

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

AGENDA

May 15, 2026
OLC Offices
10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (#)*
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Mar. 13, 2026 – Regular Meeting (#)*
3. Reports for Action
 - A. Financial Report: Month-End – March 2026 (#)*
 - B. 2025 Financial Audit (#)* *[Board Members Only]*
 - C. Nominating Committee Report: 2026 OLC Board of Directors Election Slate (#)*
4. Reports for Discussion
 - A. OLC Strategic Planning
 - B. OLC Public Relations Campaign/Polling
 - C. Ohioans to Protect Public Services
 - D. 2026 OLC Citizen of the Year Award (#)
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: July 17 – Via Zoom
7. Adjournment

(#) Report included in background packet

* Action Item

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OLC Offices
March 13, 2026
10:00 A.M.

- PRESENT
 - Kathy Bach, Cincinnati
 - Monica Baughman, Worthington
 - Travis Bautz, Middletown (Via Zoom)
 - Julianne Bedel, Medina
 - Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Cleveland Heights
 - Sandra Hedlund Tunnell, Ashland
 - Mary Ellen Icaza, Canton
 - Cindy Lombardo, Peninsula
 - Elizabeth Muether, Celina
 - Bernie Rochford, Akron
 - Stacey Russell, Zanesville
 - William Rutger, Sandusky
 - Susan Titkemeier, Marion

- GUESTS
 - Jason Elvers, Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease
 - Evan Struble, State Library of Ohio
 - Don Yarman, OPLIN

- GUESTS ABSENT
 - Nick Tepe, ALA Councilor

- STAFF
 - Michelle Francis, Executive Director
 - Jeanine D’Andrea, Director, Membership Services
 - Angie Jacobsen, Director, Communications
 - Denise Kise, Accounting/Data Services
 - Laurie Miller, Director, Professional Development
 - Jay Smith, Director, Government and Legal Services

- CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Russell at 10:01 a.m. Russell noted Travis Bautz is participating via Zoom. Nick Tepe was unable to attend so the ALA Councilor report was written only. Mandy Knapp was unable to attend, but Evan Struble was available to answer questions regarding the State Library of Ohio report.

Russell welcomed guest Jason Elvers, OLC’s Legal Counsel from Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. He will be speaking under Item 3.A on the agenda.

Russell thanked Mary Ellen Icaza for her work as Chair in 2025 and noted her leadership over the past year. She was presented with a gift on behalf of the Board and OLC staff.

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RUTGER MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

LOMBARDO MOVED AND ICAZA SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 16, 2026 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 2026 OLC BOARD

Francis introduced Jason Elvers of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease who

ORIENTATION

discussed the roles and responsibilities as a member of the OLC Board of Directors. He discussed the fiduciary responsibilities of a Board member through the Duty of Care and the Duty of Loyalty.

Each member of the 2026 OLC Board of Directors is asked to sign the Conflict-of-Interest form to acknowledge an understanding of the policy and agree to comply with it.

Francis thanked Elvers for his time.

FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR-END 2025

Francis presented the Financial Report Year-End 2025.

Revenue.

Dues. Institutional Membership was over budget due to Plain City PL joining. Other Institutions were under budget. Individual Memberships are under budget due to decrease in personal memberships. Friends are under budget due to decrease in Friends membership.

Continuing Education. Legislative Day was over budget due to increased attendance. Convention & Expo was over budget due to increased attendance. Leadership and Workshops were under budget due to low attendance.

Contract Income. Contract Income was over budget due to one-time Amazon rebate.

Other Income.

Interest and Dividends were over budget due to returns on short-term investments. Workers' Comp was under budget due to rate reductions. Unrealized Gain was over budget due to returns on long-term investments. JobLine was under budget due to decrease in non-member postings. Management & Consulting Revenue was under budget due to decrease in background checks.

Expenses.

Salaries and Benefits. Staff salaries were over budget due to timing of 2025 adjustments. Accrued vacation reflects accrued vacation. Retirement was under budget due to timing of plan contributions. Health Insurance was under budget due to timing of 2025 adjustments.

Consultants and Contractors. Auditor and Speaker Honoraria were slightly over budget. Legal Services were under budget due to delayed invoicing. Expo Contractors were over budget. Consultants/Contractors were over budget due to timing of payments.

Supplies and Resources. Computer Software/Supplies were under budget.

Communications. Postage/Mailing/Courier Service were under budget.

Printing and Design. Printing and copying were under budget due to timing of payments.

Maintenance and Equipment. Equipment Rental was over budget due to coding. Equipment Maintenance was under budget.

Travel and Meals. Board travel was under budget due to reimbursements. Staff travel and presenters was under budget due to timing of reimbursements.

Management Expenses. Bank services and investment fees were over budget. Depreciation Replacement was over budget. Organization Memberships are over budget due to timing of payments.

The net change in assets is under budget by \$142,408.

RUTGER MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT: YEAR-END – 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLC NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

HEDLUND TUNNELL MOVED AND BACH SECONDED THAT THE OLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINT CHRIS MAY, DIRECTOR, MANSFIELD-RICHLAND COUNTY LIBRARY, TO SERVE AS AN AT-LARGE MEMBER ON THE OLC NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM (2026-2028). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANDREW CARNEGIE AWARD

ROCHFORD MOVED AND RUTGER SECONDED BY THAT THE ANDREW CARNEGIE AWARD BE PRESENTED TO GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE AND FIRST LADY FRAN DEWINE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. It was noted that the Government Relations Committee also recommended that it be given to both Governor DeWine and First Lady Fran DeWine.

ENDORSEMENT PLA PRESIDENT-ELECT

ICAZA MOVED AND DE-NERO ACKROYD SECONDED TO ENDORSE AIMEE FIFAREK, DIRECTOR AND CEO, PUBLIC LIBRARY OF YOUNGSTOWN AND MAHONING COUNTY, FOR PLA PRESIDENT-ELECT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT ACRL CONFERENCE 2031

DE-NERO MOVED AND TITKEMEIER SECONDED TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE 2031 ACRL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN COLUMBUS ON MARCH 18-21, 2031. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2026 OLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Francis reported there are four positions open on the ballot including one MLIS position, one Trustee position, and two At-Large positions. Current Board members serving in these positions and their eligibility for re-election include:

MLIS	Bautz	2024-26	Eligible
Trustee	Hedlund Tunnell	2024-26	Eligible
At-Large	Russell	2024-26	Eligible
At-Large	Icaza	2024-26	Not eligible

Current Board members eligible for re-election are asked to indicate whether they wish to be candidates for re-election. The OLC Nominating Committee will be responsible for identifying and recommending candidates for election, including incumbents as well as new candidates for election to the Board.

A call for candidates interested in being considered for election to the Board will be included in *This Week* and *Access* and posted on the OLC website beginning the Monday following the March Board meeting and continuing through April. The Nominating Committee uses this information to select the nominees and create the election slate.

OLC STRATEGIC PLANNING 2026

Francis noted that OLC has contracted with Vista Cova for strategic planning. Important Dates are April 6, 3:00 p.m. pre-retreat session via Zoom; Strategic Planning Retreat April 21 – 22. A Resource Library for the Board and for the

Team is available on the OLC website and is password protected. A Leadership Survey was sent to the Board and Staff to complete by March 20. Former members of the OLC Board were asked to participate in the retreat to help provide institutional knowledge.

OLC PR CAMPAIGN/
POLLING

The January 2026 research, conducted by Public Opinion Strategies on behalf of the Ohio Library Council and the Ohio Township Association, examined voter attitudes toward libraries, townships and local funding. The findings show overwhelming appreciation for library services and broad agreement across party lines that libraries are worthwhile public investment. Libraries also rank among the most trusted and highly valued public services in Ohio.

Jacobsen has started to include positive results in *This Week*. It will be one of the lead-ins for Legislative Day. There will be more to come. Francis noted we need to do some education on how libraries are funded and bullet points will be provided.

ALA COUNCILOR
REPORT

A written report was provided by ALA Councilor, Nick Tepe.

STATE LIBRARY
REPORT

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

SLO Facility. Additional progress was made towards a new facility for the State Library's research collection. An announcement will be made in April.

Guiding Ohio Online. Applications are now open for Guiding Ohio Online LSTA Grant. The grant period runs from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

Digital Public Library of America. Knapp presented as part of a panel on changes to the Digital Public Library of America at the Knight Foundation Library Leaders Conference.

SearchOhio. The State Library of Ohio will assume administration of SearchOhio.

Library Leadership Ohio. Library Leadership Ohio will be held July 21-23 at the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge & Conference Center in Logan Ohio.

OPLIN REPORT

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

Washington Visits. Yarman reported that the Washington visits before ALA National Legislative Day went well.

SMS Messages. If libraries send SMS messages to patrons, remember to include the library name in the text message so they know who you are.

WhoFi. The State Library of Ohio is dropping WhoFi Library/Community Software. OPLIN has selected a platform for web kit to manage for libraries. OPLIN will host a webinar to manage those changes.

OhioLINK. OhioLINK provides some NPR databases statewide. Yarman will look at this and has meetings with vendors at PLA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

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

GOVERNMENT AND
LEGAL SERVICES REPORT

Institutional Dues Billing. There are still a few public libraries where staff is working to correct inaccurate information from a few county auditors in order to send invoices.

OLC Employee Benefits.

Health insurance was renewed with Medical Mutual Insurance at 23% increase in premiums. Dental Insurance was renewed with Ameritas Insurance with a 7% increase in premiums. Vision insurance was renewed with VSP Insurance with no change in premium. Life Insurance was renewed with OneAmerica American United Life Insurance Company with no change in premium. Long-Term Disability Insurance was renewed with Hartford Insurance with no change in premium.

Staff Notes. Michelle Francis celebrated her 12th Anniversary on February 12.

Trustee Dinners/Lunch. These events will focus on OLC's PR Campaign and provide a venue for library trustees and administrators to share information and ideas with their counterparts throughout the region.

Coalition Steering Committee.

