senator Brenner a tour of our facility and showed him many of historic documents and manuscripts.

#### In June we received this kind message from the family of a Talking Book Program user:

"Hi! We are sad to say we lost Jo. But must tell all of you how much she enjoyed these tapes. Thank you for the endless hours of fun! She loved your services so much! Thanks 1,000,000."

**In June 2025 we provided over 200 Talking Book machines, Braille E-readers and other NLS supplies to Ohioans.**

"Thank you so much for your tour of the Rare Book Collection and for pulling those volumes. It was wonderful to realize that this resource is right in my backyard!"

**Professor Ambre Emory-Maier, Kent State University**

#### OhioLINK LSP migration

The State Library of Ohio successfully migrated to the new OhioLINK LSP June 23, 2025!

This migration was a huge undertaking that took several years of work and thousands of hours of staff time in preparation for this new system.

On June 25 we unveiled our new customer facing catalog which provides our users with a much improved interface and better searching capabilities.

#### Work with Department of Administrative Services

In June we worked with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to tour a number of possible new facilities for the State Library including the old Lazarus building. We also worked with DAS to set up weekly meetings with CITYSPACE/JDS leadership to discuss our current facility's maintenance needs.



## Library Programs & Development—June 2025



(left) A young library patron paints a flower pot for older adults in the community as part of Tipp City Public Library's "Kindness Blooms" LSTA grant-supported summer library program. (right) Library Consultants Katy Hite, Penelope Shumaker, and Jeff Regensburger, along with Adult Services Librarian Karla Schlageck, (l-r) inspect the historic Oakwood Village Record on display at the Wright Memorial Library, which was part of an LSTA grant-supported preservation project.

### Ohio Ready to Read

**Early Literacy 101** is a free, full-day (6 contact hour) hands-on workshop to help library staff build a firm foundation in early literacy. Participants learn how brain development impacts how young children learn; discover effective, research-based early literacy resources and activities; and explore how storytime supports early literacy.

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 taking place in November. Additional workshops will be announced this fall. [Learn more about the Early Literacy 101 workshop.](#)

Ohio Ready to Read is a partnership initiative of the Ohio Library Council and State Library of Ohio that helps librarians and library workers to educate Ohio's families on the importance of early childhood literacy.

### Summer Library Program

The [2025 Ohio Summer Library Program evaluation survey is now open](#). All Ohio public libraries are asked to complete this survey after your summer program ends. Your response helps ensure high-quality resources and support for future SLPs, and documents the value and impact of summer programs at Ohio libraries. Find the survey here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/slpeval2025](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/slpeval2025).

### LPD Staff On the Road

Library Consultants **Jeff Regensburger**, **Penelope Shumaker**, and **Katy Hite** visited Tipp City Public Library and Wright Memorial Public Library. Tipp City Public Library shared information about their "Kindness Blooms @ Your Library" program. This program, funded with Summer Library Program LSTA grant money, used the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme, "Color Your World" to support community members in the creation of customized flower pots for older adults. Wright Memorial Public Library used Conservation and Preservation LSTA grant funds to conserve eight issues of the *Oakwood Village Record*, Oakwood's first newspaper. This was a monthly periodical that ran from June 1912 until October 1913. (See inset photos, left.)

As part of the strategic planning process, library consultants **Jeff Laser** and **Katy Hite** led on-site workshops for both the staff and board of the Stow Munroe Falls Public Library. Through these interactive workshops, library consultants gain insight as to what staff value about working at the library and what aspirations the board has for the future of the library. This feedback informs recommendations for goals and objectives as part of the future strategic plan.

