

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

AGENDA

Nov. 7, 2025
OLC Office
10:00 a.m.

Annual Membership Business Meeting

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Nov. 15, 2024 (#)*
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Announcements
6. Adjournment

OLC Board of Directors Meeting

1. Approval of Agenda (#)*
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Sept. 19, 2025 – Regular Meeting (#)*
3. Reports for Action
 - A. Financial Report: Month-End – September 2025 and End of Year Outlook (#)*
 - B. OLC Board Meeting Dates – 2026 (#)*
 - C. Ratification of OLC Committee Appointments – 2026 (#)*
4. Reports for Discussion
 - A. Public Library PR/Marketing Campaign
 - B. Property Tax Coalition
 - C. OLC 2026 Planning and Leadership Conference
 - D. OLC 2025 Convention and Expo
5. Reports for Information
 - A. “State of OLC Report”
 - B. OLC Board Officer Nominations – 2026 (#)
 - C. OLC Board Committee Assignments – 2026 (#)
 - D. ALA Councilor Report (#)
 - E. State Library of Ohio Report (#)

- F. OPLIN Report (#)
- G. Executive Director's Report (#)
- H. Staff Reports
 - 1. Government and Legal Services Report (#)
 - 2. Professional Development (#)
 - 3. Communications Report (#)
 - 4. Membership Services Report (#)

6. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

7. Announcements

Next Meeting: Jan. 16, 2026

8. Executive Session

9. Adjournment

(#) Report included in background packet

* Action Item

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 15, 2024

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER	Chair, Sarah Clevidence called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
WELCOME AND	Clevidence welcomed Monica Baughman, who was in attendance and elected to serve on the OLC Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning in January 2025. She also welcomed Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Cleveland Heights (attending virtually); Liz Muether, Celina; Bernie Rochford, Akron and William Rutger, Avon Lake.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	THE APPROPRIATE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WAS RECEIVED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	THE APPROPRIATE APPROVAL OF THE 2023 OLC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2023, AS PRESENTED WAS RECEIVED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
OLD BUSINESS	There was no old business for consideration by the membership.
NEW BUSINESS	There was no new business for consideration by the membership.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	Clevidence recognized Aimee Fifarek, Youngstown; Cheryl Kuonen, Mentor; Rick Rubin, Cuyahoga Falls; Jennifer Slone, Chillicothe; and Laura Lee Wilson, Willard. They will conclude their service on the Board at the end of 2024.
ADJOURNMENT	WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP, THE 2024 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:08 A.M.

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sept. 19, 2025
10:00 A.M.
OLC Office

PRESENT	Monica Baughman, Worthington Travis Bautz, Middletown Julianne Bedel, Medina Sarah Clevidence, Findlay Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Cleveland Heights (Virtual) Sandra Hedlund Tunnell, Ashland Mary Ellen Icaza, Canton Robbie Jenkins, Gallipolis (Virtual) Elizabeth Muether, Celina Bernie Rochford, Akron William Rutger, Sandusky (Virtual)
ABSENT	Kathy Bach, Cincinnati Stacey Russell, Zanesville
GUESTS	Mandy Knapp, State Library of Ohio Nick Tepe, ALA Councilor (Virtual) Don Yarman, OPLIN
STAFF	Michelle Francis, Executive Director Jeanine D'Andrea, Director, Membership Services Angie Jacobsen, Director, Communications Denise Kise, Accounting/Data Services Laurie Miller, Director, Professional Development Jay Smith, Director, Government and Legal Services
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Chair Icaza at 10:01 a.m. Icaza noted that Stacey Russell and Kathy Bach were unable to attend. Russell asked Icaza to remind Board members that the evaluation forms for the OLC Executive Director will be coming soon. Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Robbie Jenkins and William Rutger are participating virtually. Nick Tepe is participating virtually for the ALA Councilor Report. The Board held a moment of silence for Alan Hall who passed away on September 12. Alan was Director Emeritus of the Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County; 2019 OLC Hall of Fame Librarian; 1989 OLC Librarian of the Year; Member of the OLC Board of Directors; Member of the State Library Board 2019-2022; Lifetime Member of OLC and one of our strongest supporters and advocates. Francis shared that flowers are being delivered to the funeral today on behalf of the OLC Board of Directors and Staff.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	CLEVIDENCE MOVED AND MUETHER SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	HEDLUND TUNNEL MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE JULY 18, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BEDEL MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE JULY 18, 2025 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINANCIAL REPORT
MONTH-END JULY 2025

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

Revenue.

Dues. Institutional dues are over budget due to Plain City Public Library joining. Other Institutions are under budget due to delayed invoicing. Individual Memberships are under budget due to decrease in personal membership.

Continuing Education. Legislative Day came in over budget due to increased attendance. Workshop attendance is down and under budget.

Contract Income. Sourcing Office is over budget \$117,000 due to the one-time Amazon rebate.

Other Income. Unrealized gains on long-term investments is over budget. Interest and Dividends are over budget due to returns on short-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. Workers' Comp is slightly under budget due to BWC rebates.

Consultants and Contractors. Consultants and Contractors are under budget due to delayed invoicing from Vorys for legal services. Expo contractors is under budget due to timing of payments.

Communications. Communications is under budget due to fewer mailings.

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

Maintenance and Equipment. Equipment Rental is over budget due to CPIM rental equipment and coding.

Travel and Meals. Travel is under budget due to fewer Board, Committees and Division requests for reimbursements.

Management Expenses. Management Expenses are under budget for catering and other meals at events.

The net change in assets is ahead of budget by \$176,285.

HEDLUND TUNNELL MOVED AND CLEVIDENCE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT: MONTH-END – JULY 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AMERICA 250

Francis reported Ohio 250 approached OLC about highlighting America 250 book clubs next year. Possibly focusing on one book each month, with a focus on revolutionary war era titles. Francis asked the Board for their feedback.

Hedlund Tunnell is involved with another organization that hosts a Book Club. She asked if that would be something OLC would highlight. Francis clarified that OLC would highlight it, not manage it.

Icaza noted their library already has strong recommendations for Spring booklist, in connection with the nation's celebration.

Francis would like to open it up to the membership that if you are going to be doing a book club let OLC know, and we can highlight it and Ohio 250 would highlight it as well.

2027 OLC CONVENTION & EXPO AD HOC

Francis reported the Ad Hoc Committee on the 2027 OLC Convention & Expo Committee met on August 6. She thanked Hedlund Tunnel, Rutger, Baughman and Rochford for volunteering as members of the Ad Hoc Committee. The recommendation was to go to Sharonville Convention Center and add language with a clause for OLC if there are state funding concerns. OLC staff was able to negotiate in this language. OLC will have up to 90 days prior to cancel the Convention space with the understanding that OLC will reschedule at a later date. 2027 is a state budget year. The only restriction is that OLC would have to agree to re-book at the next available opportunity.

Clevidence asked if the Committee discussed holding the Convention every year or every other year. While this was discussed, there is no formal recommendation at this time. Clevidence noted that the Board should remain cognizant if future conventions should remain every year.

Bautz asked about Chapter Conferences. Francis noted it is hard to get the same content in 4-5 regional locations. There are several options. The Board can make those decisions as we move forward.

DeNero Ackroyd asked about no convention in 2024 with PLA being in Columbus. It's hard to access what will work and not work. It varies on the content and what other competitors are offering. OLC is committed to offering some things hybrid next year. Not having a convention is less workload – OLC will continue to give our members new options. Hosting workshops offsite with a virtual option is extremely expensive.

CLEVIDENCE MOVED AND BAUTZ SECONDED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SIGNING THE SHARONVILLE CONTRACT WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FINANCIAL OUT CLAUSE ADDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Francis noted that future conversations may be needed later to discuss other options.

2025 CONVENTION & EXPO UPDATE

Francis noted that Sponsorship is at \$78,500. The exhibit hall is sold out. She thanked the staff for their work. Registration opened last week. Miller reported the General Session speakers are all set. There was a site visit with chairs and some committee members. There is not a Cleveland Cavaliers game Thursday evening, and Cleveland Public Library is hosting a game night. Wednesday night is a reception at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. The Thursday luncheon speaker for the Professional Development Luncheon is the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Librarian. Registration is off to a good start. OLC is working with the Foundation for Hospital Art to have 6 canvases which create 1 large picture for attendees to help paint at their leisure. Once completed, it will be provided to a hospital in need.

2026 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee openings have been identified and OLC staff are working on fulfilling those appointments. A full report will be provided to the Appointments Committee upon completion and presented for action at the November 2025 Board meeting.

2025 ELECTIONS REPORT

Staff met with Clevidence on August 4 to certify the election results. Francis has set meeting dates for orientation with new incoming Board members Titkemeier and Lombardo in October. They will also be invited to attend the November Board meeting. Clevidence commended D'Andrea for her organization of the nominations and elections process.

OLC BOARD MEETING DATES

The proposed dates for the 2026 OLC Board meetings are as follows: Jan. 16; March 13; May 15; July 17; Sept. 18; Nov. 13. Final approval will take place at the Nov. 7 meeting.

ALA COUNCILOR REPORT

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

Council Activity. The Executive Board recommended that Round Table elections be limited to the same positions that are elected for other ALA officers; Chair-Elect/Coordinator-Elect/President-Elect and Treasurer. An amendment was successfully added to keep Secretary as an elected position. The elected officers would be free to appoint any positions necessary to carry out the work of the Round Table.

The Executive Board also recommended that all ALA, division, round table and office publications be published by ALA Publishing & Media.

Tepe is continuing his work as part of an Ad-Hoc Committee making a recommendation to the Executive Board on how the organization manages the nomination and election of Executive Board members. Tepe has also started his term on the Committee on Organization, where they will finish the work of reviewing all ALA committees and making recommendations for any changes to the current structure.

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO REPORT

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

Facility. The State Library was working with the Ohio Expo Commission on space. They are not able to move forward with that. In the meantime, the State Library is pursuing improvements to their center in Caldwell so that they can relocate some items.

LSTA Grants. LSTA Competitive Grant applications are open through October 20, with awards announced in December. The Competitive Grant offers eligible libraries the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 in LSTA funds for projects that address one of three focus areas: Literacy Library as Community Anchor, and Outreach and Engagement.

