**Ohio Library Council**
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# AGENDA

Nov. 13, 2026
OLC Office
10:00 a.m.

## Annual Membership Business Meeting

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes
   A. Nov. 7, 2025 (#)*
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. 25, 2026 – Regular Meeting (#)*

3. Reports for Action
   A. Financial Report: Month-End – September 2026 and End of Year Outlook (#)*
   B. OLC Board Meeting Dates – 2027 (#)*
   C. Ratification of OLC Committee Appointments – 2027 (#)*

4. Reports for Discussion
   A. OLC Office Lease
   B. OLC 2027 Planning and Leadership Conference

5. Reports for Information
   A. “State of OLC Report”
   B. OLC Board Officer Nominations – 2027 (#)
   C. OLC Board Committee Assignments – 2027 (#)
   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. 15, 2027

8. Executive Session

9. Adjournment

(#) Report included in background packet ***** Action Item

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 7, 2025

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

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| CALL TO ORDER | Chair, Mary Ellen Icaza called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. |
| WELCOME | Icaza welcomed Susan Titkemeier, who was in attendance and elected to serve on the OLC Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning in January 2026. |
| APPROVAL OF AGENDA | THE APPROPRIATE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WAS RECEIVED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| APPROVAL OF MINUTES | THE APPROPRIATE APPROVAL OF THE 2024 OLC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2024, 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 | Icaza recognized and shared OLC's sincere thanks to Sarah Clevidence and Robbie Jenkins for their service. They will conclude their service on the Board at the end of 2025. |
| ADJOURNMENT | WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP, THE 2025 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:06 A.M. |

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Via Zoom
Sept. 25, 2026
9:00 A.M.

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| PRESENT | Kathy Bach, Cincinnati<br>Monica Baughman, Worthington<br>Travis Bautz, Middletown<br>Julianne Bedel, Medina<br>Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Twinsburg<br>Sandra Hedlund Tunnell, Ashland<br>Mary Ellen Icaza, Canton<br>Cindy Lombardo, Peninsula<br>Elizabeth Muether, Celina<br>Bernie Rochford, Akron<br>Stacey Russell, Zanesville<br>William Rutger, Sandusky |
| ABSENT | Susan Titkemeier, Marion |
| GUESTS | Evan Struble, State Library of Ohio<br>Nick Tepe, ALA Councilor<br>Don Yarman, OPLIN |
| STAFF | Michelle Francis, Executive Director<br>Jeanine D'Andrea, Director, Membership Services<br>Angie Jacobsen, Director of Communications<br>Denise Kise, Accounting/Data Services<br>Laurie Miller, Director, Professional Development |
| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order by Chair Russell at 9:02 a.m. Russell noted that Susan Titkemeier is unable to join today. Also, Jay Smith is unable to join today, but Francis will be available for questions regarding his report. Guest Mandy Knapp is also unable to join, but Evan Struble is available to answer questions regarding the State Library of Ohio report. Today is Dolly Parton 9-to-5 day. Last week was the First Lady's Luncheon with Mrs. DeWine and Trisha Yearwood, and this week was the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Appreciation Luncheon at the Governor's Residence. |
| APPROVAL OF AGENDA | DeNERO-ACKROYD MOVED AND RUTGER SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| APROVAL OF MINUTES | LOMBARDO MOVED AND ICAZA SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE JULY 17, 2026 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.<br><br>MUETHER MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE JULY 17, 2026 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| FINANCIAL REPORT<br>MONTH-END<br>July 2026 | Francis presented the financial report for the month-end July 2026.<br><br><u>Revenue.</u> |

Dues. Institutional Dues are slightly under budget. Other Institutions are under budget. Individual Memberships are under budget due to a decrease in personal membership. Individual Membership is down by about 500 as compared to 2024. Friends are under budget.

Continuing Education. Convention and Expo is over budget due to timing of accrual. Workshops are under budget due to decrease in registration and timing of events. Francis noted issues and concerns with competing professional development opportunities.

Contract Income. Sourcing office is slightly under budget.

Other Income. Interest and Dividends are over budget due to returns on short-term investments. Unrealized Gain/(Loss) is over budget due to returns on long-term investments. Workers' Comp is over budget due to timing of payments. JobLine is under budget due to decrease in non-member postings. Management and Consulting is under budget due to decrease in background check requests.

Expenses.
Salaries and Benefits. Staff salaries are under budget due to timing of 2026 adjustments. Retirement is slightly under budget due to timing of plan contributions. Health Insurance is under budget. Payroll Taxes are under budget.

Consultants and Contractors. Speaker Honoraria is under budget due to timing of payment. Legal Services are under budget due to timing of invoices. Expo Contractors are under budget due to timing of payments. Other consultants and contractors are under budget due to timing of payments.

Supplies and Resources. Supplies are over budget due to timing of purchasing. Subscription/Resource Materials are under budget. Computer Software/Supplies are under budget.

Communications. Telephone and Internet are on budget. Postage/Courier Service is under budget.

Printing and Design. Printing is under budget due to timing of payment. Copying is on budget.