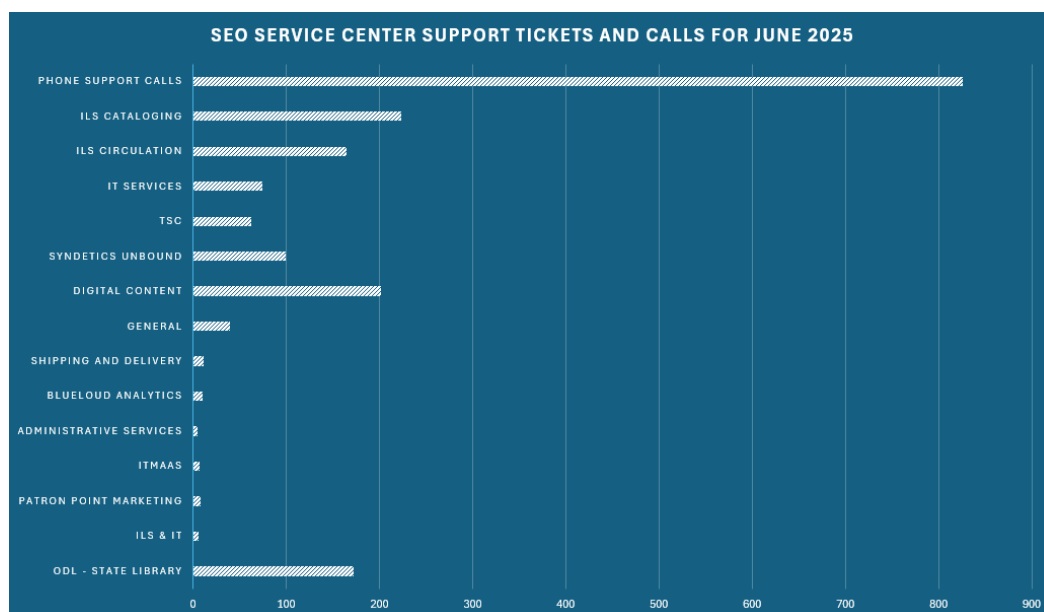
Library Consultant **Katy Hite** presented "All Things Library of Things," a look at libraries circulating non-traditional items, at OLC's Unconventional to Conventional Conference in Dublin.

On June 9, the first-ever [Cultural Heritage and Ohio Summit \(CHaOS\)](#) was held at the State Library, with more than 25 in attendance representing various agencies, organizations, volunteer groups, and non-profits that work to support cultural heritage initiatives in Ohio. Led by keynote speaker Alison Goebel, Executive Director of the Greater Ohio Policy Center (pictured, right), the Summit

was an opportunity for these various groups to exchange ideas and coordinate plans for collaboration going forward. Associate State Librarian **Evan Struble** welcomed the attendees and led the "talk table" activity, and Library Consultant **Penelope Shumaker** handled the reporting out/wrap-up activity.



## SEO Service Center—June 2025



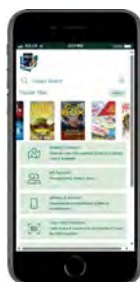
The SEO Service Center team answered over 1,900 tickets and customer calls during the month of June.

### Key service highlights include:

- **Visits** were made to 2 member libraries.
- SEO Newsletter Engagement—648
- SEO DigiHub—2 training sessions, 754 digital scans, 9 hours
- Patron Point Marketing training provided to 3 member libraries

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

- Over 1.1 million items were circulated.
- 9,423 new users were created.
- 177,529 holds were created and 179,846 holds were filled.
- 555 interlibrary loan requests were initiated.
- 1,086 support tickets were created, with 12 relayed to the software vendor.



Mobile App Stats	2024	2025	% Change
New Devices	3,237	2,146	-34% ↓
Holds Placed	27,605	31,946	16% ↑
App Launched	76,444	90,464	18% ↑
Searches	81,236	92,344	14% ↑