Legislature. The legislative tone has changed. State Library staff are generally feeling more relaxed. IMLS has received its normal funding. There is a continuing resolution for October 1.

Video Series. Knapp thanked those who submitted videos which showcases the statewide impact of federal library funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act.

Cybersecurity. The State Library is beginning a pilot program with smaller libraries on the essentials of Cybersecurity and where to get started – asset inventory; fiscal officer only access, etc. If the pilot goes well for smaller libraries, they will expand the program.

Listening Tour. Knapp's listening tour continues. She will have her final report to the State Library of Ohio Board at the end of the year.

America 250. Knapp received a message from the federal government they would like to see Ohio 250 programs. The Freedom Truck is a travelling exhibit space with different items relating to the founding of our country.

OPLIN REPORT

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

Wi-Fi Hotspot E-Rate. The chairman of the FCC has announced his intention to overturn the eligibility of hotspots for E-rate support. E-rate is for facilities not for services outside of the facilities. There is concern for school bus wi-fi coverage.

Statewide Web-Based Digital Skills Platform. BroadbandOhio has contracted with Northstar as the statewide digital literacy training platform. OPLIN is in the process of reactivating accounts and will relaunch Northstar later this year.

WhoFi. More than half of the libraries using OPLIN's Webkit service use the Community Calendar product. OPLIN will be looking for a way to continue paying for the libraries that use it. OPLIN will not be paying for the Wifi Analytics piece, though OhioNet is exploring group pricing. Clevnet is picking up the cost for their members.

Cybersecurity Requirements. OPLIN is working with OLC and the State Library to help libraries with the new requirements.

Managed Branch Connections. Sign-ups are open now for OPLIN to provide connections to library branches. They are also exploring a less expensive, lower tier of service for smaller locations. They will pilot in Portage and Tuscarawas County libraries to use copper versus fiber.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Meeting Update. Francis noted OLC is partnering with Highlights and Google on Internet literacy. Google gave Highlights 10,000 kits to distribute to schools and libraries. There are 100 kits in a box. This program is completely optional. It is geared toward grades 2-5. OLC will host a webinar in the beginning of October. Highlights and Google will be shipping all the kits. There will be materials at the OLC booth in the Expo Hall at Convention. They are starting this program in Ohio first. Their goal is to distribute 1 million kits.

Workers Comp. Francis reported more than 180 public library systems will be participating in OLC's 2026 Group Rating Program.

Director Forums for Small Libraries. 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. To date 60 directors have registered for the forums.

GOVERNMENT AND LEGAL
SERVICES REPORT

Regional Meetings for Directors. OLC is hosting a series of regional meetings for library directors and fiscal officers. These meetings will provide timely updates and insight into several key financial and policy issues impacting Ohio's public libraries. The content is different from the forums for Small Libraries.

Planning and Leadership Conference. The Planning and Leadership Conference is scheduled for Nov. 18, the Tuesday before the Convention & Expo. This will be a half-day meeting. Invitations will be sent in October.

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

PLF Update. Distribution for September was \$40,419,668 which is -14.47% below ODT's original estimate and \$5.2 million or -11.67% below ODT's updated estimate issued in December 2024. The state's General Revenue Fund tax receipts for August 2025 came in about \$52.1 million of 2.1% above estimate. As of July 2025, the state's rainy-day fund reached a record level at \$3.942 billion.

ODT Issues Initial CY 2026 PLF Certification. The Ohio Department of Taxation posted its initial county-by-county certifications for the Public Library Fund (PLF) for calendar year (CY) 2026. ODT's initial statewide PLF distribution estimate for CY 2026 is \$484,704,267 which is \$29.6 million less than CY 2025. As required by law, these estimates will be updated again in December 2025.

HB 96 State Budget Update. OLC held a State Budget Wrap-Up Webinar on July 30. The webinar provided an in-depth review of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 state budget and what it means for Ohio's public Libraries. OLC has prepared a detailed analysis of House Bill 96, outlining the key provisions of the state budget and is available in the Member Info Hub.

Congressional Redistricting. The Legislature is tasked with Congressional Redistricting. The new maps must be in place for the 2026 primary elections. If a bipartisan map is agreed upon, that map will last 10 years, yet if there is no bipartisan agreement, or the legislature passes a map by simple majority, the map will last for four years.

Hedlund Tunnell asked about the big picture and how OLC can be more proactive. The Government Relations Committee is meeting next week. Being proactive with the legislature is key.

Francis noted that over the past 8-9 months, legislative action has been unprecedented. Part of the purpose for the regional meetings is to get our members ready. We are in conversations with other organizations about a campaign. We don't talk enough about how we share resources, partnerships, we have to tell our story more.

Rochford stated that we have to educate the legislature. Remind them that our constituents are their constituents. We have 27 new members in the Ohio House and 25 have never served in the legislature.

Rutger was contacted by a member with concerns that wonders if OLC is putting enough energy into education of members to prepare for anything that might come down the pike. Specifically, how to start a Foundation or a Friends Group or alternatives for funding.

Clevidence noted that if legislators see OLC providing training on creating foundations and Friends groups, would that indicate that we no longer need state funding. It's been a few years since OLC had a conference on Foundations and Friends groups.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

Convention and Expo. The Exhibit Hall booths are sold out with 64 exhibitors. There are a total of 17 sponsors.

Meetings. Staff met with the Adult and Reference Services Division, the Professional Development Committee, Digital and Media Services Division and a meeting with Mac's Books about the Bookstore at Convention.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

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

Awards and Honors. OLC has received significant media coverage and has been a positive narrative change in front of the media.

Convention and Expo. Updates continue to be added to the OLC website. Registration opened on Sept. 10. Staff is working on the on-site guide. Development of the Convention and Expo mobile app is also underway. Collateral materials for OLC Connects to support the work of Divisions and Committees are being developed.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES REPORT

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

Individual Membership. The proration of dues for new members began on July 1 and continues through September 30. To date OLC has received 55 new members through the proration period.

Membership Committee. Staff has been in contact with current Chair Bradley Kuykendall regarding scheduling the October meeting and transition of the Chair to Sheila Ward.

Awards and Honors. Staff is currently working on the Awards and Honors Luncheon details. Members of the Board are invited to attend on Nov. 19 at 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

New Member Meet and Greet. Staff is currently working with Chair Kuykendall on a timeline for the New Member Meet and Greet. Board members are encouraged to attend on Wed., Nov. 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Francis thanked the Board for the moment of silence for Alan Hall. She noted that Hall would send notes throughout the State Budget process. He will be greatly missed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the OLC Board of Directors is scheduled for Nov. 7 at the OLC Office.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.A**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Financial Report: Sept. 2025**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR ACTION

REVENUE

Cost Center	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Dues	\$ 1,241,027	\$ 1,250,165	\$ (9,138)
Publications	230	500	(270)
Continuing Education	323,842	325,587	(1,745)
Contract Income	120,559	3,750	116,809
Other Income	134,721	50,715	84,006
TOTAL	\$ 1,820,379	\$ 1,630,717	\$ 189,662

Dues Income (- \$9,138)

- Institutional Membership: over budget due to Plain City PL joining (+ \$26,161).
- Other Institutions: under budget (- \$2,275).
- Individual Memberships: under budget due to decrease in personal membership (- \$32,399).
- Friends: under budget due to decrease in Friends membership (- \$625).

Publications (- \$270)

- Sales: under budget due to decrease in requests (- \$270).

Continuing Education (- \$1,745)

- Legislative Day: over budget due to increased attendance (+ \$2,730).
- Convention & Expo: over budget due to timing of accrual (+ \$51,083).
- Leadership: under budget due to timing of accrual (- \$1,980).
- Workshops: under budget due to low attendance (- \$53,578).

Contract Income (+ \$116,809)

- Sourcing Office: over budget due to one-time Amazon rebate (+ \$116,809).

Other Income (+ \$84,006)

- Interest and Dividends: over budget due to returns on short-term investments (+ \$9,421).
- Workers Compensation: under budget due to timing of payment (- \$1,449).
- Unrealized Gain/(Loss): over budget due to returns on long-term investments (+ \$76,823).
- JobLine: under budget due to decrease in non-member posting (- \$680).
- Management & Consulting Revenue: under budget due to decrease in background checks (- \$110).

EXPENSES

Cost Center	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 719,727	\$ 736,384	\$ (16,657)
Consultants and Contractors	105,860	127,264	(21,404)
Supplies and Resources	44,498	47,943	(3,445)
Communications	12,760	17,199	(4,439)
Printing/Design	1,629	6,223	(4,594)
Maintenance and Equipment	22,653	18,382	4,271
Space Rental	104,027	104,534	(507)
Travel and Catering	16,084	21,848	(5,763)
Management Expenses	86,845	108,570	(21,725)
TOTAL	\$ 1,114,084	\$ 1,188,347	\$ (74,263)

Salaries and Benefits (- \$16,657)

- Staff Salaries: slightly under budget due to timing of 2025 adjustments (- \$1,228).
- Accrued Vacation: reflects accrued vacation (- \$680).
- Retirement: under budget due to timing of plan contributions (- \$8,950).
- Health Insurance: under budget due to timing of 2025 adjustments (- \$4,167).
- Worker's Compensation: slightly under budget due to BWC rebates (- \$108).
- Payroll Taxes: under budget (- \$1,525).
- LTD & Life Insurance: on budget (+ \$0).

Consultants and Contractors (- \$21,404)

- Auditor: slightly over budget (+ \$250).
- Speaker Honoraria: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$1,700).
- Legal Services: under budget due to delayed invoicing (- \$13,427).
- Expo Contractors: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$6,000).
- Consultants/Contractors: slightly under budget due to timing of payments (- \$527).

Supplies and Resources (- \$3,445)

- Supplies: under budget (- \$2,305).
- Subscription/Resource Materials: on budget (+ \$38).
- Computer Software/Supplies: under budget (- \$1,178).

Communications (- \$4,439)

- Telephone: Local/Mobile: under budget (- \$198).
- Postage/Mailing/Courier Service: under budget (- \$4,314).
- Internet: slightly over budget due to additional hotspot (+ \$73).

Printing and Design (- \$4,594)

- Printing: under budget due to timing of payments (- \$4,713).
- Copying: on budget (+ \$119).