The OLC is serving on the Steering Committee of the Coalition to Protect Public Services. This broad-based, statewide group is working to raise awareness about the potential impacts of eliminating property taxes without a replacement plan.

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

Public Library Fund. The March distribution came in at \$40,419,668 which is \$393,641 (or +0.98%) above ODT's original estimate. Tax receipts for February came in above estimates. State revenues are continuing to exceed expectations as we enter the final third of FY26.

Pending Legislation.

HB 137 – Presents a serious threat to public libraries by granting sole authority to a library taxing authority to decide whether a library may place a property tax levy on the ballot. The legislation has not been placed on the floor calendar for a House vote.

HB 466 – Specifies that any local taxing authority whose membership includes nonelected officers to obtain approval by the elected body before submitting a property tax to voters. This has not come up for additional testimony.

HB 314 – Disruptive Public Records Requests. Provides a judicial framework for responding to public records requests that are deemed to be harassing or disruptive. This legislation empowers public offices and people responsible for public records to seek a court order to limit or deny a public records request. This bill is currently being heard in the House Judiciary Committee.

HB 420 – Eliminates Continuing Levies. Seeks to eliminate continuing term levies after tax year 2029. It is currently being heard in the House Ways and Means Committee.

HB 422 – Seeks to increase voter approval thresholds for new levies based on the amount of millage being considered.

HB 583 – Provides compliance requirements for entities that provide digital or online library database resources to a public school, public library, or state

agency. HB 583 received its first hearing on March 3 in the House Finance Committee.

OLC Library Legislative Day. Library Legislative Day is being held on March 18 at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel.

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

2026 Convention & Expo. OLC is working on floor plans, registration for exhibitors, and general session speakers. The Program Committee is judging the submissions this month and will meet in person in April to discuss the results.

COMMUNICATIONS
REPORT

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

Statewide Survey and PR Campaign. The results from a statewide poll show strong bipartisan support for Ohio's public libraries. There is a full press release, memo from Public Opinion Strategies and an executive summary of the findings on the OLC website.

Legislative Day. Resources and advocacy tools have been added to the OLC website. Collateral materials are being developed for the day of the event.

Convention and Expo. Exhibitor information will be added to the website and sent via email. A promotional postcard will be mailed in June.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES
REPORT

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

2026 Individual Membership. A third renewal was emailed to 726 members who have not currently renewed for 2026. A second Membership Meet Up is scheduled for April 6. There were 42 people registered for the first Membership Meet Up on February 9.

Nominations and Elections. Staff work with Division Coordinators to identify candidates for election. Slates of candidates are due to OLC by April 15.

Awards and Honors. The deadline for nominations is April 30. Promotional articles continue to be included in *Access*. Flyers will go to all in-person events.

NEXT MEETING

The next business meeting of the OLC Board of Directors is May 16 at the OLC Office.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

HEDLUND TUNNELL MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED TO ADJOURN AT 11:53 A.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.A**

MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Financial Report: March 2026**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR ACTION

REVENUE

Cost Center	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Dues	\$ 1,048,466	\$ 1,201,505	\$ (153,039)
Publications	0	120	(120)
Continuing Education	58,410	108,776	(50,366)
Contract Income	1,003	1,500	497
Other Income	13,237	9,171	4,066
TOTAL	\$ 1,121,116	\$ 1,321,072	\$ (199,956)

Dues Income (- \$153,039)

- Institutional Membership: under budget due to delayed invoicing (- \$138,112).
- Other Institutions: under budget due to delayed invoicing (- \$4,501).
- Individual Memberships: under budget due to decrease in personal membership (- \$9,439).
- Friends: under budget due to delayed invoicing (- \$988).

Publications (- \$120)

- Sales: under budget due to decrease in demand for physical copies (- \$120).

Continuing Education (- \$50,366)

- Legislative Day: slightly under budget due to timing (- \$1,125).
- Convention & Expo: under budget due to timing of accrual (- \$31,021).
- Workshops: under budget due to timing of registration payments (- \$18,220).

Contract Income (- \$497)

- Sourcing Office: slightly under budget due to decrease in library purchases (- \$497).

Other Income (+ \$4,066)

- Interest and Dividends: over budget due to returns on short-term investments (+ \$1,283).
- Unrealized Gain/(Loss): over budget due to returns on long-term investments (+ \$647).
- Workers Comp: over budget due to timing of payments (+ \$2,340).
- JobLine: on budget (- \$160).
- Management & Consulting: on budget (- \$45).

EXPENSES

Cost Center	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 267,646	\$ 254,416	\$ 13,230
Consultants and Contractors	36,869	70,930	(34,061)
Supplies and Resources	31,804	30,942	862
Communications	3,951	4,439	(488)
Printing/Design	2,294	1,747	(547)
Maintenance and Equipment	3,619	10,024	(6,405)
Space Rental	32,558	37,604	(5,046)
Travel and Catering	3,399	7,555	(4,156)
Management Expenses	26,283	53,532	(27,249)
TOTAL	\$ 408,422	\$ 471,189	\$ (62,767)

Salaries and Benefits (+ \$13,230)

- Staff Salaries: under budget due to timing of 2026 adjustments (- \$5,042).
- Accrued Vacation: reflects accrued vacation (+ \$20,777).
- Retirement: slightly under budget due to timing of plan contributions (- \$1,645).
- Health Insurance: on budget (+ \$72).
- Worker's Compensation: on budget (- \$17).
- Payroll Taxes: slightly under budget (- \$933).
- LTD & Life Insurance: on budget (+ \$18).

Consultants and Contractors (- \$34,061)

- Speaker Honoraria: over budget due to timing of payment (+ \$4,750).
- 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 (- \$24,439).

Supplies and Resources (+ \$862)

- Supplies: under budget (- \$607).
- Subscription/Resource Materials: under budget (- \$485).
- Computer Software/Supplies: over budget due to timing of payments (+ \$1,954).

Communications (- \$488)

- Telephone: Local/Mobile/Conf. Calls: on budget (+ \$2).
- Postage/Courier Service: under budget (- \$490).

Printing and Design (+ \$547)

- Printing: slightly over budget due to timing of payments (+ \$438).
- Copying: on budget (+ \$109).

Maintenance and Equipment (- \$6,405)

- Equipment Rental: under budget (- \$6,460).

- Equipment Maintenance: slightly under budget (- \$197).
- Software Support: slightly over budget due to timing of payments (+ \$252).

Space Rental (- \$5,046)

- Office Space: under budget due to CAM (- \$545).

Travel and Meals (- \$893)

- Board: under budget due to ALA Councilor reimbursements (- \$1,017).
- Staff: slightly over budget due to increased travel (+ \$916).
- Committees and Divisions: under budget due to reduced requests for reimbursement (- \$792).

Management Expenses (- \$27,249)

- Bank Services: under budget (- \$4,298).
- Investment Fees: slightly over budget (+ \$218).
- Depreciation Replacement: slightly under budget (- \$289).
- Employee Hiring: under budget for library background checks (- \$198).
- Insurance: on budget (+ \$2).
- Organization Memberships: on budget (- \$85).
- Staff Development and Memberships: slightly over budget due to timing (+ \$288).
- Catering and Other Meals: under budget due to timing of payments and attendance (- \$22,888).

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Net Change in Assets	\$ 712,694	\$ 849,883	\$ (137,190)

Ohio Library Council
Income Statement
For the 3 Months Ending Tuesday, March 31, 2026

	March			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
REVENUE						
Dues						
Institutional	\$406,376.00	\$75,097.00	\$331,279.00	\$868,707.00	\$1,006,819.00	(\$138,112.00)
Other	1,350.00	1,666.00	(316.00)	1,350.00	5,851.00	(4,501.00)
Personal	14,802.00	16,430.00	(1,628.00)	177,608.50	187,047.00	(9,438.50)
Friends	125.00	408.00	(283.00)	800.00	1,788.00	(988.00)
Subtotal	\$422,653.00	\$93,601.00	\$329,052.00	\$1,048,465.50	\$1,201,505.00	(\$153,039.50)
Publications						
Sales	0.00	65.00	(65.00)	0.00	120.00	(120.00)
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$65.00	(\$65.00)	\$0.00	\$120.00	(\$120.00)
Continuing Education						
Legislative Day	5,175.00	5,462.00	(287.00)	13,875.00	15,000.00	(1,125.00)
Convention & Expo	0.00	30,500.00	(30,500.00)	840.46	31,861.00	(31,020.54)
Workshops	14,270.00	29,053.00	(14,783.00)	43,695.00	61,915.00	(18,220.00)
Subtotal	\$19,445.00	\$65,015.00	(\$45,570.00)	\$58,410.46	\$108,776.00	(\$50,365.54)
Contract Income						
Shared Revenue	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	1,003.17	1,500.00	(496.83)
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)	\$1,003.17	\$1,500.00	(\$496.83)
Other Income						
Interest & Dividends	3,811.97	2,917.00	894.97	10,034.35	8,751.00	1,283.35
Workers Compensation	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,340.38	0.00	2,340.38
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	(40,999.89)	0.00	(40,999.89)	646.86	0.00	646.86
Jobline	0.00	80.00	(80.00)	80.00	240.00	(160.00)
Mgmt & Consulting Revenue	135.00	60.00	75.00	135.00	180.00	(45.00)
Subtotal	(\$37,052.92)	\$3,057.00	(\$40,109.92)	\$13,236.59	\$9,171.00	\$4,065.59
Total Revenue	\$405,045.08	\$163,238.00	\$241,807.08	\$1,121,115.72	\$1,321,072.00	(\$199,956.28)