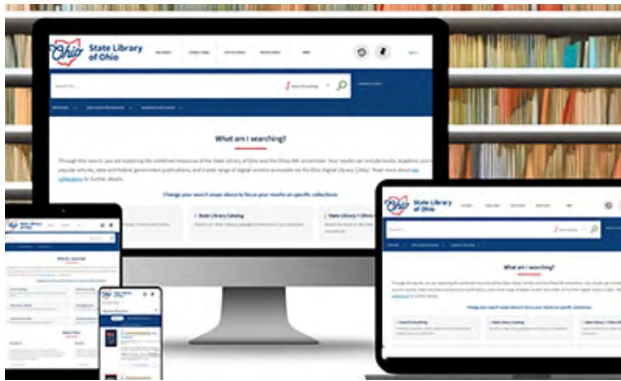
### Niche Academy usage showed:

- Strong engagement with **staff tutorials** (1,264 views) and the **online catalog tutorial** (1,480 views)
- Lower engagement with the **Technical Services Committee** (1 view) and **ASL Storytime** (1 view) tutorials



### Patron Point Marketing e-mails showed:

- Heavy use in **Announcement and Newsletters** being sent (325,461 emails)
- Medium use in **Birthday/Anniversary** campaigns (2,928 emails)
- Light use of **Winback** (152 emails) and **Coming of Age** (1613 emails) campaigns



### New Library Services Platform Launch

June 19, 2025: On Wednesday, June 25, the State Library of Ohio will go live with a new library services platform, complete with an improved catalog and a notable update to how library accounts are accessed. Users will no longer utilize State Library card barcode numbers to access their accounts and borrow items.

**State employees will no longer need to register for an account.** Instead, they will have immediate access through their workforce OHID. Access for state employees still includes the option to borrow from member libraries within the OhioLINK consortium. Borrowing from SearchOhio libraries will resume later this year.



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## State News & Events

### New library services platform

June 20, 2025

NEWS

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SUBJECT: **OPLIN Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Don Yarman**

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E-Rate

On June 27, the Supreme Court ruled in a 6–3 decision that the FCC's delegation of E-Rate management to USAC is not illegal, overturning the Fifth Circuit's ruling that it violated the Constitution for Congress to delegate management of the Universal Service Fund to the FCC and for the FCC in turn to subdelegate that authority to a private company (i.e. USAC). Andrew Schwartzman, Senior Counselor of the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society published a good piece, [\*The Supreme Court Lifts A Cloud That Hung Over USF\*](#), outlining the impact decision and the likely outcomes, including the pressing need to diversify the funding mechanism.

The states' E-Rate coordinators met at ALA, where they heard from contacts at USAC that the FCC had ordered a pause on funding approvals for hotspot hardware and services, pending congressional action. The Senate had already passed a resolution to overturn the expansion of E-Rate funding for hotspots and schoolbus wifi; the measure is waiting for action in the House.

Statewide Web-Based Digital Skills Platform

Northstar Digital Literacy was selected as the statewide web-based digital skills platform by BroadbandOhio's working group, but before contracts could be finalized President Trump declared the Digital Equity Act unconstitutional and ended the program immediately. As with the other executive orders that eliminated congressionally-passed programs, this has been challenged in court. Meanwhile, BroadbandOhio has allocated funds from a different project to keep this one moving.

Managed Branch Connections

OPLIN now provides connectivity to 77 library branch locations. For \$2,000 a year per branch, OPLIN will contract with a service provider, pay the monthly bills, monitor and support the connection, and file and collect the E-rate. Applications are open now for libraries wanting OPLIN to manage their branch connectivity next year.

<https://www.oplin.ohio.gov/branch-circuits>

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MEETING DATE: **July 18, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

**REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

IRS Form 990

Following the completion of the 2024 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 2025 Budget for the OLC Executive Director to attend the ALA Annual Conference. Due to state budget discussions, I was not able to participate in the full conference, but I was able to participate in a meeting with Amazon while we were in Philadelphia.

OLC Elections

The 2025 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/2025-olc-elections-start-june-30-269966>

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.

Small Library Directors' Forums

The OLC Small Libraries Division will host discussion forums for directors of small libraries this fall. 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 discussion also will include an update on OLC activities, legislative issues, and library funding. I'm still working with the Small Libraries DAC to schedule these dates.