Maintenance and Equipment (+ \$4,271)

- Equipment Rental: over budget due to coding (+ \$4,752).
- Equipment Maintenance: slightly budget (- \$536).
- Software Support: on budget (+ \$56).

Space Rental (- \$507)

- Office Space: over budget due to CAM (+ \$340).
- Workshops / Meetings: under budget (- \$847).

Travel and Meals (- \$5,763)

- Board: under budget due to reimbursements (- \$2,079).
- Staff: over under budget travel (- \$1,236).
- Committees and Divisions: under budget due to reduced requests for reimbursement (- \$2,448).

Management Expenses (- \$21,725)

- Bank Services: over budget (+ \$6,036).
- Investment Fees: over budget (+ \$418).
- Depreciation Replacement: on budget (+ \$589).
- Employee Hiring: under budget for library background checks (- \$124).
- Insurance: slightly over budget (+ \$222).
- Organization Memberships: under budget (- \$851).
- Staff Development and Memberships: under budget due to timing (- \$2,210).
- Catering and Other Meals: under budget due to reduced registrations (- \$26,805).

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Net Change in Assets	\$ 706,294	\$ 442,370	\$ 263,924

Ohio Library Council
Income Statement
For the 9 Months Ending Tuesday, September 30, 2025

	September			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
REVENUE						
Dues						
Institutional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,032,851.00	\$1,006,690.00	\$26,161.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,600.00	8,875.00	(2,275.00)
Personal	3,655.00	2,657.00	998.00	199,601.00	232,000.00	(32,399.00)
Friends	75.00	25.00	50.00	1,975.00	2,600.00	(625.00)
Subtotal	\$3,730.00	\$2,682.00	\$1,048.00	\$1,241,027.00	\$1,250,165.00	(\$9,138.00)
Publications						
Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	230.00	500.00	(270.00)
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$500.00	(\$270.00)
Continuing Education						
Legislative Day	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,605.00	17,875.00	2,730.00
Convention & Expo	121,565.00	53,048.00	68,517.00	211,165.00	160,082.00	51,083.00
Leadership	0.00	1,980.00	(1,980.00)	0.00	1,980.00	(1,980.00)
Workshops	4,530.00	6,845.00	(2,315.00)	92,072.00	145,650.00	(53,578.00)
Subtotal	\$126,095.00	\$61,873.00	\$64,222.00	\$323,842.00	\$325,587.00	(\$1,745.00)
Contract Income						
Shared Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	120,558.69	3,750.00	116,808.69
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120,558.69	\$3,750.00	\$116,808.69
Other Income						
Interest & Dividends	4,123.60	2,500.00	1,623.60	31,921.16	22,500.00	9,421.16
Workers Compensation	24,551.25	0.00	24,551.25	24,551.25	26,000.00	(1,448.75)
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	13,991.67	0.00	13,991.67	76,823.46	0.00	76,823.46
Jobline	160.00	160.00	0.00	840.00	1,520.00	(680.00)
Mgmt & Consulting Revenue	0.00	45.00	(45.00)	585.00	695.00	(110.00)
Subtotal	\$42,826.52	\$2,705.00	\$40,121.52	\$134,720.87	\$50,715.00	\$84,005.87
Total Revenue	\$172,651.52	\$67,260.00	\$105,391.52	\$1,820,378.56	\$1,630,717.00	\$189,661.56

Ohio Library Council
Income Statement
For the 9 Months Ending Tuesday, September 30, 2025

	September			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
EXPENSES						
Salary & Benefits						
Staff Salaries	\$62,804.24	\$62,804.00	\$0.24	\$555,444.17	\$556,672.00	(\$1,227.83)
Accrued Vacation	(3,293.06)	0.00	(3,293.06)	(680.27)	0.00	(680.27)
Retirement Contribution	5,255.60	6,378.00	(1,122.40)	47,252.30	56,202.00	(8,949.70)
Health Insurance	7,241.90	8,178.00	(936.10)	71,967.45	76,134.00	(4,166.55)
Workers' Compensation	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	142.88	251.00	(108.12)
Payroll Taxes	4,258.68	4,421.00	(162.32)	42,433.45	43,958.00	(1,524.55)
LTD & Life Insurance	377.88	357.00	20.88	3,167.16	3,167.00	0.16
Subtotal	\$76,645.24	\$82,188.00	(\$5,542.76)	\$719,727.14	\$736,384.00	(\$16,656.86)
Consultants & Contractors						
Auditor	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,250.00	8,000.00	250.00
Speaker Honoraria	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	9,500.00	11,200.00	(1,700.00)
Legal Services	4,329.00	8,750.00	(4,421.00)	12,823.00	26,250.00	(13,427.00)
Expo Contractors	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	(6,000.00)
Consult / Contractors	6,223.26	9,710.00	(3,486.74)	72,286.81	72,814.00	(527.19)
Subtotal	\$10,552.26	\$18,960.00	(\$8,407.74)	\$105,859.81	\$127,264.00	(\$21,404.19)
Supplies & Resources						
Supplies	3,239.78	4,030.00	(790.22)	18,055.21	20,360.00	(2,304.79)
Subscriptions / Res Mat	509.87	537.00	(27.13)	4,826.79	4,789.00	37.79
Computer Sftwr / Supplies	2,100.05	2,432.00	(331.95)	21,616.16	22,794.00	(1,177.84)
Subtotal	\$5,849.70	\$6,999.00	(\$1,149.30)	\$44,498.16	\$47,943.00	(\$3,444.84)
Communications						
Telephone - Local	189.12	289.00	(99.88)	2,399.64	2,598.00	(198.36)
Postage	79.66	253.00	(173.34)	1,640.36	5,581.00	(3,940.64)
Mailing Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Courier / Special	0.00	9.00	(9.00)	0.00	73.00	(73.00)
Internet	894.00	961.00	(67.00)	8,720.42	8,647.00	73.42
Subtotal	\$1,162.78	\$1,512.00	(\$349.22)	\$12,760.42	\$17,199.00	(\$4,438.58)
Printing & Typesetting						
Printing	0.00	427.00	(427.00)	431.21	5,144.00	(4,712.79)
Copying	143.28	78.00	65.28	1,197.73	1,079.00	118.73
Subtotal	\$143.28	\$505.00	(\$361.72)	\$1,628.94	\$6,223.00	(\$4,594.06)

Ohio Library Council
Income Statement
For the 9 Months Ending Tuesday, September 30, 2025

	September			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Maintenance & Equip						
Equipment Rental	\$3,317.30	\$2,087.00	\$1,230.30	\$21,147.55	\$16,396.00	\$4,751.55
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	764.06	1,300.00	(535.94)
Software Support	83.90	76.00	7.90	741.77	686.00	55.77
Subtotal	\$3,401.20	\$2,663.00	\$738.20	\$22,653.38	\$18,382.00	\$4,271.38
Space Rental						
Office Space	9,911.84	10,113.00	(201.16)	91,351.08	91,011.00	340.08
Workshops / Meetings	0.00	875.00	(875.00)	12,675.79	13,523.00	(847.21)
Subtotal	\$9,911.84	\$10,988.00	(\$1,076.16)	\$104,026.87	\$104,534.00	(\$507.13)
Travel						
Board	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	3,671.15	5,750.00	(2,078.85)
Staff Travel	932.41	1,550.00	(617.59)	12,413.65	13,650.00	(1,236.35)
Committees	0.00	102.00	(102.00)	0.00	894.00	(894.00)
Divisions	0.00	182.00	(182.00)	0.00	1,554.00	(1,554.00)
Subtotal	\$932.41	\$2,084.00	(\$1,151.59)	\$16,084.80	\$21,848.00	(\$5,763.20)
Management Expenses						
Bank Services	1,765.43	582.00	1,183.43	11,270.30	5,234.00	6,036.30
Investment Fees	566.82	520.00	46.82	5,098.18	4,680.00	418.18
Depreciation	1,035.71	968.00	67.71	9,379.92	8,791.00	588.92
Employee Hiring	0.00	67.00	(67.00)	475.00	599.00	(124.00)
Insurance	693.50	693.00	0.50	6,464.83	6,243.00	221.83
Organizational Mbrshps	0.00	0.00	0.00	349.00	1,200.00	(851.00)
Staff Devel & Mbrshps	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,790.00	5,000.00	(2,210.00)
Catering & Other Meals	12,532.65	10,863.00	1,669.65	51,017.63	76,823.00	(25,805.37)
Subtotal	\$16,594.11	\$13,693.00	\$2,901.11	\$86,844.86	\$108,570.00	(\$21,725.14)
Total Expenses	\$125,192.82	\$139,592.00	(\$14,399.18)	\$1,114,084.38	\$1,188,347.00	(\$74,262.62)
Net Change in Assets	\$47,458.70	(\$72,332.00)	\$119,790.70	\$706,294.18	\$442,370.00	\$263,924.18

Ohio Library Council
Balance Sheet
As of Tuesday, September 30, 2025

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments

Commerce Nat'l Bank - Checking	\$141,391.40
Commerce Nat'l Bank- Money Market	514,307.95
Investments - Money Market	5,277.76
Investments - TRAK Account	647,981.60
Investments - Mutual Funds	831,915.50
Total Cash and Short Term Investments	\$2,140,874.21

Other Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	57,641.66
Office Equipment (net of Accum Depr)	54,612.02
Prepaid Postage	1,224.18
Prepayments	85,550.10
Total Other Current Assets	\$199,027.96

Total Assets	<u>\$2,339,902.17</u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$22,326.28
Advances	1,274.86
Accrued Salaries	19,983.17
Accrued Vacation	43,886.26
Accrued Insurance	1,498.91
Total Liabilities	\$88,969.48

Net Assets

Unappropriated Fund Balance	1,544,638.51
YTD Change in Net Assets	706,294.18
Total Net Assets	\$2,250,932.69

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$2,339,902.17</u>
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**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.B**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

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

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR ACTION

The following are the proposed dates for the 2026 meetings of the OLC Board of Directors.