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	March			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
EXPENSES						
Salary & Benefits						
Staff Salaries	\$65,002.56	\$65,294.00	(\$291.44)	\$187,036.38	\$192,078.00	(\$5,041.62)
Accrued Vacation	6,704.31	0.00	6,704.31	20,776.52	0.00	20,776.52
Retirement Contribution	5,909.32	6,529.00	(619.68)	17,561.96	19,207.00	(1,645.04)
Health Insurance	12,929.43	10,199.00	2,730.43	27,413.23	27,341.00	72.23
Workers' Compensation	0.00	17.00	(17.00)	33.99	51.00	(17.01)
Payroll Taxes	4,388.07	4,971.00	(582.93)	13,690.33	14,623.00	(932.67)
LTD & Life Insurance	377.88	372.00	5.88	1,133.64	1,116.00	17.64
Subtotal	\$95,311.57	\$87,382.00	\$7,929.57	\$267,646.05	\$254,416.00	\$13,230.05
Consultants & Contractors						
Speaker Honoraria	4,750.00	0.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	0.00	4,750.00
Legal Services	1,628.00	12,500.00	(10,872.00)	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	6,850.20	41,406.00	(34,555.80)	30,490.52	54,930.00	(24,439.48)
Subtotal	\$13,228.20	\$53,906.00	(\$40,677.80)	\$36,868.52	\$70,930.00	(\$34,061.48)
Supplies & Resources						
Supplies	995.94	1,553.00	(557.06)	3,282.16	3,889.00	(606.84)
Subscriptions / Res Mat	169.90	530.00	(360.10)	1,104.69	1,590.00	(485.31)
Computer Sftwr / Supplies	2,546.71	4,021.00	(1,474.29)	27,417.29	25,463.00	1,954.29
Subtotal	\$3,712.55	\$6,104.00	(\$2,391.45)	\$31,804.14	\$30,942.00	\$862.14
Communications						
Telephone - Local	290.99	291.00	(0.01)	872.97	871.00	1.97
Postage	77.71	281.00	(203.29)	248.96	739.00	(490.04)
Internet	943.00	943.00	0.00	2,829.00	2,829.00	0.00
Subtotal	\$1,311.70	\$1,515.00	(\$203.30)	\$3,950.93	\$4,439.00	(\$488.07)
Printing & Typesetting						
Printing	1,439.64	742.00	697.64	1,439.64	1,002.00	437.64
Copying	766.93	457.00	309.93	854.10	745.00	109.10
Subtotal	\$2,206.57	\$1,199.00	\$1,007.57	\$2,293.74	\$1,747.00	\$546.74

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	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Maintenance & Equip						
Equipment Rental	\$823.54	\$7,452.00	(\$6,628.46)	\$3,239.77	\$9,700.00	(\$6,460.23)
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	108.00	(108.00)	127.35	324.00	(196.65)
Software Support	83.90	0.00	83.90	251.70	0.00	251.70
Subtotal	\$907.44	\$7,560.00	(\$6,652.56)	\$3,618.82	\$10,024.00	(\$6,405.18)
Space Rental						
Office Space	10,852.51	10,768.00	84.51	32,557.53	32,304.00	253.53
Workshops / Meetings	0.00	5,300.00	(5,300.00)	0.00	5,300.00	(5,300.00)
Subtotal	\$10,852.51	\$16,068.00	(\$5,215.49)	\$32,557.53	\$37,604.00	(\$5,046.47)
Travel						
Board	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Staff Travel	2,540.91	1,960.00	580.91	3,399.47	5,055.00	(1,655.53)
Subtotal	\$2,540.91	\$4,460.00	(\$1,919.09)	\$3,399.47	\$7,555.00	(\$4,155.53)
Management Expenses						
Bank Services	1,028.95	1,586.31	(557.36)	4,597.54	8,895.35	(4,297.81)
Investment Fees	620.16	520.00	100.16	1,778.44	1,560.00	218.44
Depreciation	1,073.22	1,362.07	(288.85)	3,219.66	3,508.51	(288.85)
Employee Hiring	0.00	66.00	(66.00)	0.00	198.00	(198.00)
Insurance	716.58	716.00	0.58	2,149.78	2,148.00	1.78
Organizational Mbrshps	160.00	0.00	160.00	10,510.00	10,595.00	(85.00)
Staff Devel & Mbrshps	670.00	383.00	287.00	2,425.00	2,137.00	288.00
Catering & Other Meals	1,347.86	22,515.00	(21,167.14)	1,602.50	24,490.00	(22,887.50)
Subtotal	\$5,616.77	\$27,148.38	(\$21,531.61)	\$26,282.92	\$53,531.86	(\$27,248.94)
Total Expenses	\$135,688.22	\$205,342.38	(\$69,654.16)	\$408,422.12	\$471,188.86	(\$62,766.74)
Net Change in Assets	\$269,356.86	(\$42,104.38)	\$311,461.24	\$712,693.60	\$849,883.14	(\$137,189.54)

Ohio Library Council
Balance Sheet
As of Tuesday, March 31, 2026

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments

Commerce Nat'l Bank - Checking	\$333,674.39
Commerce Nat'l Bank- Money Market	514,941.49
Investments - Money Market	3,934.06
Investments - TRAK Account	650,235.69
Investments - Mutual Funds	860,902.03
Total Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$2,363,687.66</u>

Other Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	3,404.00
Office Equipment (net of Accum Depr)	58,569.67
Prepaid Postage	304.78
Prepayments	59,872.38
Total Other Current Assets	<u>\$122,150.83</u>

Total Assets

\$2,485,838.49

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$12,680.41
Advances	1,249.86
Accrued Salaries	20,682.63
Accrued Vacation	68,246.55
Accrued Insurance	(698.07)
Total Liabilities	<u>\$102,161.38</u>

Net Assets

Unappropriated Fund Balance	1,670,983.51
YTD Change in Net Assets	712,693.60
Total Net Assets	<u>\$2,383,677.11</u>

Total Liabilities & Net Assets

\$2,485,838.49

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.C**

MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Nominating Committee Report:
2026 OLC Board of Directors
Election Slate**

SUBMITTED BY: **Mary Ellen Icaza, Chair**

REPORT FOR ACTION

The OLC Nominating Committee conducted a virtual meeting on May 1 to discuss potential candidates for the 2026 OLC Board of Directors elections. Members of the committee include Mary Ellen Icaza, Chair; Susan Titkemeier; Tara Sidwell; Ryan McDonnell; and Chris May. OLC staff members Michelle Francis and Jeanine D'Andrea also participated in the meeting.

The committee recommends the following slate of candidates 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 Tunnel, Trustee, Ashland Public Library
Robert Jenkins, Trustee, Bossard Memorial Library of Gallia County

At-Large Director [one to be elected]

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

At-Large Director [one to be elected]

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

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **4.D**

MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **OLC Citizen of the Year Award**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR DISCUSSION

The OLC Board of Directors is responsible for identifying nominees and selecting the winner of the OLC Citizen of the Year Award. The criteria for the Citizen of the Year Award is as follows:

The OLC Citizen of the Year Award recognizes a citizen, or a group of citizens in Ohio who has/have made a noteworthy contribution that has had a positive influence on library services throughout the State of Ohio.

Nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award will be solicited from the membership through announcements in *Access Weekly*, *This Week*, and on the OLC website. Staff also will suggest possible candidates and make recommendations to the OLC Board at the meeting on July 17.

Previous Awardees:

2025 – Bob Hinkle
2023 – Peter Voderberg
2022 – Mark Hamlin and Benjamin Anderson
2021 – Terry Fouts
2019 – Doug Evans
2018 – Ryan Burgess
2017 – Stephen Hedges
2015 – Jon Iten
2014 – Bill Morris
2009 – Regina Brett
2007 – Sibongile (Bongi) Sithe
2004 – Kathy Catazaro-Perry
2003 – Marah Walker
1998 – Dr. Thomas W. Flechtner
1996 – Joan Bennett
1995 – Maynard Sauder
1994 – Robert H. Russell. Sr.
1993 – Thomas Dennis, Mark Powell

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.A**

MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **ALA Councilor Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Nick Tepe**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

ALA Annual Conference

As usual activity is ticking up ahead of Annual Conference as we prepare for any actions needed by Council. I am continuing my work on the Committee on Organization to make the organizational changes needed to implement the actions approved during our winter sessions, particularly in merging the Committee on Professional Ethics and the Intellectual Freedom Committee. My hope continues to be that streamlining these structures will make the organization more efficient and responsive to the challenges we are facing, and lessen the burden on ALA staff as the organization necessarily shrinks.

Other actions I am aware of that are moving forward ahead of Annual include 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. I believe both will be very useful to libraries, but the “Liberty and the Library” statement in particular is well worth reading, as it presents the existing principles and documents of the organization in the context of today's censorship efforts, which are broader, more coordinated, and increasingly driven by government actors. IFC is accepting [feedback on the proposed statement](#) through May 28th.

Finally, concerns continue to be expressed by members regarding ALA's financial situation and how the organization is responding to that. While I am also gravely concerned about the organization's finances, I believe that Council and the Executive Board are taking those concerns very seriously and are doing everything we can to work with staff leadership to address the situation while remaining true to our core values and providing value to the membership. If anyone has specific concerns they would like to discuss I strongly encourage you to reach out to me so I can get answers for you.

State of America's Libraries Report

On April 20, the American Library Association (ALA) released its [State of America's Libraries 2026](#) report, an annual snapshot of library trends. As in recent years, the 2026 report documents censorship in libraries from the previous year. In 2025, ALA recorded 713 attempts to censor library materials and services, of which 487 attempts targeted books. This is a decrease from the 821 attempts that were recorded in 2024. However, 4,235 unique titles were banned or challenged at public, school, and university libraries. This figure is second only to the 4,240 unique titles challenged in 2023.

Nearly all of the censorship attempts recorded in 2025—92%—were initiated by pressure groups, government officials, and decision makers. That number has grown sharply in recent years, from 72% in 2024 and 35% in 2023. Fewer than 3% of challenges in 2025 came from individuals.

5.A: ALA Councilor Report

According to the report, the most common reasons for book challenges were false claims of illegal obscenity for minors; inclusion of LGBTQIA+ characters or themes; inclusion of topics on race, racism, equity, and social justice; and presenting political or religious views with which the challengers disagreed.