OLC Staff Anniversaries

Denise Kise: July 1 – 12 years



## Activities

Activities from the last Board meeting include:

May 19	OLC Staff Meeting
	Meeting w/Stewart Smith (OPERS)
May 20	OLC New Directors Workshop #1
May 21	Meeting w/Ohio Township Association
	Meeting w/Sen. Manning
	Meeting w/Sen. Craig
May 22	IP Meeting on County Budget Commissions w/Rep. Dave Thomas
May 23	ETM Meeting
	Meeting w/Stewart Smith (OPERS)
May 27	Senate Finance Committee
May 28	Meeting w/Rep. Dave Thomas
	Senate Finance Committee
	House Ways & Means Committee
May 29	Meeting w/Sedgwick
May 30	Meeting w/OLC Legal Counsel
	Senate Finance Committee
Jun. 2	OLC Staff Meeting
Jun. 3	Meeting w/Sen. Hicks-Hudson
	Senate Finance Committee
Jun. 4	Meeting w/Bostwick
	Senate Finance Committee
	House Ways & Means Committee
	Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
	House Property Tax Press Conference
Jun. 5	Senate Finance Committee
Jun. 6	Senate Finance Committee
Jun. 9	OLC Staff Meeting
Jun. 10	Media Interview w/WTOL
	Meeting w/Second Lady Staff on Summer Reading Challenge
	Senate Finance Committee
Jun. 11	OLC GRC Meeting
	House Ways & Means Committee
	Ohio Senate Session
Jun. 16	Meeting w/Howard Fleeter & Associates
	OLC Staff Meeting
Jun. 17	Conference Committee
Jun. 18	House Ways & Means Committee
	Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
Jun. 23	OLC Staff Meeting
	Meeting w/OLC Contract Lobbyist
Jun. 24	Meeting on OLC 990
	OLC New Directors Workshop #2
	Conference Committee
Jun. 25	Zoom Meeting w/Library Directors & FOs on State Budget
	Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
Jun. 26	Meeting w/OLC Contract Lobbyist
Jun. 27	Travel to ALA
Jun. 28	Meeting w/Amazon

Jul. 1	Meeting w/OLC Contract Lobbyist
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	Governor DeWine's Press Conference
Jul. 2	Media Interview w/WKYC Cleveland
	Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
	Meeting w/State Librarian
	Media Interview w/Spectrum
Jul. 7	OLC Staff Meeting
	Media Interview w/WKYC Cleveland
Jul. 8	Meeting w/Amazon
	Meeting w/OLC Legal Counsel
	Meeting w/Rep. Manning
	ICLAE Meeting
Jul. 10	Meeting w/Library Directors
	OLC Diversity Committee
	Meeting w/Second Lady Staff on Summer Reading Challenge
Jul. 11	C&E Cleveland Planning Meeting
	Retirement Luncheon for Tracy Strobel
	Meeting w/Metro Library Directors

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SUBJECT: **Government and Legal  
Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jay Smith**

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PLF Update

The new fiscal year (FY26) began on July 1, and unfortunately, Ohio's public libraries are facing a decrease in funding compared to last year. The Public Library Fund (PLF) closed out FY25 at \$504.6 million, but the amount available to public libraries for FY26 has been reduced to \$479.7 million.

The PLF is now a line-item appropriation instead of being calculated as a percentage of the state's General Revenue Fund. The new state budget allocates \$490 million for FY26 and \$500 million for FY27. However, annual transfers of \$10.3 million will be deducted from the PLF to support the State Library of Ohio, Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN), Library for the Blind, Regional Library Systems and Ohioana Library Association. This brings the actual PLF distribution totals for public libraries to \$479.7 million in FY26 and \$489.7 million in FY27.

HB 96 State Budget Update

**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.

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\*\*\*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. The marginal tax paid on income over \$26,050 begins to reduce (in Tax Year 2025 for those making less than \$100,000 and in Tax Year 2026 for all taxpayers.)