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

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

Other dates to note:

OLC Legislative Day – March 18

OLC Library Fiscal Officer CPIM Conference – March 26-27

PLA 2026 Conference (Minneapolis) – April 1-3

ALA Annual (Chicago) – June 25-29

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

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.C**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 17, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Ratification of 2026 OLC
Committee Appointments**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR ACTION

**Ohio Library Council
Awards and Honors Committee**

2026

Name	Position	Position Ending	Term Ending
(Appoint) Jen Welsh	Chair	2026	2027
(Appoint) Katie Phillips	Asst Chair	2026	
Krista Lackey	Past Chair	2026	2026
Amy Abernathy	Member		2026
April Eifler	Member		2027
Nellie Schmidt	Member		2026
Casey Titschinger	Member		2027
(Appoint) Michelle Petersen	Member		2028
(Appoint) Kate McGowan	Member		2028

**Ohio Library Council
Convention & Expo Committee**

2026

Name	Position	Position Ending	Term Ending
Joel Mantey	Convention Chair	2026	2026
Jennifer Buch	Program Chair	2026	2027
(Appoint) Jen Farrell	Asst. Program Chair	2026	2028
TBD	Expo Chair		2026
TBD	Local Arrangements Chair		2026

**Ohio Library Council
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

2026

Name	Position	Position Ending	Term Ending
(Appoint) Anthony Wilson	Chair	2026	2027
(Appoint) Sondra Presley	Assistant Chair	2026	2028
Kacie Armstrong	Past Chair	2026	2026
Melissa Dougherty	Member		2027
Jenna Felsheim	Member		2027
Joshua Sebrasky	Member		2027
(Vacant)	Member		2027
(Vacant)	Member		2028

**Ohio Library Council
Government Relations Committee**

2026

Name	Position	Position Ending	Term Ending
(Appoint) Paula Brehm-Heeger	Chair	2026	2027
(Appoint/Vacant)	Vice Chair	2026	2027
Karl Colon	Member		2026
Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz	Member		2026
Beth Hatch	Member		2027
James Hill	Member		2026
Jason Kucsma	Member		2027
(Appoint) Cheryl Kuonen	Member		2028
Andrew Mangels	Member		2026
Nieca Nowels	Member		2026
Michael Penrod	Member		2027
(Appoint) Chris May	Member		2028
(Appoint) Sandi Thompson	Member		2028
Mandy Knapp	Ex-officio		2026
Don Yarman	Ex-officio		2026

**Ohio Library Council
Intellectual Freedom Committee**

2026

Name	Position	Position Ending	Term Ending
(Appoint) Tony Howard	Chair	2026	2027
Jen Farrell	Assistant Chair	2026	2027
Megan Villono	Secretary	2026	2028
Randy Ebert	Past Chair	2026	2026
Corey Ferguson	Member		2026
(Appoint) Christine Mills	Member		2028
(Vacant/Johnson)	Member		2028
(Vacant/Starkey)	Member		2028

**Ohio Library Council
Membership Committee**

2026

Name	Position	Position Ending	Term Ending
(Appoint) Sheila Ward	Chair	2026	2027
(Appoint) Jennifer Buch	Asst Chair	2026	2028
Bradley Kuykendall	Secretary	2026	2026
(Appoint) Jess Brenneman	Student Rep	2026	2027
Jon Keppel	Member		2027
(Re-appoint) Lia Birnbaum	Member		2026
(Appoint) Sarah Vargo	Member		2028

**Ohio Library Council
Professional Development Committee**

2026

Name	Position	Position Ending	Term Ending
Ada Myers	Chair	2026	2027
(Appoint from within)	Asst Chair	2026	2028
Amy Young	Past Chair	2026	2026
Sarita Asawa	Member		2026
Jason Bumbico	Member		2027
Susan Cook	Member		2027
Bobbi Galvin	Member		2027
Kitty (Hinkle) Murphy	Member		2026
Karen Pierce	Member		2027
Erin Winchester	Member		2027
(Appoint) Ella Uhler	Member		2028
(Appoint) Rafael Ortiz	Member		2028
(Appoint) Jennie Walker	Member		2028

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.B**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **OLC Board Officer
Nominations – 2026**

SUBMITTED BY: **Executive Committee**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

For 2026, the OLC Board of Directors will need to elect its Vice Chair of the Board/Chair-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer. The OLC Executive Committee submits the following nominations for the officers of the 2026 OLC Board of Directors:

Vice Chair of the Board/Chair-Elect: **William Rutger**, Executive Director
Sandusky Library

Secretary-Treasurer: **Travis Bautz**, Executive Director
MidPointe Library System

Both of these individuals have accepted the nomination. As these nominations come from a committee, they do not require a second.

The nominations will remain open through the election, which will take place at the Board of Director's meeting on Jan. 16, 2026.

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.C**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **OLC Board Committee
Assignments – 2026**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Below are the proposed assignments for the 2026 Committees of the OLC Board of Directors. Board members requesting changes to their proposed assignments should notify Stacey Russell or Michelle Francis by Dec. 31. Approval of the committee assignments will take place at the Board meeting on Jan. 16, 2025.

Executive Committee

Stacey Russell, Chair of the Board

TBD, Vice Chair of the Board/Chair-Elect (William Rutger*)

TBD, Secretary-Treasurer (Travis Bautz*)

Mary Ellen Icaza, Immediate Past Chair

Appointments Committee

Kathy Bach, Chair

Kim DeNero-Ackroyd

Stacey Russell, Ex-Officio

Finance Committee

TBD, Chair (Travis Bautz*)

Monica Baughman

Sandra Hedlund Tunnell

Cindy Lombardo

Stacey Russell, Ex-Officio

Nominating Committee

Mary Ellen Icaza, Chair

Tara Sidwell (2026)

Ryan McDonnell (2027)

TBD (2028) *[at-large member from OLC membership]*

Stacey Russell, Ex-Officio

Personnel Committee

TBD, Chair (William Rutger*)

Julianne Bedel

Liz Muether

Bernie Rochford

Stacey Russell, Ex-Officio

**Pending outcome of OLC Officer elections on Jan. 16, 2026*

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.D**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **ALA Councilor Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Nick Tepe**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Workforce Changes and Staffing Reductions

By now most of you have heard that on October 16, ALA laid off multiple staff, including Deborah Caldwell-Stone, the director of the Office of Intellectual Freedom. While the reduction in staff was not surprising given the severe financial challenges that ALA is continuing to work to address, most Councilors agreed that communication around the layoffs could have been much better. Following information about the layoffs being shared on social media, President Sam Helmick [released a statement](#) to Council and the membership, and a [full press release](#) was issued on October 21.

According to the statements, the reductions in staff followed months of assessment and analysis, and reflect targeted, limited adjustments across several departments. However, the full impacts of the changes and any necessary restructuring will continue to evolve over the next few months. I will share more information on these changes as I have it.

With regards to the Office of Intellectual Freedom, the statements reassured members that “OIF remains fully operational, led by Deputy Director Sarah Lamdan, a respected legal expert and advocate for information access, and supported by a full team of subject-matter experts who will continue to guide and represent ALA’s critical work in this area.” In speaking with colleagues involved with intellectual freedom at ALA, they agreed that OIF is in good hands to continue working to address the intellectual freedom challenges facing our profession.

It should also be noted that as part of the ongoing assessments to reduce costs and work towards eliminating the deficit in the budget, ALA has been proactively reviewing the nearly 1,000 programs that it offers to ensure that resources are focused on initiatives that have the greatest impact. This program review started last Fall as part of ALA Forward. Some programs may be paused, consolidated, or redesigned, while others will be strengthened. There was continued discussion at the October 30 Executive Board meeting about the findings of the program assessment.

Texas HB 900

On October 21, a Federal judge in Waco, Texas declared that [House Bill 900](#) violates the constitution. A copy of the final order can be accessed here: [Book People v. Wong](#). In November of 2023, the Freedom to Read Foundation and the American Association of School Librarians filed an amicus curiae brief in the Fifth Circuit that supported the request by the plaintiffs to halt enforcement HB 900 on the grounds that it violates the First Amendment rights of booksellers, publishers, authors and students. A copy of the amicus brief can be accessed here: [FTRF and AASL Amici Curiae Brief](#).

HB 900 would have compelled any vendor who sold books to a Texas school district or charter school to review and rate all of the books already sold to the school and any book it

wishes to sell to schools in the future. Books would have been rated as either "sexually explicit," "sexually relevant" or "no rating" based on unclear and arbitrary government criteria. Under the law, students in Texas would not have been allowed to read or borrow books that merely touch on the topics of sex or relationships regardless of the work's literary, scientific or artistic value. The law would have impaired students' freedom to read and learn, and placed many of the classic and contemporary books usually found in school and classroom libraries at risk of unconstitutional censorship. Additionally, because of the buying power of Texas schools, this could have had nationwide impacts on the library marketplace.

Message from the State Librarian

September was another busy and fun month here at the State Library. However, unfortunately September ended with our country entering into a federal government shutdown status. Until a new bill or continuing resolution is passed, all “non-essential” activities of the federal government, including most operations of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), must cease.

That being said, the State Library is prepared. Due to the hard work of our fiscal department, we are in a good financial position for the short term when it comes to making payroll and paying for services and grants.

I believe in the work we do together. Even with these challenges ahead of us, we will do great things. Be well and take care.