2026 ALA Elections

Tamika Barnes, Associate Dean, Perimeter College Library Services, Georgia State University, has been elected 2026-2027 president-elect of the American Library Association (ALA). Barnes currently serves as the Georgia Library Association (GLA) president. She is also a member of the Freedom to Read Foundation, the Lois Ann Gregory-Ward Fellows Program committee, and the EBSCO Information Services Library Staff Development Award committee. Barnes served on the GLA Executive Board from 2013-2021. Barnes served on the ALA Executive Board from 2018-2021 and ALA Council from 2015-2018 and 2019-2021. She is a member of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) and the Black Caucus of ALA. Barnes has served on numerous ALA committees and groups including the Budget and Review Committee (chair 2024-2025), two ALA presidential advisory committees, and the ACRL Conference Experience and Inclusion Committee. Barnes is a 1998 Spectrum Scholar. Full election results can be found [here](#).

ALA settles lawsuit to protect IMLS

ALA has [reached a settlement agreement](#) with the U.S. Department of Justice that protects the Institute of Museum and Library Services and ensures that IMLS will continue carrying out its mission as the only federal agency dedicated to supporting America's libraries.

The agreement resolves the lawsuit filed last year, *ALA v. Sonderling*, which challenged the Trump-Vance administration's attempt to dismantle IMLS through executive action, originating with President Trump's March 2025 Executive Order. Under the settlement, IMLS will continue awarding grants, conducting research, and operating programs that support libraries and museums across the country. The agreement also confirms that previously terminated grants have been reinstated, agency staff reductions have been reversed, and the administration will not take further steps to implement the executive order targeting IMLS.

Combined with the recent news that the Administration [dropped its appeal](#) of *Rhode Island v. Trump* – the separate, parallel case brought by several state Attorneys General challenging the Administration's dismantling of IMLS – all related litigation is now resolved.



Message from the State Librarian

April is a month to celebrate libraries and our staff who make our libraries possible. I am so grateful for the staff at the State Library.

This month, State Library staff has been working incredibly hard to make the relocation of our Columbus facility a success, showing dedication, teamwork, and an unwavering commitment to serving our state. Every day they bring energy, creativity, and problem-solving skills to ensure the transition is smooth and thoughtful. Their willingness to jump in wherever needed, support one another, and keep the big picture in mind is truly inspiring. I am grateful for their resilience and the pride they take in their work as we move our organization forward.

Highlights

- In April, State Librarian Mandy Knapp visited the Centennial Library at Cedarville University, the Greene County Public Library, the National Library Service for the Blind’s Multistate Center East, the Liberty Center Public Library, and the Museum and Welcome Center of Fulton County.
- Staff worked hard to prepare for the Columbus relocation.
- The State Library’s strategic plan is taking shape. The State Library Board set high level goals at the March Board Meeting.
- Progress was made on securing a Library Services Platform (LSP) for the Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) consortium.

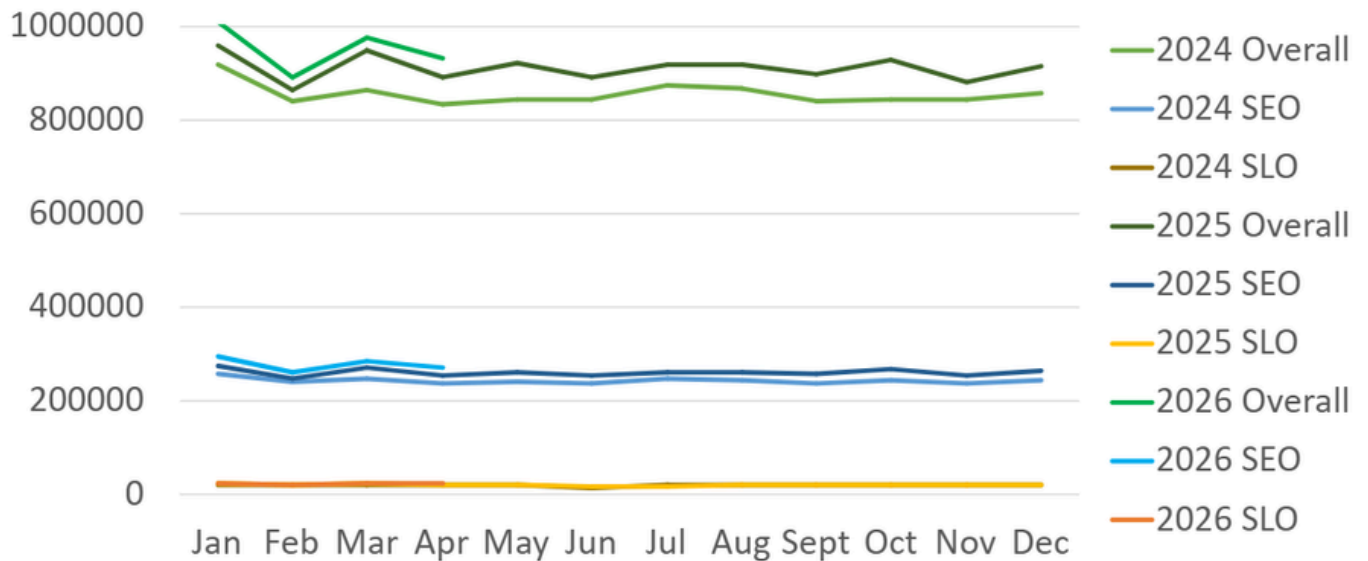


Pallets of boxed library materials line the State Library’s hallways

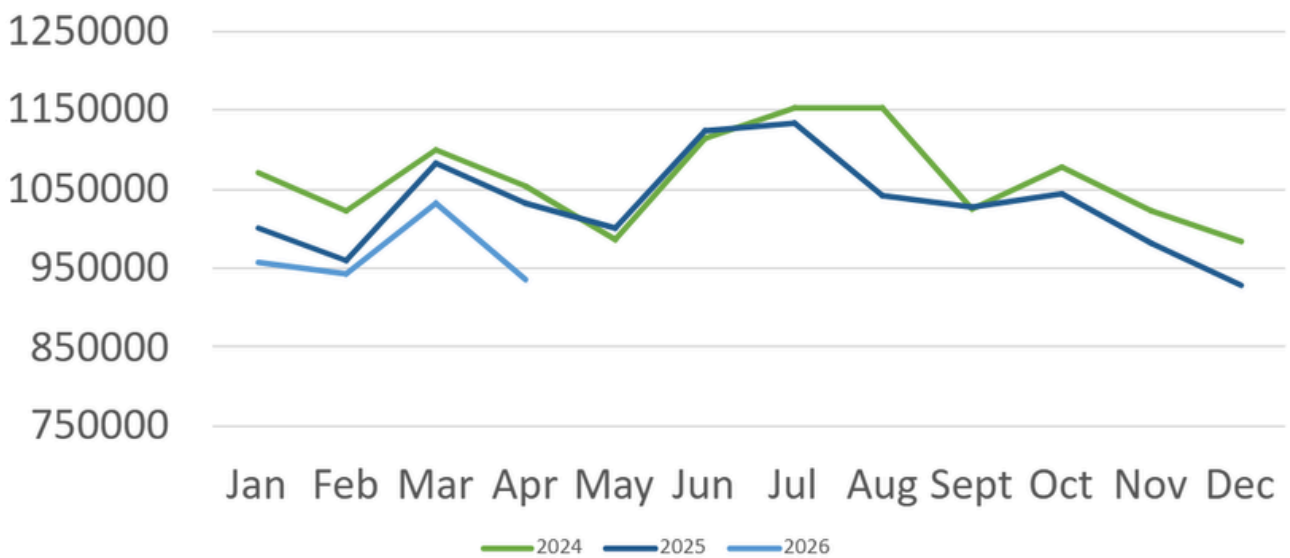


State Librarian of Ohio Mandy Knapp and State Librarian of Kentucky Densie Lyons visit the National Library Service for the Blind’s Multistate Center East. The books are Braille books that the center interlibrary loans.

Ohio Digital Library Circulation by Month



SEO Consortium Physical Circulation by Month



Staff Training by Month



Cooperative Partnership Meetings by Month



***Training hours higher this month due to Staff In-Service Day

Library Services—April 2026

Ohio Public Health Conference

This month, Talking Book Supervisor Angelyn Hellman and Library Consultant Katy Hite provided health related reading lists, “find an Ohio Public Library” information, and information on the Talking Books Program to Ohio Public Health Conference attendees which include Public Health Commissioners and other public health staff from all around the state of Ohio.



Talking Book Supervisor Angelyn Hellman at the State Library Table at the Ohio Public Health Conference



The Library Services department has packed over 2,000 boxes of materials.

Packing for the move

This month, the Library Services Department has been hard at work preparing for our move to new locations. Staff have packed over 2,000 boxes of materials from our collection. We coordinated with EE Ward, Department of Administrative Services, and the Taggart Company to make sure the logistical components of the move stay on target and also that our new facilities are designed and set up correctly.

Library Programs & Development—April 2026



On April 20th, library consultants Janet Ingraham Dwyer (left) and Katy Hite (right) presented the session, “Summer and Beyond! Building Community-Centered Partnerships With Public Libraries” at the Ohio Museums Association Conference in Dublin, Ohio.

Summer Library Program Incentives Available

Several partners are again supporting Ohio public libraries’ Summer Library Programs with incentives and special offers:

*The [Ohio State Fair](#) provides a coupon for one free youth (5-18) admission to the State Fair. This incentive was emailed to public libraries in April.

*The Ohio Department of Natural Resources provides a certificate for \$10 off camping/lodging at [Ohio State Parks](#) for all ages. This incentive was emailed to public libraries in March.

*The [Ohio Renaissance Festival](#) provides a coupon for 50% off gate admission for all ages. Libraries submitted requests in March, and the coupons will be distributed in May.

*The [Greater Cleveland Aquarium](#) offers a specially discounted virtual program for libraries. Each booking of the “Virtual Aquatic Escape” program by an Ohio public library comes with two complimentary Aquarium admission passes that you can use as SLP prizes. [Learn more and book a program.](#) This offer is available year-round.