### **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.

More will be discussed during the board meeting.

### Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate Property Taxes

Citizens for Property Tax Reform, the group responsible for collecting signatures in order to get a constitutional amendment added to the November 2025 ballot, has fallen short of the 413,487 signatures needed. Supporters of the ballot initiative had until July 2 to collect the necessary signatures after the measure was certified by the Ohio Ballot Board in May. It was recently reported that the group is now focusing on the 2026 ballot instead.

If successful at the ballot box, the initiated constitutional amendment would prohibit taxes on real property and significantly impact local governments including public libraries, which rely heavily on local property tax revenue.

### Budget Wrap Up Webinar Scheduled for July 30

With Governor DeWine's signature on House Bill 96, the state budget is now final and the OLC is hosting a comprehensive webinar to break it all down. Join us for a detailed look at the final budget, including changes made by the conference committee, the governor's line-item vetoes, and what this all means for Ohio's public libraries. In addition to reviewing the budget itself, the webinar will explore what's next—discussing potential developments in the General Assembly and what library leaders should keep an eye on moving forward. The free webinar is scheduled for July 30 at 10am.

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MEETING DATE: **July 18, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Professional Development  
Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Laurie Miller**

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2025 OLC Convention and Expo – Foundation to Future

- We currently have 38 exhibitors and 13 sponsors.
- The Opening Keynote Speaker is the only one that has been announced in *Access* so far:
  - Wednesday – Ruta Sepetys
  - Thursday – Andre Norman
  - Friday – Peter H. Reynolds
- Special Events
  - Wednesday – Awards & Honors Luncheon, New Member Meet & Greet, Grand Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall, Reception at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
  - Thursday – PDC Networking Luncheon, Evening Event(s) TBA
  - Friday – Exhibit Hall Prize Drawings
- Registration opens in September.
- Program schedule is almost finalized.

Meetings Participation:

- 2025 C&E Program Committee Meeting – May 28, OLC
- Outreach Retreat Meeting – May 29, virtual
- Adult & Reference Services Division Meeting – May 29, virtual
- Adult & Reference Services Division Meeting – May 30, virtual
- Unconventional to Conventional Conference Committee Meeting – June 2, virtual
- C&E LA/Expo Committee Meeting – June 5, virtual
- Professional Development Committee Meeting – June 17, OLC
- New to Libraries Conference Committee Meeting – June 25, virtual

<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
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	339
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	17
State Budget Wrap-Up Webinar	July 30	Virtual	96
Outreach and Special Services Retreat	Aug. 15	OCLC	37
New Director Workshop 4 of 4	Aug. 27	OLC/Virtual	12
IT Division Rackside Chat	Sept. 5	Virtual	8
Library Fiscal Officer 102	Sept. 10	OLC/Virtual	20
New to Libraries Conference	Sept. 12	Marriott, Dayton	Not Open
Outreach Coffee Chat	Oct. 10	Virtual	5
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	Not Open
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

## 5.E.2: Professional Development Report

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MEETING DATE: **July 18, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Communications Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Angie Jacobsen**

**REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

State Budget

The OLC website was updated at each stage of the state budget process, including links to OLC's testimony and updated advocacy materials such as the [Talking Points for the Ohio Senate](#) and [Talking Points for the Conference Committee](#).

On June 25, OLC issued a [press release](#) expressing serious concerns about the state budget. The release explained the \$25 million cut to the Public Library Fund and a provision in House Bill 96 that would require public libraries to segregate materials related to sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, guaranteeing they are not visible to anyone under 18. The OLC's statement generated significant media coverage across the state, with multiple news outlets highlighting the potential impact on public libraries and patrons. OLC staff conducted follow-up interviews and provided additional information to reporters to ensure accurate coverage and to amplify the message.