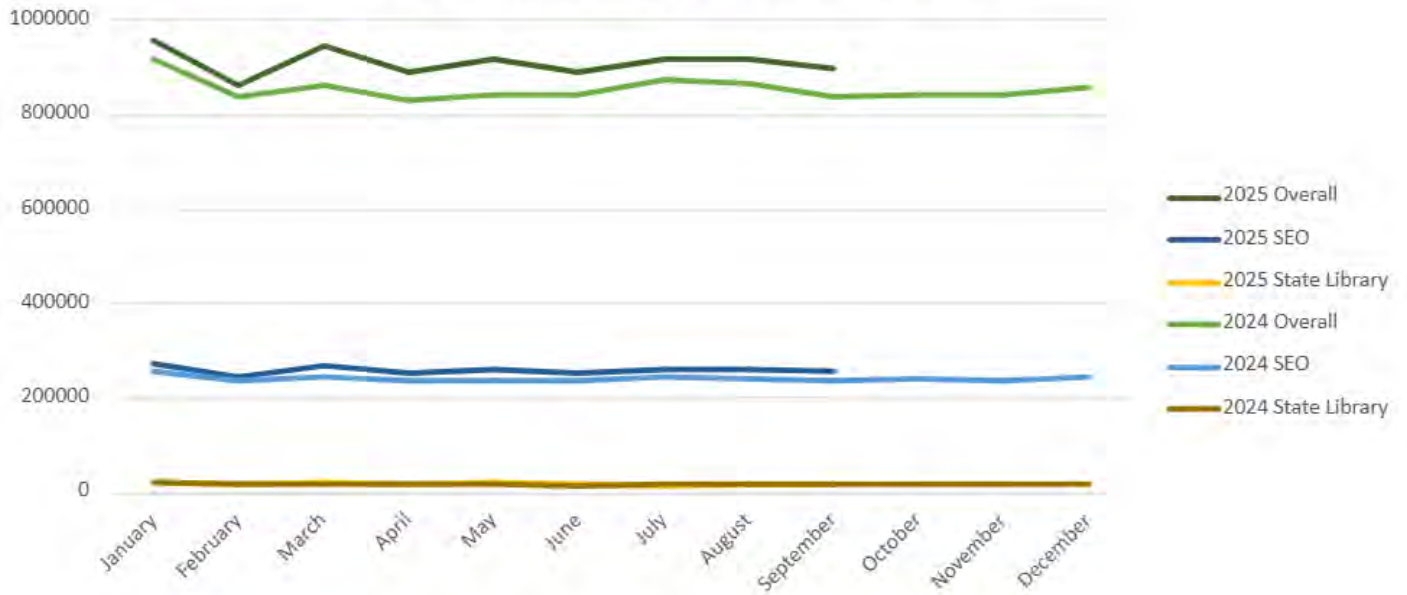



Highlights

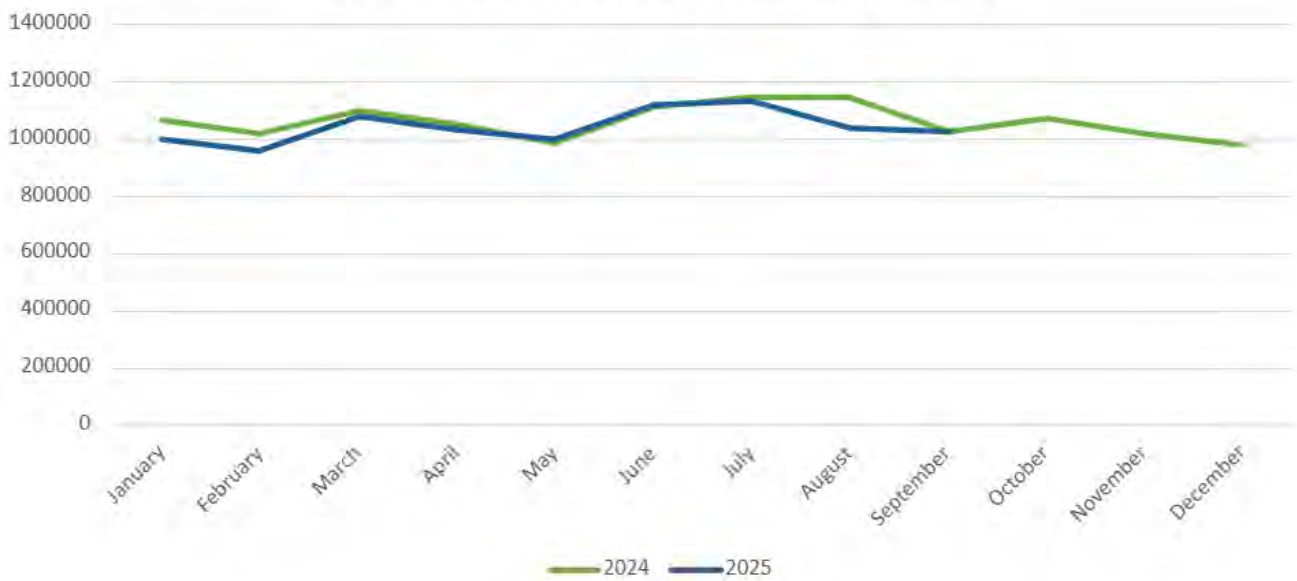
- ◆ State Librarian Mandy Knapp attended OhioLINK’s quarterly Library Advisory Council Meeting.
- ◆ Mandy, Director of Library Operations Ryan Burley, and Legislative Liaison Kirstin Krumsee met with Ohio Senator Kent Smith. He very much enjoyed our maps of Euclid!
- ◆ Mandy attended the Grand Opening of Madison Public Library’s new bookmobile Gus the Bus!
- ◆ In September, Mandy’s Listening Tour continued with visits to Stark County District Library, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, the director of America 250—Ohio, Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library, Athens County Public Library, and meetings with members of the State Library’s Talking Book Consumer Advisory Committee.



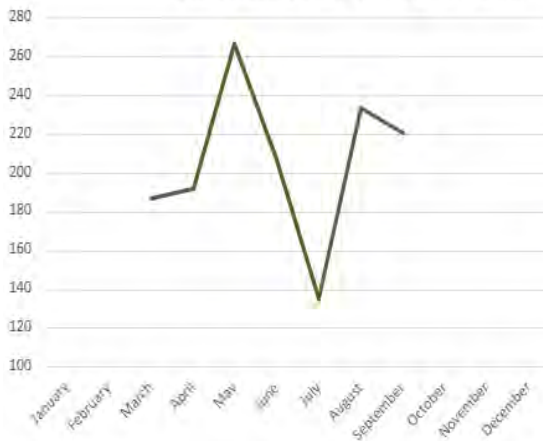
Ohio Digital Library Circulation by Month



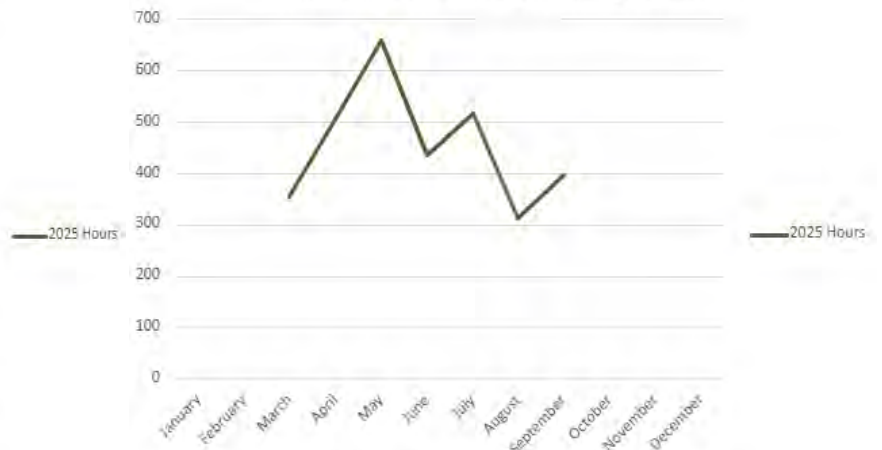
SEO Consortium Physical Circulation by Month



State Library Staff Training by Month



Cooperative Partnership Meetings by Month



Library Services—September 2025

On September 30 we had the honor of meeting with Senator Hearcel Craig, who serves in the leadership position of Assistant Minority Leader of Senate, at the Statehouse.

Senator Craig and his aides were very welcoming and excited to learn all about the State Library of Ohio.

We spoke with them about many aspects of the State Library including Library Programs and Development, SEO Service Center, our support of state employees, etc.

Senator Craig's jaw dropped when we showed him some of our rare government documents and he was so excited to see George Washington letters and other rare manuscripts. He was a great audience and was genuinely amazed by our 1679 King James Bible and other rare books.



*Legislative Liaison Kirstin Krumsee and
Director of Library Operations Ryan Burley with
Senator Craig at the Statehouse*

“(I) can’t even explain what a godsend (the Talking Book program is).”—Talking Book user

Meeting with DRC Library Admin

On September 10 we met with Stacy Wicks who oversees the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections’ Librarians and Libraries. We talked about our current partnerships and how to strengthen our future collaborations. We also made a video presentation about the State Library of Ohio that Stacey showed to all of our DRC librarians in their September staff meeting.

Senate Minority Whip Kent Smith tour of State Library

On September 12 we gave Senator Kent Smith a tour of facility, showed him some of our rare materials, and spoke to him about the great work that State Library does for Ohioans.

Meeting OSU Conversation Director

On September 19 we met with Marcela Estevez, the Associate Director, Conservation and Collections Care at The Ohio State University Libraries to get advice on how to best preserve our collections of rare items and manuscripts.

DA2 machines

Talking Books staff have sent out over 200 of the newly released DA2 Talking Book machines to Talking Books users all across the State of Ohio. We have received many positive messages from our users regarding the new machines.

Bill Minckler, a Senior Project Manager at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, shared with us that he is currently working on an \$80 million project for the State of Ohio. He shared that he has been so pleased that he has been able to get a multitude of resources from the State Library which have helped him make this large and complex project a success!

Library Programs & Development—September 2025



(Teen Think Tank planning committee, L-R) Caitlin Ecker, Greene County Public Library; Valerie Laukhuf, Putnam County District Library; Sarah Amazing, Warren-Trumbull County Public Library; Janet Ingraham Dwyer, State Library of Ohio; Amy Burkard, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County; Steve Moser, Dayton Metro Library, and Rachel Rausch, Delaware County District Library.

Youth Services Library Consultant **Janet Ingraham Dwyer** attended and spoke at the 23rd Teen Think Tank, a librarian-led workshop for teen services specialists held at Spark Fairborn, in Fairborn, Ohio, on September 19. Previous Teen Think Tank events have taken place around Ohio and online for well over a decade. (See photo above.)

Library Consultant/LSTA Coordinator **Jeff Regensburger** attended a half-day, virtual convening hosted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on September 16. Information sessions included guidance on completing the annual

State Program Report, adhering to federal grant guidelines, and an overview of what to expect as each agency looks forward to crafting new five-year plans. Additionally, the event provided a great opportunity to learn from LSTA Coordinators doing this work in other states.

Associate State Librarian **Evan T. Struble** co-presented (alongside Don Yarman, OPLIN) a session on demystifying library acronyms as part of the Ohio Library Council's "New To Libraries Conference" on September 12 in Dayton, Ohio.