Consultants On the Road

Library consultant Katy Hite, along with Angelyn Hellman, Supervisor of the Talking Book Program, staffed an informational booth at the Ohio Public Health Conference, sharing with attendees how library services can and do intersect with public health initiatives.

Library consultant Jeff Regensburger attended the annual IMLS Grants-to-States Convening in Deerfield Beach, Florida. Staff from state libraries that work with federal funds participated in educational sessions ranging from program evaluations, allowable costs, and general trends.

Library consultants Jeff Laser, Erin Kelsey, and Katy Hite held a strategic planning workshop for The Brumback Library’s Board of Trustees and leadership team. Participants were guided through a series of exercises to help envision the library’s future using some Appreciative Inquiry techniques.

ODL By the Numbers

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

Total checkouts:

930,315 (3,802,393 YTD)

Format preference:

Slightly more audiobooks (roughly 420K) than ebooks (401K) circulated in April. Magazines clocked in with 107K.

Support:

94 support tickets were submitted and answered in April.

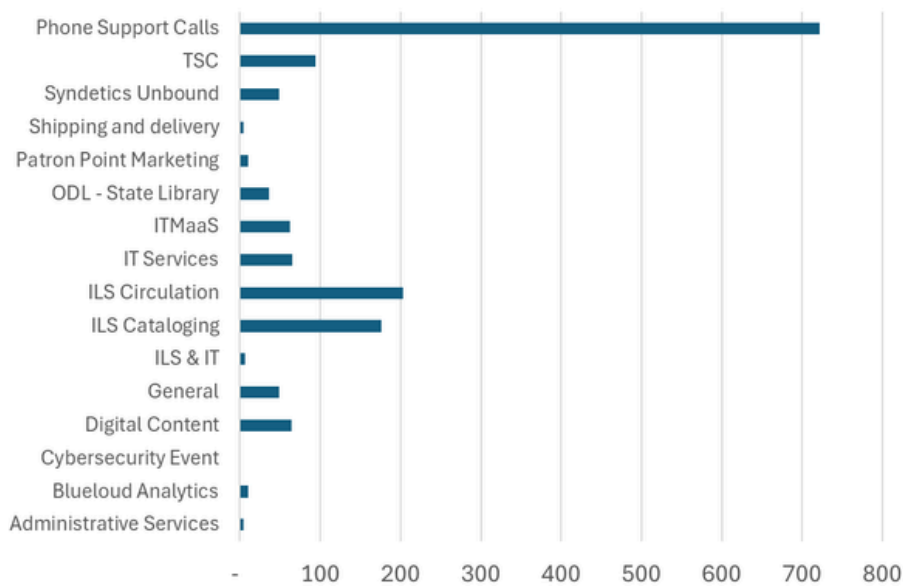
Most popular book title:

I Know You Saw Her, by Ann Girdharry (audiobook)

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

SEO Service Center—April 2026

SEO Service Center Support Tickets and Calls for April 2026



Quick Takeaways:

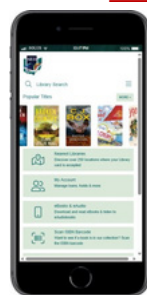
- Phone support calls (722) dominate overall volume.
- ILS work (Circulation + Cataloging 379) represents a major share of operational demand.
- IT Services + ITMaaS (62) and TSC (94) continue to be significant service drivers.

Key service highlights include:

- The ILS Support Team began offering the Round Prices and Bill to the Nearest 5 Cents service.
- **Three library visits** – Hardin Northern Public Library, Bucyrus Public Library, and Delphos Public Library

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

- Over **935,246** items were circulated.
- **172,453** holds were created, and **179,890** holds were filled.
- **6,429** new users were created.
- **642** interlibrary loan requests were initiated.
- **821** support tickets were created, with 3 relayed to the software vendor.



Mobile App Stats	2025	2026	% Change
New Devices	3,661	2,099	-43%
Holds Placed	30,735	31,960	4%
App Launched	84,200	87,080	3%
Searches	92,060	86,034	-7%



- Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views - **1,511**
- Online Catalog Patron Tutorial views - **561**
- Technical Services Committee - **4**



- Heavy use in Announcement and Newsletters being sent (**388,768 emails**)
- Medium use in Birthday/Anniversary campaigns (**2,975 emails**)
- Light use of Winback (**307 emails**) and Coming of Age (**1,124 emails**) campaigns

News—April 2026



State Library of Ohio Opens an Exciting New Chapter: Moving to Modern, Central Ohio Locations

April 7, 2026: The State Library of Ohio is embarking on a new phase of transformation, building on a long legacy of planning and innovation to deliver outstanding library services today and for generations to come. As part of this initiative, staff offices are relocating to the heart of Columbus at 35 East Chestnut Street, while our priceless collections are moving to a specialized archival facility with state-of-the-art environmental controls at 1831 Deffenbaugh Court in Gahanna.



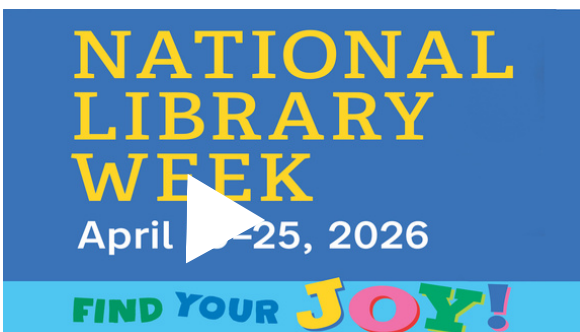
State Library Awards \$74,934 in 2026 LSTA Summer Library Programming Grants

April 10, 2026: Forty-eight Ohio libraries have been awarded federally funded Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Summer Library Program (SLP) Grants from the State Library of Ohio. Libraries may apply for up to \$2,000 in LSTA funding to support summer programming for children, teens, and adults.



Celebrate National Library Week April 19-25, 2026, with the theme “Find Your Joy”

April 20, 2026: National Library Week is an opportunity to recognize the important contributions of libraries and library staff throughout Ohio and across the country, while encouraging communities to use and support these essential hubs. It’s also a time to celebrate library workers and reflect on the sense of discovery and joy that libraries bring to everyday life.



State Library of Ohio Staff Share Why Libraries Bring Them Joy

April 21, 2026: In celebration of National Library Week 2026, our staff took a few moments to share what brings them joy about libraries. In this video, staff members reflect on why they became librarians, what they love most about libraries, the rewards of helping patrons and colleagues, and some of their favorite items in our collections.

Message from the State Librarian

After a year and a half of planning and searching, I am pleased to let you know that the State Library is getting ready to move to our new home. The staff offices are relocating to the heart of Columbus on Chestnut street while our rare and unique collections are moving to a specialized archival facility with state-of-the-art environmental controls.

By relocating to these two locations, the State Library will free up resources to reinvest in collections, digitization projects, and other initiatives aimed to better serve all Ohioans. Please pardon our dust as we close our current facility on 1st Ave. so that we can serve you better tomorrow.




State Library staff members Don Winland, Michael Postlethwait, Jay Miley, Ron Woods, and Eric Maynard moving furniture from Columbus to Caldwell

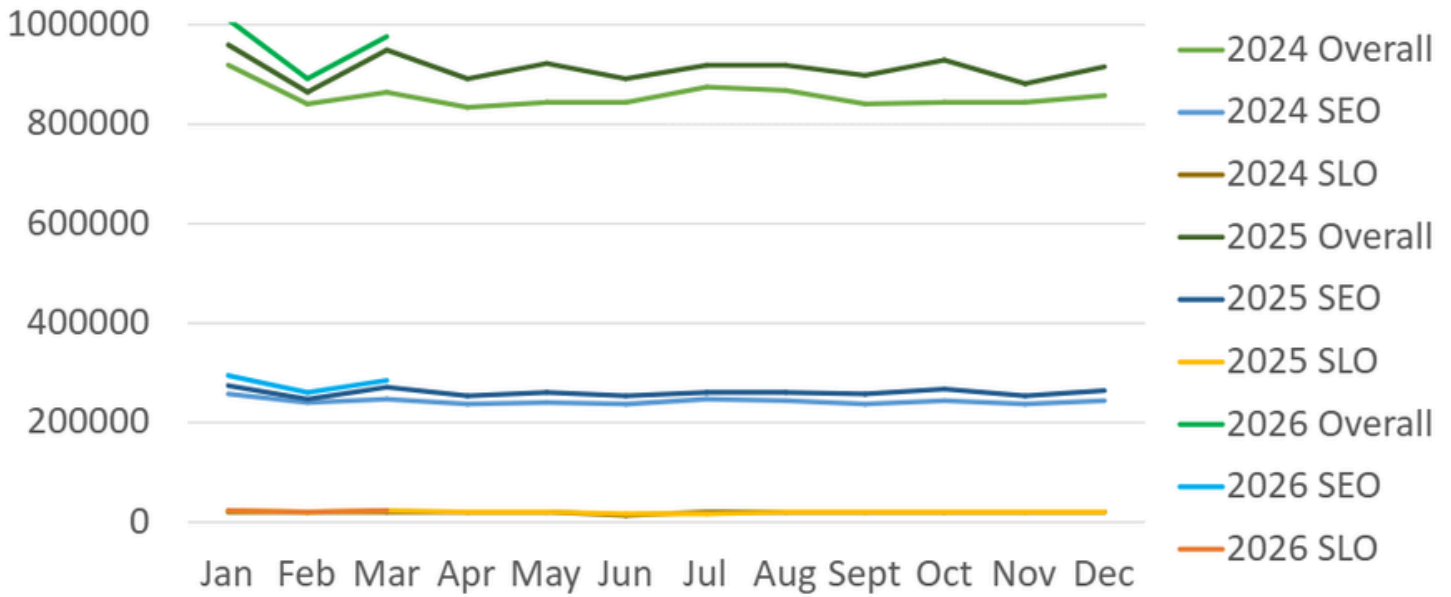
Highlights

- In March, State Librarian Mandy Knapp, Legislative Liaison Kirstin Krumsee, and Madison Public Library's Shawn Walsh visited Ohio legislators and shared materials on the importance of funding for libraries.
- Mandy also attended the spring meeting of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA). Usha Vance, the Second Lady of the United States, spoke to the group on the importance of reading and literacy.
- Mandy and Kirstin also attended the Ohio Library Council's Library Legislative Day in Columbus.
- Staff worked hard to prepare for the Columbus relocation.
- The State Library's strategic plan is taking shape. The State Library Board set high level goals at the March Board Meeting.