Sample media coverage:

[Ohio libraries face funding crisis after state budget cuts](#)

WSYX Channel 6 Columbus, June 26, 2025

[Ohio libraries call on DeWine to veto budget provision to move books on gender, identity](#)

Columbus Dispatch, June 27, 2025

[Ohio libraries concerned about funding taken out, policy on sensitive media added into budget](#)

The Statehouse News Bureau, June 27, 2025

[Ohio libraries may be required to remove items on sexual orientation from kid's sections](#)

Columbus Dispatch, June 25, 2025

[Ohio libraries face challenge enforcing new state rules impacting gender identity material](#)

WSYX Channel 6 Columbus, June 27, 2025

On July 1, OLC issued another [press release](#) after Governor DeWine vetoed the provision in the state budget that would require libraries to segregate materials. The release thanked the governor and reinforced OLC's position that Ohio's public libraries already have strong collection development policies in place. The release also acknowledged and thanked the thousands of Ohioans who contacted the Governor's Office in support of public libraries. The announcement received positive media attention and helped strengthen OLC's advocacy efforts.

Sample media coverage:

[Ohio libraries celebrate veto of budget measure censoring materials](#)

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Ohio Capital Journal, July 1, 2025

['We are thrilled': Libraries react to veto of library material restrictions in Ohio budget](#)  
WFMJ Channel 21 Youngstown, July 2, 2025

[New Ohio budget will affect public library funding](#)  
Chillicothe Gazette, July 3, 2025

[Local libraries face potential funding instability with the new two-year state budget](#)  
WOUB Public Media, July 7, 2025

[Ohio's new state budget brings an estimated \\$25M cut to public libraries, prompting concern over services](#)  
WKYC Cleveland, July 8, 2025

### Convention and Expo

A promotional save-the-date postcard will be sent at the end of July. Articles about keynote speakers have begun to appear in *Access* and the OLC website. Development of the Convention and Expo webpage and OLC app are underway. Registration for the Convention will open in September. In addition, exhibitor information and a live Exhibit Hall map were added to the OLC website.

### Division/Committee Projects

- Information on voting for OLC Leadership was included in *Access*, *This Week* and on the OLC website.
- The 2025 Awards and Honors program was featured weekly in *Access*. The deadline for submissions was extended to May 30.
- A call for the Citizen of the Year award was included in *This Week* and *Access*.
- The Teen Services Division and the Marketing and PR Division put out a call for Action Council members.
- Certified Public Librarian and Certified Public Library Staff certification holders (new and renewals) were featured in *Access* and on the OLC website.
- Information on dues proration was shared in *Access* and on the OLC website.

### Website

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

1. Jobs
2. OLC Raises Alarm Over State Budget Cuts and Provision Segregating Materials
3. Take Action – Contact the Governor
4. State Budget
5. OLC Applauds Governor DeWine's Veto Protecting Libraries and Families
6. Thank you - Thank you for standing up for Ohio's public libraries
7. OLC Calendar
8. Convention and Expo
9. Library Funding/PLF
10. 2025 OLC Elections Start June 30



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ITEM NO.: **5.E.4**

MEETING DATE: **July 18, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

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2025 Membership

As of July 8, 2025, there are 2,066 Individual Members as compared to 2,613 on June 30, 2024. There are currently 1740 renewals; 297 new; and 31 Lifetime. There are currently 55 Friends Groups, and 10 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 June 12 Membership Committee meeting was postponed until July 22. Agenda items will include: Statistics; ALA/OLC Student Membership; Member Spotlight articles; Promotion of prorated dues; Committee recruitment needed for 2026; Membership Meetups; Convention and Expo booth and New Member Meet and Greet.

Nominations and Elections

The start of the online voting process for the OLC's 2025 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 (3,475). Members without e-mail addresses, Friends groups, and certain Trustees were mailed paper ballots (165). There was a 99.7% 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 2025 Appointments Committee of the Board will begin their work in late August. Members of the Committee include Kathy Bach, Chair; Kim DeNero-Ackroyd and Mary Ellen Icaza, Ex-Officio. Committee openings will be identified and sent to the Committee by mid-August.

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