Sixteen institutions [were awarded a total of \\$74,693 in federal funds](#) for **LSTA Conservation and Preservation Grants**. This grant, offered in partnership with the Ohio Preservation Council, provides up to \$4,999 in LSTA funds 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. The 16 institutions awarded the grant were: Archives of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Museum Association, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Congregation Mishkan Or,

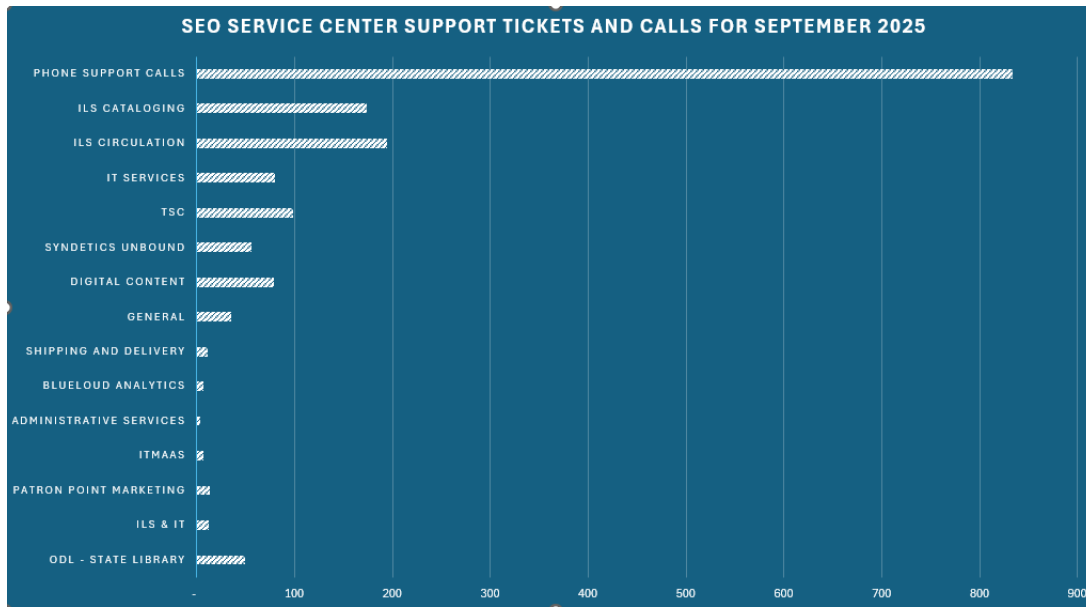
Ohio Digital Library (ODL) News

ODL is participating in the Hickman Holler Reading Club, an initiative spearheaded by singer-songwriter Tyler Childers. Tyler approached OverDrive with the idea to hold a book club on Libby during his current concert tour. Ohio has two spots on the tour at the beginning of October and libraries local to those locations will have a presence at each concert. Each month, one title selected by Tyler will be featured on the ODL page. This month's title is *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac.

In September, a new holds system debuted. The term "deliver later" is now "suspend hold." If patrons make no decision after their first hold notification, the hold will be automatically suspended until the patron makes the decision to unsuspend it. For more information, read this article: [Everything you need to know about holds in the Libby app.](#)

Fairport Harbor Public Library, Hudson Library & Historical Society, International Women's Air & Space Museum, Kenyon College, Miami University, Oak Harbor Public Library, Oakwood Historical Society, Ohio Wesleyan University Libraries, Rocky River Public Library, Shaker Historical Society, Westerville Public Library, and Wright State University Libraries.

SEO Service Center—September 2025



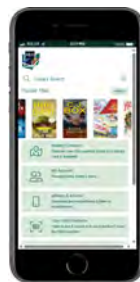
The SEO Service Center team answered over 1,656 tickets and customer calls during the month of September.

Key service highlights include:

- **Visits** to Holmes County District Public Library, Perry Cook Memorial Public Library, and New Madison Public Library
- Launched new webinars via Niche Academy focused on [Cybersecurity and Library Board of Trustees](#)

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

- Over 1.02 million items were circulated.
- 10,305 new users were created.
- 177,529 holds were created and 179,846 holds were filled.
- 558 interlibrary loan requests were initiated.
- 823 support tickets were created, with 2 relayed to the software vendor.



Mobile App Stats

	2024	2025	% Change
New Devices	2,952	2,179	-26% ↓
Holds Placed	28,776	34,826	16% ↑
App Launched	80,311	90,633	18% ↑
Searches	86,304	90,497	14% ↑

Niche Academy usage showed:

- Strong engagement with **staff tutorials** (4,112 views) and the **online catalog tutorial** (1,208 views)
- Lower engagement with the **Technical Services Committee** (64 views) and **ASL Storytime** tutorials (8 views)

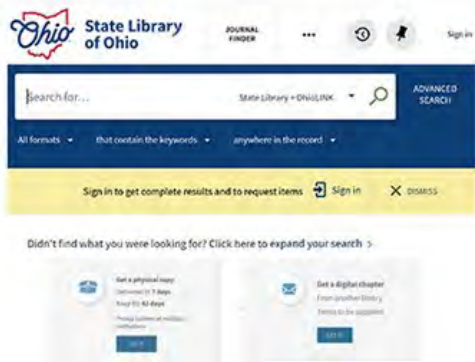


Patron Point

Patron Point Marketing e-mails showed:

- Heavy use in **Announcement and Newsletters** being sent (264,321 emails)
- Medium use in **Birthday/Anniversary** campaigns (3,119 emails)
- Light use of **Winback** (166 emails) and **Coming of Age** (5,131 emails) campaigns

News—September 2025



September 11, 2025: [State Library Enhances Services for State Employees](#)



September 16, 2025: [Former State Library Board President Passes](#)



September 18, 2025: [State Library to Host Talking Book Program Webinar: Free Library Service for Patrons Who Are Blind or Print Disabled](#)



September 26, 2025: [Sixteen Institutions Awarded Ohio Conservation and Preservation Grants](#)



September 5, 2025: [This Week We Spotlight IMLS LSTA Grantees Archbold Community Library and Selover Public Library](#)



September 12, 2025: [Spotlight Videos from Athens County Public Libraries and Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County](#)



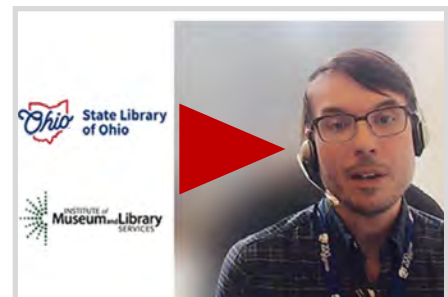
September 18, 2025: [This week, we proudly feature videos from two Ohio LSTA grantees: The Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County \(PYLMC\) and The University of Akron, University Libraries](#)



September 30, 2025: [Spotlighting IMLS LSTA Grantees Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library and St. Marys Community Public Library](#)



September 22, 2025: [New Limited Video Series On How the State Library Uses Federal IMLS LSTA Funding to support Ohio's blind and print disabled residents](#)



September 24, 2025: [Part 2 - How the State Library Uses Federal IMLS LSTA Funding for Library Training and Development](#)



September 25, 2025: [Part 3 - How the State Library Uses Federal IMLS LSTA Funding for Statewide Access to eResources for All Ohioans at Public, School, and Academic libraries](#)

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ITEM NO.: **5.F**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **OPLIN Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Don Yarman**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

MBC Light

Last year, we launched Managed Branch Connections (MBC), giving libraries the option of paying OPLIN \$2,000 for fiber internet to their branches with the same support that we provide for the main/central library circuit. This helps meet the state's broadband expansion goals of bringing 1Gbps symmetrical broadband to community anchor institutions. Obviously, though, the cost of that falls to libraries themselves, and many libraries reasonably argue that gig fiber is overkill for very small branch locations. For those libraries, we created MBC Light, where OPLIN can provide high speed data (1Gbps down/35Mbps up) on copper lines for \$750 per year. Like the full Managed Branch Connections, OPLIN filed E-Rate, orders service, and handles implementation and support. Branches will also get an OPLIN IP address and receive OPLIN's DDoS protection and security scanning.

E-Rate Tidbits

- The "Admin Window" is open for you to update your records with USAC—new buildings, closed buildings, and particularly changes in square footage. Square footage determines your Category 2 allotment, and a new five-year cycle of Category 2 money commences this year.
- If you applied for funds to support patron hotspot lending, your funding request will soon be denied. If you are in T-Mobile's service area, you may be interested in an offer from Mission Telecom, which will match post-discount pricing through the remainder of this funding year (i.e. until June 30, 2026). We recommend that applicants review their contracts and reach out to their service provider as soon as possible.
- Due to new accessibility requirements for our webinar recordings, there's a slight delay in getting the videos of this year's E-Rate training posted to our YouTube Channel. Should be up shortly.
- The FCC hasn't finalized next year's Eligible Services List; we are unlikely to see a final ESL until mid-November at the earliest—potentially much later, depending on how long the federal shutdown lasts. No big changes are expected, other than more clarity on the difference between "basic maintenance of internal connections" and "managed internal broadband services."

Cybersecurity Webinar

A recording of Jessica Dooley's webinar Starting a Security Plan: ORC 9.64 for Public Libraries will be posted to OPLIN's YouTube Channel. Jessica focuses on how to get started and prioritize the plan's elements, and identifies free resources that will help.

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ITEM NO.: **5.G**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 OLC Budget

The tentative timeline for the 2026 budget process is as follows:

- Dec. 5: Budget Worksheets Distributed to OLC Staff
- Dec. 12: Budgets Due from OLC Staff
- Dec. 15: Budgets Finalized for Committees and Divisions
- Jan. 5: Budget Revisions and Finalization
- Jan. 7: Budget Distributed to Finance Committee
- Jan. 8 (*tentative*): Finance Committee Zoom Meeting to Review Budget
- Jan. 12: Budget Included in Board Meeting Background Packet
- Jan. 16: Budget Approval at OLC Board Meeting

ALA Emerging Leaders Program

The American Library Association has paused the ALA Emerging Leaders Program due to recent changes in staffing. Historically, OLC has sponsored up to two individual members to participate in the program.

OLC Board Orientation

In-person Board orientation sessions were held with Susan Titkemeier and Cindy Lombardo on Oct. 30. They will be joining the OLC Board of Directors for three-year terms beginning in January 2026. The discussion covered a variety of topics, including their roles on the Board, fiduciary responsibilities, the Board Code of Conduct, conflict of interest, and Board meeting agendas procedures.