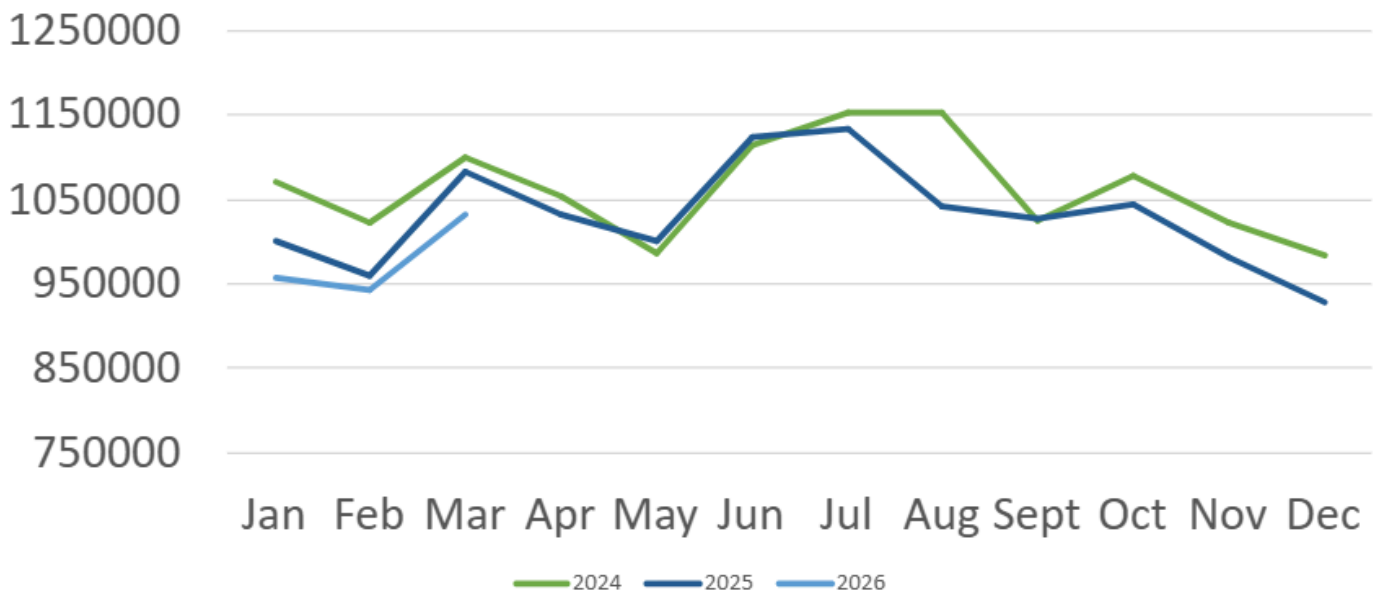


Legislative Liaison Kirstin Krumsee, Legislative Assistant Adrienne Cardulla, State Librarian Knapp, and Madison Public Library's Emerging Services and Technology Librarian Shawn Walsh in Washington, DC

Ohio Digital Library Circulation by Month



SEO Consortium Physical Circulation by Month



Staff Training by Month



Cooperative Partnership Meetings by Month



Library Services—March 2026

Move Preparations

This month the Library Services team has been hard at work preparing for our upcoming move to a new facility. In partnership with other departments, the team has already packed over 700 boxes of materials. Staff have been working on weeding collections, emptying cabinets, and working on creating guidelines to assist with the movement of our nearly 2 million items.



Library Services staff members packing up materials to help prepare for our move

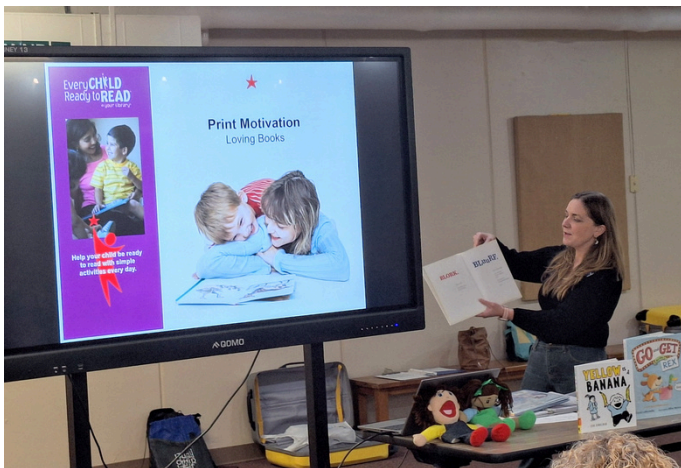


OSU Professor & Head, Thompson Special Collections, Curator of Rare Books & Manuscripts, Eric J. Johnson, Ph.D. presenting to State Library Staff

Rare Book Presentation

This month Ohio State Libraries, Curator of Rare Books & Manuscripts Eric J. Johnson, Ph.D. visited the State Library and presented at our Columbus All Staff meeting. Professor Johnson presented on the many unique holdings of OSU libraries and shared some rare items with our staff. He has also done research into the 2 medieval manuscripts in our collection. Dating one to the early 1200's which was written by Monks from Cistercian Order.

Library Programs & Development—March 2026



On March 4th, library consultants Penelope Shumaker (right) and Janet Ingraham Dwyer (not pictured) facilitated Ohio Ready to Read’s Early Literacy 101 workshop in Wapakoneta, where attendees learned about early brain development and how it relates to library programming.

LSTA Conservation and Preservation Grant

The State Library of Ohio, in partnership with the Ohio Preservation Council (OPC), is pleased to announce the availability of federal Library Services and Technology Act (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 or 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. All analog formats, including book and paper, object, and artwork are appropriate. Under this special program, prospective applicants must attend the workshop on May 19th, 2026, or submit the opt-out form indicating they attended the May 2025 workshop by May 19th, in order to submit a grant application. Full details about the grant program can be found here.

Consultants On the Road

Library consultant Janet Ingraham Dwyer and Choose to Read Ohio Advisory Council member Liz Deskens presented a session on Ohio authors and Ohio-based book awards at the Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts (OCTELA) conference in Newark.

Library consultants Katy Hite and Jeff Regensburger presented sessions on identifying community partners/mapping assets and LSTA grants, respectively, as part of OhioNet’s “Boom and Bust: Libraries Navigating Economic Change in Their Communities” event, held in Chillicothe.

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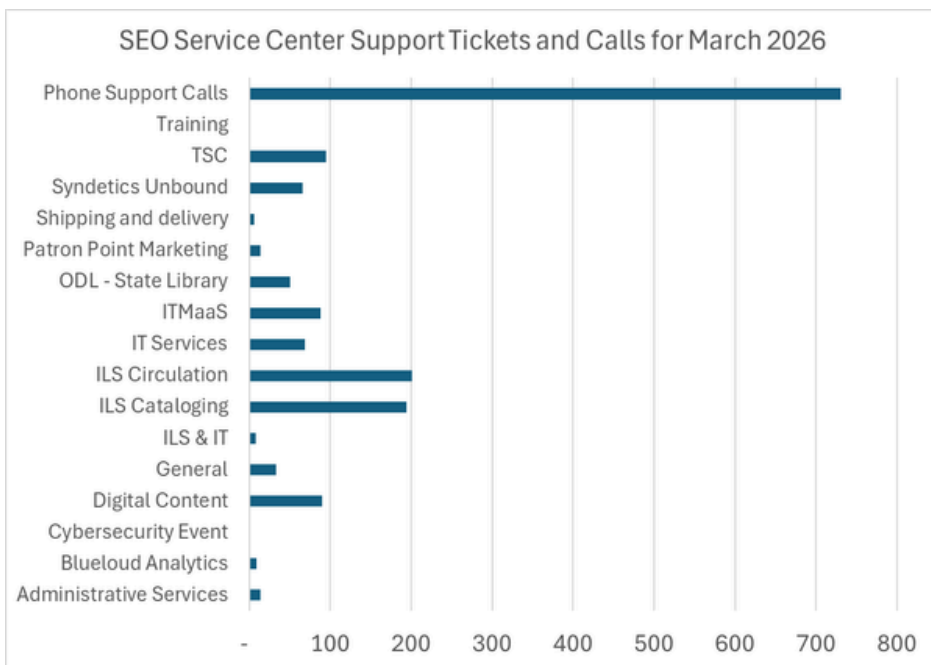
Record broken:
On March 10th, 37,702 checkouts were recorded--the largest-ever daily amount in ODL history!

Support:
144 support tickets were submitted and answered in February.

Most popular book title:
The Perfect Divorce, by Jeneva Rose (audiobook)

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SEO Service Center—March 2026



Quick Takeaways:

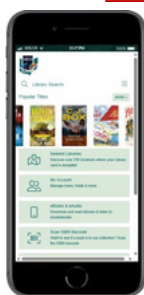
- Phone Support Calls (731) dominate overall volume.
- ILS work (Circulation + Cataloging 395) represents a major share of operational demand.
- IT Services + ITMaaS (96) and TSC (95) continue to be significant service drivers.

Key service highlights include:

- **The SEO ILS & IT Teams** hosted an Open Office Hour on Cybersecurity Essentials with **31 attendees**.
- **Two library visits** – St. Clairsville Public Library and Dally Memorial Library

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

- Over **1,042,082** items were circulated.
- **193,123** holds were created, and **196,393** holds were filled.
- **6,587** new users were created
- **580** interlibrary loan requests were initiated.
- **939** support tickets were created, with **16** relayed to the software vendor.