Ohioans Approved 18 of 20 Public Library Levies

On November 4, voters approved 18 of the 20 local library levies. The approved measures included one bond issue, 13 renewals, three replacements, and one additional levy. The 18 levies that passed did so by significant margins with an average voter approval rate of 63 percent.

Small Library Director Forums

The OLC Small Libraries Division held two of their discussion forums for directors of small libraries. The first session was held at the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library on Sept. 24 with 22

attendees. The second session was virtual on Oct. 23 with 32 attendees. The final session is scheduled for Dec. 2 and has 11 registrants. The forums are designed for directors of small libraries to discuss issues of common interest and to share ideas on how to deal with challenges unique to small libraries. The discussions also include an update on OLC activities, legislative issues, and library funding.

OLC 2026 Planning & Leadership Conference

This is an opportunity for OLC Committees and Division Action Councils to meet and plan for 2026. The conference is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025 at the Huntington Convention Center in downtown Cleveland (1 St. Clair Ave. NE, Cleveland, OH 44114). It will be held on the third floor of the Atrium Building in Room 307B.

The Planning and Leadership Conference is an annual tradition and opportunity for OLC's Committees and Division Action Councils to come together and begin planning for the following year.

During the conference, attendees will be asked:

- What are the top three things affecting your library and your work?
- What topics and trends do you want to learn more about?
- How can your Committee/Division Action Council play a role in these efforts?

In addition, members of the OLC's Committees and Division Action Councils will hear about the strategic direction of OLC in 2026. The conference will include time for networking, creativity, and conversation.

The work of OLC's Committees and Divisions is incredibly important as it helps to guide the organization and address the challenges and opportunities in the year ahead. Current and incoming members of OLC Committees and Division Action Councils are urged to attend.

2025 Invitations	170
2025 Registrants	68
2024 Registrants	83

OLC Staff Anniversaries

Recent OLC staff anniversaries include:

- Sherry Heffner: Oct. 14 – 1 year
- Jay Smith: Nov. 18 – 6 years

Activities

Activities since the Sept. 19 meeting include:

Sept. 19	CC w/Bill Seitz
Sept. 22	OLC Staff Meeting
Sept. 23	Meeting w/Fleeter & Associates Regional Library Director Meeting & Advocacy Training @ Findlay-Hancock County PL CC w/Randy Gardner
Sept. 24	Small Library Directors Forum @ Tiffin-Seneca PL
Sept. 25	GRC Meeting @ OLC Office
Sept. 26	Regional Library Director Meeting & Advocacy Training @ OLC Office Meeting w/Highlights & Google
Sept. 29	OLC Staff Meeting
Sept. 30	Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee Meeting w/Amazon Business CC w/Terrence O'Donnell
Oct. 1	House Local Government Committee (HB 137) House Ways & Means Committee (HB 335) Meeting w/Metro Library Directors Meeting w/Ohio 250 Planning on C&E Property Tax Coalition Meeting
Oct. 2	Meeting w/School Principals Association OLC IF Committee Meeting OLC Diversity Committee Meeting
Oct. 6	OLC Staff Meeting OLC Amazon Business Webinar
Oct. 7	Regional Library Director Meeting & Advocacy Training @ Heights PL
Oct. 8	OLC Highlights & Google Webinar Meeting w/Paul Werth House Ways & Means Committee (HB 309 and HB 335)
Oct. 9	Regional Library Director Meeting & Advocacy Training @ Puskarich PL
Oct. 10	ALA State of the Chapter

Oct. 13	OLC Staff Meeting Meeting w/Alan Radnor
Oct. 14	Meeting w/Lesic & Camper Communications Meeting w/Rep. Dave Thomas Meeting w/Rep. Scott Oelslager Meeting w/Rep. Gayle Manning
Oct. 15	House Local Government Committee (HB 137) House Ways & Means Committee (HB 335) Property Tax Coalition Meeting
Oct. 21	OLC Staff Meeting Meeting w/Rep. Veronica Sims Meeting w/Rep. Dan Troy House Ways & Means Committee
Oct. 22	Meeting w/Rep. Haraz Ghanbari Meeting w/Rep. Jack Daniels Meeting w/Rep. Matt Kishman Senate Local Government Committee (HB 309)
Oct. 23	Small Library Directors Forum @ Virtual
Oct. 24	ED Self Evaluation
Oct. 27	OLC Staff Meeting Regional Library Director Meeting @ Virtual
Oct. 28	Meeting w/House Caucus Staff House Government Oversight Comm. (HB 481) Meeting w/OTA Senate Local Gov Comm (HB 335)
Oct. 29	House Local Government Committee (HB 137) House Public Insurance & Pensions Comm (HB 473) Meeting w/Rep. Sharon Ray Meeting w/Rep. Jason Stephens Meeting w/Monica Blasdel Meeting w/Rep. Jim Hoops Property Tax Coalition Meeting
Oct. 30	OLC Board Orientation w/Cindy Lombardo & Susan Titkemeier Meeting w/AOS on Hinkle Transition
Oct. 31	OLC Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting
Nov. 3	OLC Staff Meeting
Nov. 4	Meeting w/OLC Legal Counsel Meeting w/OTA Meeting w/Northway Advisors
Nov. 5	Meeting w/Metro Chambers & Local Government Groups Meeting w/Metro Library Directors

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ITEM NO.: **5.H.1**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Government and Legal
Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jay Smith**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

PLF Update

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) posted the October 2025 Public Library Fund (PLF) distribution of \$39,186,903 – which is \$1.76 million or -4.32% below ODT's original estimate that was issued in July 2024; and \$1.82 million or -4.44% below ODT's updated estimate issued in December 2024. The PLF Calendar Year (CY) 2025 year-to-date total is \$412,636,282.

According to the Office of Budget and Management's (OBM), the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF) tax receipts for September 2025 came in nearly \$240 million or 12% above estimate. So far for FY26, state tax collections are \$291.9 million or 4.3% more than expected.

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

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

HB 137 – Library Access to the Ballot

House Bill (HB) 137, sponsored by Rep. Brian Lorenz (R-Powell) was voted out of the House Local Government Committee last week by a vote of 7-6. This legislation continues to present a serious threat to Ohio's public libraries by granting sole authority to a taxing authority to decide whether a library may place a property tax levy on the ballot.

Before the vote was taken, opposition testimony was presented by Paula Brehm-Heeger from the Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library. Paula's testimony in addition to submitted written testimony from Bryan Howard of the Delaware County District Library and Chris White of the Lorain Public Library can be found on the [OLC website](#). Also, a recording of the hearing is available on the [Ohio Channel](#). It's important to note that we had some legislators change their minds on how they voted based on conversations with their libraries. With that said, we do have an opportunity to persuade other legislators prior to a possible floor vote. More will be discussed at the board meeting.

HB 466 – Requires Taxing Authority Approval

HB 466 was introduced by Reps. Beth Lear (R-Galena) and Kevin Ritter (R-Marietta) to require certain subdivisions, including libraries, to obtain approval of the body that created the subdivision before levying a property tax. This bill is similar to HB 137 and has been referred to the House Local Government Committee. No hearings have been held on this bill at this time.

HB 186 & HB 335 (School District 20-mill floor and Inside Millage)

The House recently passed HB 186 (Hoops, and D. Thomas) and HB 335 (D. Thomas). Both bills have gone through significant changes since first being introduced.

HB 186 limits increases in property tax revenues resulting from voted levies that may be collected by school districts on the 20-mill tax floor after property reappraisals or updates. Under HB 186, qualifying property owners will receive a “inflation cap credit” for the excess amount of taxes charged above the inflationary collections limit. In addition, the bill was modified to become retroactive to tax year 2025. To offset the costs to certain school districts, the House temporarily appropriated funds from the expanded sales tax holiday.

HB 335 also has undergone many changes since the budget (HB 96) passed in June. Originally, HB 335 included language on school district property taxes, inside millage limits, “piggy-back” local homestead exemption, county budget commissions, county levy procedures, and sales and use taxes. Currently under a substitute bill, HB 335 only includes language placing an inflationary cap on the growth of revenue from inside millage over the three preceding years.

While neither bill directly impacts public libraries at this moment, they are significant because they illustrate ongoing legislative efforts to amend laws in an attempt to lower property taxes across the state.

It is crucial for OLC to monitor all proposed tax legislation, as changes in these areas could very well impact Ohio's public library systems in the future. Both bills are being considered by the Senate Local Government Committee.

HB 413 – Local Government Expenditure Database

Currently, the Treasurer of State operates the State and Local Government Expenditure Database, known as “Ohio Checkbook,” which includes state expenditure information. Currently, state retirement systems and political subdivisions participate at their own discretion. HB 413 would split this database into two, forming the State Government Expenditure Database and the Local Government Expenditure Database. In addition, it would require certain political subdivisions, including libraries, to participate while also including both revenue and expenditure information. The bill is currently undergoing hearings in the House Technology and Innovation Committee.

HB 473 – Prohibit Public Employer Contribution Payments

HB 473 seeks to prohibit an employer from “pick-ups” or paying the employee’s share of their pension contributions. This bill is being heard in the House Public Insurance and Pensions Committee.

Link to Property Tax Bills being tracked by OLC

Through Hannah News Service, OLC tracks various legislation which potentially could impact Ohio's public libraries. The following link provides a list of property tax related bills that have been introduced in the 136th Ohio General Assembly. You can use this link to monitor bill status changes, view legislation, and other information related to the status of these bills.

https://www.hannah.com/Report_Custom.aspx?sid=mgRKgjiaLhk%3d&rid=CkII%2bLzg%2f8k%3d&oldFormat=False

Constitutional Amendment to Eliminate Property Taxes

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

OLC Regional Meetings

OLC hosted a series of regional meetings for library directors and fiscal officers in September and October. These in-person sessions provided timely updates and essential insights into several key financial and policy issues impacting Ohio's public libraries.

Topics included:

- Library materials language in the state budget
- New Public Library Fund (PLF) distributions
- Property taxes and county budget commissions
- The proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate property taxes

In addition, we recently hosted a virtual update and we're hosting a session at the OLC Convention & Expo to provide further updates on these evolving topics.

Congressional Redistricting: What's Next?

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

Since no agreement was achieved in September, the process moved to the Ohio Redistricting Commission where Republicans hold five out of the seven Redistricting Commission seats. Recently, as the deadline approached, the commission unanimously adopted new maps that will remain in place through the 2030 elections giving republicans an advantage in two democratic held districts including Rep. Kaptur (Toledo) and Rep. Landsman (Cincinnati).

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ITEM NO.: **5.H.2**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Professional Development
Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Laurie Miller**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2025 OLC Convention and Expo – Foundation to Future

- Registration closes on Wednesday, Nov. 5 and our attendance numbers are good!
- Make sure you download the OLC app to get all the latest information and updates here: <https://app.resultsathand.com/olc>
- Wednesday's highlights: Opening General Session featuring Ruta Sepetys, Awards & Honors Luncheon, 16 Breakout Sessions, New Member Meet & Greet, Exhibit Hall Grand Opening and the Reception at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.
- Thursday's highlights: General Session featuring Andre Norman, Taste the Music Lunch & Learn, 27 Breakout Sessions, 15 Poster Sessions, Exclusive Exhibit Hall time and Once Upon a Game at CPL.
- Friday's highlights: Closing General Session featuring Peter H. Reynolds, 18 Breakout Sessions and Prize Drawings in the Exhibit Hall.
- Get your picture taken with the Taco Dragon, make your mark painting a mural of 6 canvases that will be donated to a care facility in need, tinker with the gadgets and video games at the Gadget Gallery or just hang out in the Exhibit Hall and network with vendors and library colleagues. We can't wait to see you all there!

2025 Events & Networking Opportunities	Date	Location	Attendance
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

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Library Legislative Day	Apr. 8	Ohio Statehouse	338
HR Huddle	Apr. 10	Virtual	30
Library Trustees Dinner (SW)	Apr. 24	MidPointe Library, West Chester	43
CPIM – Public Library Fiscal Officer Conf.	May 1-2	Nationwide Hotel & CC, Columbus	132
Teen Services Talk	May 8	Virtual	19
Library Trustees Dinner (NE)	May 8	Embassy Suites, Independence	93
New Director Workshop 1 of 4	May 20	OLC/Virtual	20
IT Division Rackside Chat	Jun. 6	Virtual	16
Unconventional to Conventional Conference	Jun. 12	OCLC	50
Outreach Coffee Chat	Jun. 20	Virtual	27
New Director Workshop 2 of 4	Jun. 24	OLC/Virtual	27
Ballot Issues Workshop #1	July 15	Virtual	36
New Director Workshop 3 of 4	July 23	OLC/Virtual	24
State Budget Wrap-Up Webinar	July 30	Virtual	268
Outreach and Special Services Retreat	Aug. 15	OCLC	70
New Director Workshop 4 of 4	Aug. 27	OLC/Virtual	25
Director Forum for Small Libraries #1	Sept. 3	Somerset	0 – Canceled
IT Division Rackside Chat	Sept. 5	Virtual	22
Library Fiscal Officer 102	Sept. 10	OLC/Virtual	115
Regional Director Meeting #1	Sept. 11	Centerville	34
New to Libraries Conference	Sept. 12	Marriott, Dayton	73
Regional Director Meeting #2	Sept. 16	Youngstown	25
Regional Director Meeting #3	Sept. 18	Nelsonville	9
Regional Director Meeting #4	Sept. 23	Findlay	35
Director Forum for Small Libraries #2	Sept. 24	Tiffin	22
Regional Director Meeting #5	Sept. 26	OLC	28
Amazon Business Prime Update Webinar	Oct. 6	Virtual	121
Regional Director Meeting #6	Oct. 7	Cleveland Heights	60
Walking Tours Webinar	Oct. 7	Virtual	34
Google & Highlights for Children Webinar	Oct. 8	Virtual	157
Reginal Director Meeting #7	Oct. 9	Cadiz	27
Outreach Coffee Chat	Oct. 10	Virtual	17
Director Forum for Small Libraries #4	Oct. 23	Virtual	32
Regional Director Meeting #8	Oct. 27	Virtual	212
OLC Planning & Leadership Conference	Nov. 18	Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland	54 (170 Invited)

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2025 OLC Convention & Expo	Nov. 19-21	Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland	785
Director Forum for Small Libraries #3	Dec. 2	Wooster (Rescheduled)	13
Right Click Conference	Dec. 5	Quest Conf. Center, Columbus	38
Youth Services is for Everyone Webinar	Dec. 10	Virtual	15
Ballot Issues Workshop #2	Dec. TBD	Virtual	Not Open
2026 Library Legislative Day	Mar. 18	Renaissance, Downtown Columbus	Not Open
2026 CPIM – PL Fiscal Officer Conf.	Mar. 26-27	Dublin	Not Open
Human Resources Workshop	TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
2026 OLC Convention & Expo	Oct. 21-23	Kalahari	Not Open

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ITEM NO.: **5.H.3**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Communications Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Angie Jacobsen**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Planning and Leadership Conference

Leadership resources are being updated and posted to the OLC app and Member Info Hub. Division and Committee members can submit their meeting minutes, goals and objectives, and annual reports electronically through the [OLC website](#). An evaluation form has been created to collect feedback about the event.

Convention and Expo

The mobile app is live and ready for registrants to download. The app includes daily schedules, session descriptions, core competencies, speaker information, program ratings, etc. Speakers will be able to upload their slides and handouts. Attendees will be able to create their own agendas and evaluate sessions through the app. An email will be sent to all registrants with instructions on how to download the app. Instructions are currently available on the [OLC website](#).

The on-site guide is currently being printed and will be distributed at registration. This booklet provides essential information, including session times, room assignments, and maps of the convention center.

Collateral materials for the OLC Connects area of the exhibit hall are being created for Divisions and Committees. Additional displays will celebrate OLC's 130th anniversary and promote the 2026 OLC Convention and Expo in Sandusky. An Awards and Honors display wall has also been created to recognize this year's recipients.

Advocacy and Communications Strategy

We are currently meeting with public relations firms to explore the development of an advocacy toolkit that will help our members communicate the value of Ohio's public libraries more effectively. The toolkit will focus on telling our story to the right audiences, legislators and the public, in the right way, highlighting how libraries save Ohioans money and strengthen their communities. The firms we've met with bring extensive experience in strategic communications, message development and coalition building. Their public affairs expertise will help us create clear, consistent messaging that educates voters (and elected officials) about what local library levies fund and why those investments matter. This is particularly important as Ohio faces growing efforts to reduce or eliminate property taxes.

Division/Committee Projects

- The Special Collections Division sent an e-newsletter to division members on September 16.
- The Children's Services Division sent its quarterly e-newsletter on Oct. 31.

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- The names and libraries of new and recently renewed Certification holders (CPL and CPLS) were listed in Access and posted on the OLC website.
- The New Member Referral Program will be promoted in Access and on the OLC website, beginning November 1.

OLC Annual Membership Business Meeting

Information about the OLC's Annual Membership Business Meeting was included in Access and on the OLC website.

OLC Website

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

1. JOBLine
2. Convention and Expo
3. Event Calendar
4. Google and Highlights for Children Webinar
5. OLC News page
6. Library Funding/PLF
7. Vendor Opportunities
8. OLC Bill Tracker
9. Regional Directors' Meetings
10. Certification

**Ohio Library Council
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ITEM NO.: **5.H.4**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2025 Individual Membership

The Individual Membership year ended on September 30, 2025, with a final individual membership total of 2128 as compared to the September 2024 final total of 2670. There were 1747 renewals and 350 new individual members. In addition, there are currently 1720 Library Trustee Members; 77 Friends Groups; 11 Associate Members; and 6 Other Institutions.

Proration of Individual Membership dues for **new** members began on July 1 and went through Sept. 30. We received 55 new members through the proration period. New members joining after Oct. 1 receive free membership for the remainder of the current year with the payment of full dues for the following year.

2026 Individual Membership

To date we have a total of 64 individual members. Of these, 54 are new members. The first membership renewal notice is scheduled to be emailed on December 8th. **All** renewal notices will be emailed to individual members.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met on October 20 at the OLC Office. They discussed the transition of chairs, 2026 goals and objectives; renewal schedule and timeline for 2026; plans for the Membership booth at Convention and Expo and the New Member Meet & Greet. They also welcomed incoming Committee member Sarah Vargo, Willoughby. Since this meeting Jess Brenneman, KSU has agreed to become the student representative to the Membership Committee.

I would like to acknowledge Bradley Kuykendall, Chair and all members of the 2025 Membership Committee for their dedicated work. Thanks also to Liz Muether, Board Liaison, for her contributions and guidance to the Committee.

New Member Referral Program

The New Member Referral Program began on November 1 and will run through February 1, 2026. The program will be announced in the November 5 issue of *Access*. The winner of the program will be selected on February 4, 2026 and will receive \$50.00 dollars in credit toward OLC Professional Development to be used within the 2026 calendar year.

ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program

Membership through the ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program through October 31 totaled 45.

SCALA Webinar

D'Andrea was a speaker on the KSU Student Chapter of ALA (SCALA) Webinar on October 29. Other speakers included Morgan Brickey-Jones, ALA New Member Round Table and Cara Calabrese, New to Libraries Network, and Academic Library Association of Ohio. We discussed programs, events, resources and opportunities for MLIS students to get involved in OLC and ALA.

Committee Appointments

Ratification of OLC Committee Appointments are under Agenda Item 3.C. Once the appointments have been approved, committee members will receive a letter including the length of their term under Bach's signature.

Planning and Leadership Conference

Invitations for the Planning and Leadership Conference were sent out on October 14. The invitation was sent to 170 individuals. To date there are 54 people registered to attend and 35 have responded they are not able to attend. A reminder email will be sent on November 4. Leadership Resources are being updated and will be posted in the Member Info Hub and the OLC App.

New Member Meet and Greet

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

Leadership Tracking

Updates to the rosters of Divisions and Committees will be made after the Leadership and Planning Conference. Newly elected Division Action Council and Committee members will be added to Basecamp prior to the Leadership Conference. We will not remove those with terms ending in 2025 until mid to late December. Action Council Coordinators are working to fulfill any vacancies. Committees and Division Action Councils for 2026 take office on Jan. 1, 2026.

Governance

After their meetings post Leadership Conference, many Divisions and Committees will be preparing their 2026 Goals and Objectives and 2025 Annual Reports. These will be posted to the website as they become available.