Mobile App Stats	2025	2026	% Change
New Devices	3,450	2,277	-34%
Holds Placed	31,743	36,588	15%
App Launched	89,519	96,258	8%
Searches	96,435	94,025	-2%



- Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views - **1,599**
- Online Catalog Patron Tutorial views - **720**
- Patron ASL Storytime views - **6**



- Heavy use in Announcement and Newsletters being sent (**371,137 emails**)
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News—March 2026



Ohio Deaf History Month

March 1, 2026: The State Library of Ohio Board recently passed a resolution proclaiming the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15, 2026, as Ohio Deaf History Month.



State Library Awards \$18,877 in 2026 LSTA Open Grants to Four Libraries

March 5, 2026: Pickerington Public Library, Germantown Public Library, Monroeville Public Library, and Rock Creek Public Library have been awarded federally funded Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Open Grants from the State Library of Ohio.



Registration is open for Take 5: “REVO” - the Re-evolution of Teen Services

March 11, 2026: Take 5 is an annual, librarian-led event on new ideas and creative approaches in teen services.



State Library Awards \$64,775 in 2026 LSTA Celebrating Ohio Book Awards and Authors (COBAA) Grants

March 13, 2026: Thirty-eight Ohio libraries have been awarded federally funded Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Celebrating Ohio Book Awards and Authors (COBAA) Grants from the State Library of Ohio.



State Library Board Selects Two Exceptional Ohio LSTA Grantees

March 19, 2026: State Library Board recognized two Exceptional Grantees for their innovative use of federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and awarded by the State Library.



Ohio LSTA Conservation & Preservation Grant 2026

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State Library of Ohio to Assume Administration of SearchOhio Consortium

March 23, 2026: The State Library and the Westerville Public Library are collaborating closely on the transition which is expected by January 2027.

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.C**

MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **OPLIN Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Don Yarman**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

E-Rate News

Phishing comes to E-Rate

Some E-Rate applicants have received emails with the subject "Service Provider Document, E-Rate Productivity Center." The originating domain is "usac.com," not the correct "usac.org" domain. The "View Secure Message" link in the body of the email is where they'll get you. USAC has been notified, but in the meantime, be careful.

Square Footage Review

Of course this comes in the height of application review season. Because a new five-year Category 2 Budget cycle starts this year, nearly every Category 2 request is being met with a square footage review. The typical way to pass these is to get a letter from me.

SAM.gov

By August 2026, all applicants invoicing for E-Rate reimbursements will require an active SAM.gov registration for payment. Your library must register for a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) at SAM.gov, and renew the registration annually. Christine created [a guide to help Ohio public libraries](#). No need to do this if you get discounted bills ("SPI")

Very important: There are many unscrupulous people and organizations that offer "SAM.gov" registration or renewal services for a price. These are all scams. Do not send money to them, and do not be taken in by their false claims of urgency. If you have questions about your SAM.gov registration, contact OPLIN, and we will help you verify the status of your organization's registration.

Cooperative Database Subscription Funding

Some of the databases available to OhioLINK members are provided via what they've called their "NPR Model" of funding: some institutions chip in to fund subscriptions that are available to all. I have been negotiating with a few vendors to try this for selected products. Gale LegalForms, for example, is a mature resource that many libraries already subscribe to, but many could never afford, and the vendor has probably reached the ceiling on their earnings in Ohio for this product. My plan is to announce something like a "GoFundMe" campaign where I'd post the cost I'd negotiated, libraries pledge the amounts they're willing to contribute, and we'll see if we reach the target. Look for more news this summer.

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ITEM NO.: **5.D**

MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 Institutional Membership Dues

As of May 8, I am happy to report that 235 public library systems are Institutional Members of OLC. We have 14 library systems that are still in the process of renewing their memberships and submitting payment. We did have a few counties where invoices were delayed due to inaccurate information from county auditors.

The following two public library systems have not paid any portion of their 2026 dues and were not included in the revenue projections for the 2026 OLC operational budget:

Library	2026 Dues
Bettsville Public Library	448
Franklin Public Library	5,196
TOTAL	5,644

Library Levies on May Primary Ballot

Voters across Ohio approved 12 of the 14 library levies on the ballot on May 5. The measures included seven requests for new or additional funding, six renewals, and one renewal with an increase.

Notably, all renewal or renewal-with-increase levies were approved, each receiving at least 64% of the vote, underscoring broad and consistent support for maintaining library funding. Levies seeking new or additional funding also performed well, with 71% earning voter approval. Only two levies did not pass.

[May Primary Library Levy Results](#)

While many library levies were successful, it is important to keep in mind that most requests were placed on the ballot to maintain current services and not necessarily to expand services. For those that did not pass, they will have difficult decisions to make in the coming months. Also, many of our colleagues in other sectors of public service were not as successful.

OLC Staff Anniversaries

Recent OLC staff anniversaries include:

- Angie Jacobsen: March 28 – 10 years
- Laurie Miller: April 19 – 5 years
- Ro Swanson: May 8 – 26 years

Trustee Dinners

This spring, OLC hosted four regional Trustee Dinners/Lunch. These are meetings throughout the state for public library trustees and administrators. The events focused on OLC's PR Campaign and property taxes. Also, they provided a venue for library trustees and administrators to share information and ideas with their counterparts throughout the region.

Date	2026 Locations (In-Person)	Attendance
Apr. 9	SW Ohio – MidPointe Library, West Chester	26
Apr. 16	NW Ohio – Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	43
Apr. 30	SE Ohio – Guernsey County Library, Cambridge	19
May 7	NE Ohio – Embassy Suites, Independence	91

Date	2025 Locations (In-Person)	Attendance
Mar. 20	SE Ohio – Guernsey County Library, Cambridge	28
Apr. 3	NW Ohio – Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	52
Apr. 24	SW Ohio – MidPointe Library, West Chester	43
May 8	NE Ohio – Embassy Suites, Independence	95

Date	2024 Locations (In-Person)	Attendance
Mar. 28	SE Ohio – Guernsey County Library	16
Apr. 11	NW Ohio – Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	45
Apr. 25	SW Ohio – Walnut Grove Country Club, Dayton	21
May 2	NE Ohio – Embassy Suites, Independence	85

Date	2023 Locations (In-Person)	Attendance
Mar. 30	SE Ohio – Sen. Hoagland	16
April 6	NW Ohio – Rep. Ghanbari	42
April 20	SW Ohio – Sen. Hackett	29
May 4	NE Ohio – OLC Staff	88

Date	2022 Locations (In-Person)	Attendance
April 21	SE Ohio – Rep. Don Jones	30
May 5	NW Ohio – Rep. Haraz Ghanbari & Chancellor Randy Gardner	40
May 12	NE Ohio – Rep. Gayle Manning	66
May 19	SW Ohio – Rep. Jessica Miranda	22

Activities

Activities since the last Board meeting include:

- Mar. 16 OLC Staff Meeting
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
Meeting w/OGI/Gov.'s Team
- Mar. 17 House Finance Committee Hearing
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
OLC GRC Meeting
- Mar. 18 OLC Legislative Day at the Statehouse
House Ways & Means Committee Hearing
- Mar. 19 SLO Meeting
- Mar. 23 OLC Staff Meeting
Meeting w/Sen. Gavarone
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
- Mar. 24 Meeting w/House Speaker Pro Temp Manning
Meeting w/Senate Minority Leader Antonio
Meeting w/Sen. Patton
- Mar. 25 OLC CPIM Conference
Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
Library Accounting Division Action Council Meeting
- Mar. 26 OLC CPIM Conference
Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
- Apr. 6 OLC Staff Meeting
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
OLC Strategic Planning Pre-Retreat Session
- Apr. 7 Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
Meeting w/Small Libraries DAC
Meeting w/Senate Majority Budget Caucus Staff
- Apr. 8 Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
Large Coalition Meeting
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
- Apr. 9 OLC SE Ohio Trustee Lunch
- Apr. 10 Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
- Apr. 13 OLC Staff Meeting
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
OLC Webinar w/Amazon Business Prime
- Apr. 14 Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
- Apr. 15 OLC HR Division Action Council Meeting
- Apr. 16 Special OLC Virtual Meeting for Library Directors & FOs

Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
 CC w/Maritz/Shonna
 OLC NW Ohio Trustee Dinner

Apr. 17 OLA Signature Luncheon w/Kathleen Clyde

Apr. 20 OLC Staff Meeting
 Coalition Steering Committee Meeting

Apr. 21 OLC Board of Directors Strategic Planning Retreat

Apr. 22 OLC Board of Directors Strategic Planning Retreat

Apr. 23 OLC Audit
 GZ Learn Onboarding
 OLA Signature Luncheon w/ Alex Triantafilou
 Coalition Steering Committee Meeting

Apr. 27 OLC Staff Meeting
 Coalition Steering Committee Meeting

Apr. 28 DPILO Meeting
 OLC PR Campaign Meeting

Apr. 29 CyberOhio Webinar

Apr. 30 Eastern Ohio Trustee Dinner

May 1 OLC BoD Nominating Committee Meeting
 MCLS Ribbon Cutting & Open House

May 4 Meeting w/Northway Advisors
 Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
 HR Workshop Meeting w/Bricker

May 5 OLC Staff Meeting
 HR Workshop Meeting w/Wilkins

May 6 Media Interview w/Statehouse News Bureau
 Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
 OLC PR Campaign Meeting

May 7 Post-Primary Impact Ohio Conference
 NE Ohio Trustee Dinner

May 8 ETM Meeting
 Meeting w/Garber

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MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Government and Legal
Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jay Smith**

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PLF Update

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) posted 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 and ODT’s updated estimate issued in December 2025 that went unchanged.

According to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), the state’s General Revenue Fund (GRF) 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. This will be important as we begin our preparations for the next state budget.

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

Statehouse Update

The Legislature has been on recess for most of April during the lead-up to the Primary Election. Moving forward, both the House and Senate plan to meet throughout May and into June.

Currently, the last session day is scheduled for June 10, with "if needed" dates set for June 17 and June 24 before the summer break. Over the next several weeks, the primary focus will be on the Capital Budget. More will be discussed at the board meeting.

Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate Property Taxes

On April 23 the group seeking to eliminate property taxes announced it has collected 305,000 signatures toward its goal. To place the issue on the November 2026 ballot, a minimum of 413,488 valid signatures must be filed by July 1. While the announcement has generated headlines, it does not fundamentally change our public education efforts. In fact, it is more important than ever that we share factual information.

OLC is aware of misinformation circulating about library funding. It is critical that we continue to share clear and accurate facts, such as:

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- There is no obligation in Ohio's Constitution to fund public libraries.
- Public libraries account for only 2.5% of all property taxes collected statewide.

These points are essential in helping Ohioans understand both the limited share libraries receive and the potential impact of changes to local funding structures.

Recent reporting underscores the status of the petition drive and the broader conversation taking place across the state:

- [Face the State segment](#) (aired April 26, beginning at the 1:25 mark)
- [Editorial: Anti-property tax idea, don't sign on](#) (Toledo Blade, 4/23/26)
- [Ohio anti-property tax group short of signature goal, vows to continue](#) (Columbus Dispatch, 4/23/26)
- [Ohio property tax repeal campaign says it's halfway to ballot goal](#) (Plain Dealer, 4/23/26)
- [Statement from Ohioans to Protect Public Services](#) (issued to media 4/23/26)

OLC encourages members to continue using the [Public Libraries and Property Taxes Fact Sheet](#) and materials from [Ohioans to Protect Public Services](#) to support consistent, factual messaging. More will be discussed at the Board Meeting.

Post Primary - Impact Ohio Event

We recently attended a post-election conference featuring party chairs, strategists, and legislative leadership. Both parties say they are energized and remain focused on the upcoming November general election.

During one session, legislative leaders highlighted the following priorities:

- House Republicans: Assistant Majority Floor Leader Adam Bird noted the Capital Budget as the primary focus before summer recess, along with property tax reform, healthcare, election integrity, and finances.
- House Democrats: Minority Leader Dani Isaacsohn highlighted plans to address rising costs in healthcare, childcare, energy, and housing.
- Senate Republicans: Majority Whip George Lang remains focused on business issues, tax reductions, and property tax reform.
- Senate Democrats: Assistant Minority Whip Beth Liston emphasized policies regarding childcare, K-12 schools, and healthcare.

137th Ohio General Assembly Senate President

In the race to become the next Senate President, Senator Jerry Cirino has formally ended his bid, giving Senator Bill Reineke a clearer path to succeed President Rob McColley next year. Senator Cirino also indicated he is unlikely to serve as Senate Finance Chair next year.

Library Ballot Issues Workshop July 9

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Is your library considering going on the local ballot with a new levy, renewing a levy, or modifying a levy that's been in place? Register for OLC's Ballot Issues Workshop which will be hosted virtually on July 9. This workshop will provide you with the information you need as you prepare for your ballot initiative.

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: **May 15, 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.

- C&E Program Committee met in person at the OLC office to discuss program selection on April 14. Approval emails are being sent through app, and the deadline to accept is today.
- Currently working on program grid to solidify dates and times of breakout sessions.
- Still researching General Session speakers for Wednesday and Friday.
- 12 total Poster Sessions are selected at this time.
- Exhibitor and Sponsor registration have been set up in GrowthZone for 2026. Attendee registration is set up and scheduled to open in early July.
- Currently there are 13 Exhibitors.
- Sent agreement to Bookstore vendor, waiting on their final approval.
- Working with Shonna from Maritz on 2028 site options.

Meetings Participation

- C&E Expo Committee Meeting – March 17
- C&E Local Arrangements Committee Meeting – March 26
- GrowthZone LMS Project Meeting – April 13
- C&E Program Committee Meeting @ OLC – April 14
- HR Division Meeting – April 15
- Special Virtual Meeting for Library Directors & Fiscal Officers – April 16
- Maritz call with Shonna – April 16
- C&E Local Arrangements Committee Meeting – April 20
- OLC Strategic Planning Meeting – April 21 & 22
- GrowthZone LMS Project Meeting – April 23
- C&E General Session speaker calls – April 30
- C&E LA/Expo Committee Meeting – April 12

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

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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
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	26
Teen Services Talk	May 14	Virtual	17
Equalis Group Webinar: Joint Purchasing	May 18	Virtual	34
New Directors Workshop Series 1 of 4	May 19	OLC/Virtual	12
IT Division “Rack’side Chat”	Jun. 5	Virtual	1
Outreach Coffee Chat	Jun. 12	Virtual	7
HR Hybrid Workshop 101	Jun. 16	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
New Directors Workshop Series 2 of 4	Jun. 23	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
Ballot Issues Workshop #1	Jul. 9	OLC/Virtual	0
Virtual Mentorship Series #2	Jul. 15	Virtual	5
New Directors Workshop Series 3 of 4	Jul. 22	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
HR Hybrid Workshop 102	Aug. 4	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
Teen Services Talk	Aug. 12	Virtual	5
Marketing Meet-Up	Aug. 12	Virtual	8
Outreach and Special Services Retreat	Aug. 14	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
Library Fiscal Officer 102	Aug. 21	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
New Directors Workshop Series 4 of 4	Aug. 26	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
IT Division “Rack’side Chat”	Sept. 4	Virtual	0
Safety & Security Conference	Sept. 11	OCLC Conference Center	Not Open
Virtual Mentorship Series #3	Sept. 16	Virtual	4
Outreach Coffee Chat	Sept. 25	Virtual	3
2026 Convention & Expo	Oct. 21-23	Kalahari, Sandusky	Not Open
Ballot Issues Workshop #2	Nov. TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
Virtual Mentorship Series #4	Nov. 11	Virtual	4
Teen Services Talk	Nov. 16	Virtual	5
Planning & Leadership Conference	Nov. TBD	Virtual	Not Open

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MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Communications Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Angie Jacobsen**

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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. On-site collateral materials were distributed to attendees, including a sample press release for use with local media. Participants were also encouraged to share event photos on social media using [#OhioLibraryDay](#).

Sample local news coverage:

- [Wayne County Public Library highlights value during Statehouse talks](#)
- [Library leaders attend event](#)

Library Levies

A press release was sent about Ohio voters approving 12 of the 14 public library levies on the May primary ballot. Press release and levy results:
<https://members.olc.org/news/Details/ohio-voters-show-strong-support-for-public-libraries-approving-12-of-14-levies-330118>

Sample media coverage:

- [Ohio voters approved most library levies on primary ballot](#)
- [Ohioans again demonstrate their support of public libraries at the ballot box](#)
- [Ohio voters show support for public library funding](#)

Statewide Coalition — Ohioans to Protect Public Services

Information was shared in *This Week*, *Access*, the [OLC website](#) about OLC serving on the Steering Committee of [Ohioans to Protect Public Services](#), a broad-based, statewide coalition working to raise awareness about what is at stake if property taxes are eliminated without a plan to replace the revenue. On April 16, the coalition launched its [website](#), along with a new [video](#) and [informational tools](#) designed to help explain the issue.

In addition, the [Public Libraries and Property Taxes fact sheet](#) and [FAQs about Library Funding](#) were updated and posted on the [OLC website](#).

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 created and mailed in March. Sponsorship opportunities were updated on the [OLC website](#).

Division/Committee Projects

- The Library Trustee e-newsletter was distributed on April 3.
- Member Spotlight articles appeared in the April 1 and April 29 issues of *Access*.
- Customer Service and Support Staff Division sent an e-newsletter on March 27.
- Children's Services Division sent its quarterly e-newsletter on March 10.
- Technical Services Division sent an e-newsletter on March 9.
- Teen Services Division will host another virtual discussion (Teen Services Talk) on May 14.
- Nominations for the 2026 Awards and Honors were promoted in *This Week*, *Access*, OLC website and social media. The deadline was extended from April 30 to May 29.
- A call for committee members for the new Safety and Security Conference was promoted in *This Week* and *Access*. The conference is scheduled for September 11, 2026.
- A call for Board of Directors nominations was published in *This Week*, *Access* and the OLC website.

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 (GZ) 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.

Website

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

1. Jobs
2. New Research Shows Ohioans Strongly Value Local Library Services
3. Event Calendar
4. Ohio Voters Show Strong Support for Public Libraries
5. Convention and Expo
6. Webinars & Online Reference Training
7. Certification
8. Library Funding/PLF
9. Awards and Honors
10. OLC News

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

MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 Membership

As of May 5, there was a total of 2064 members as compared to 2031 on May 8, 2025. There are currently 1725 renewals; 308 new; and 31 Lifetime. Friends groups, other institutions and associate members have recently been billed and continue to come in.

The Membership Committee met via Zoom on March 19, and again on April 16. Agenda items included: Statistics; Student Representative replacement; New Member second drip email; the drop date of March 5 for non-renewals, Honor Roll Libraries, and a retention letter to 2025 members.

The Committee held a second Membership Meet-up on April 6. There were 24 members registered. Jennifer Buch and Jon Keppel from the OLC Membership Committee held an engaging discussion about how members can get involved in OLC. They also showed how to navigate certain areas of the Member Info Hub.

A retention letter was sent to 388 former individual members on April 30 encouraging previous members to rejoin OLC for 2026. Thank you letters are scheduled to be sent to those library directors who responded to the survey regarding paying all or partial OLC individual dues. The Committee is scheduled to meet again on June 18 at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

Leadership Tracking

A review of our records of those participating on a Division Action Council or Committee identified 5 people who had not renewed their dues for 2026. A reminder was sent and 4 have renewed. Updates have been made to our Leadership Tracking system and reflected on the website.

Nominations and Elections

Slates of candidates for Division Action Councils were due to OLC by April 15. Staff continues to work directly with each division coordinator to complete their slates. A nomination acceptance form will be sent to candidates requesting biographical information for the ballots.

Awards and Honors

The Awards and Honors Committee met via Zoom on Feb. 25 to discuss the current number of submissions and any concerns. The deadline for submissions was extended to May 29. We continue to promote the Awards program in *Access* and *This Week*.