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

Space Rental. Office space is slightly over budget due to CAM. Workshops/Meetings are under budget.

Travel and Meals. Board is slightly over budget due to strategic planning. Staff travel is under budget due to timing.

Management Expenses. Bank services is under budget. Investment fees are slightly over budget. Depreciation is slightly under budget. Organization Memberships are under budget due to timing of payments. Staff Development and Memberships are over budget due to timing. Advertising is under budget due to timing of purchases. Catering and other meals is under budget due to timing of payments.

**The net change in assets is over budget $115,698.**

LOMBARDO MOVED AND DeNERO-ACKROYD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT: MONTH END JULY 2026 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

STRATEGIC PLANNING MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Russell thanked the members of the OLC Executive Committee for meeting and their thoughtful discussion.

The OLC Executive Committee of the Board met via Zoom on Aug. 28, 2026. Prior to the meeting, the OLC Executive Director provided an agenda and Vista Cova's OLC Strategic Planning Retreat summary document.

The group discussed the three-year vision and goal areas as presented in the OLC Strategic Planning Retreat summary. The group discussed multiple options before settling on the following recommendations for vision and mission statements.

Vision: Thriving public libraries. Stronger Ohio communities.

Mission: Unite Ohio's public libraries through collaboration, education and advocacy.

Goal areas:

- Communicating the Value of Public Libraries
- Enhancing Member Education
- Building Collaborative Communities
- Thriving Organization

BEDEL MOVED AND MUETHER SECONDED THE APPROVAL OF THE OLC STRATEGIC PLANNING MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS AND GOAL AREAS AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLC OFFICE LEASE

Francis reported OLC's current office lease expires in the summer of 2027. She is working with OLC's commercial real estate consultant at Newmark to review possible options. They toured eight possible locations based on OLC's square footage needs. We are following up with an RFP for three of those locations in addition to our current space. Additional information will be shared at the November board meeting.

2026 CONVENTION & EXPO

Francis and Miller gave an updated report on the Convention and Expo. Expo Hall booths are almost sold out. Painting again in the Expo Hall. Gadget Gallery is a big highlight. Pete the Cat will be roaming the Expo Hall. We met our room block. Local Arrangements is really geared up for Thursday night's activities.

OLC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Openings have been identified, and OLC staff are working to fulfill the appointments. A full report will be provided to the Appointments Committee upon completion and presented for action at the November 2026 Board meeting.

2026 OLC ELECTIONS

Francis noted the elections ran through July 30, 2026. A list of individuals elected to leadership positions was included in the background materials. Welcome to new Board Members Ben Heckman, Bexley Public Library; and Beth Steiner, Auglaize County Public District Library. Re-elected members include Sandra Hedlund Tunnell, Ashland Public Library, Stacey Russell, Muskingum County Library System.

OLC BOARD MEETING DATES

Francis presented the proposed OLC Board Meeting Dates for 2027. Final approval of the schedule will take place at the Nov. 13 meeting. Please reach out to Francis with any conflicts prior to the November meeting.

ALA COUNCILOR REPORT

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

ALSC and YALSA Reunification. The Association for Library Service to Children and Young Adult Library Services Association divisions officially reunited on Sept. 1. Beginning on Sept. 1, all YALSA memberships will transition to ALSC members. The division will continue operating under the ALSC name during the initial transition period while a comprehensive rebranding process takes place.

Incidents Against Immigrants in Libraries Reporting Form. ALA's new tool provides a confidential way to document anti-immigrant incidents occurring in libraries.

Tepe is continuing to work behind the scenes on committee structure.

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

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

Facilities Update. Staff are in 35 E. Chestnut. The State Library Collection is in Gahanna. They are working toward public access and reworking their service model. The Reading Room will be dedicated at the Board meeting in December, and open houses will begin in 2027. All correspondence might have some legacy addresses so be sure to change them to the 35 E. Chestnut address.

LSTA Five-Year Plan. Progress was made on the evaluation of the current Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) Five-Year plan. There is an opportunity to participate in surveys, etc. The new plan is for 2028-2032.

LSTA Competitive Grants. Applications for competitive grants are open now. Libraries may request up to $50,000 with a 25% cash match. Three areas of focus are: Literacy, Library as Community Anchor and Outreach. There will be drop-in office hours on Oct. 5.

Consortium. Serving Every Ohioan Consortium has chosen Polaris as its next integrated library system (ILS). The projected start date is Fall 2027.

Search Ohio. The State Library is hiring a Library Consultant. They have received 60 applications. They are lining up interviews, and MOUs are being worked on. The next meeting is Nov. 2.

Ohio Digital Network. The Ohio Digital Network Fest is in person on Oct. 8 at the CML's Dublin Branch.

OPLIN REPORT

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

OPLIN Board Comments on E-Rate Rules.
The comment letter to the FCC regarding proposed E-Rate rules highlights the importance of E-Rate to OPLIN's mission, noting that a loss of funding cannot be "made up" through other means, and would result in a direct, significant impact on all public libraries in Ohio. The letter voices concern with the proposal that each library in a consortium must directly submit their own form 479 in the E-Rate portal. OPLIN supports allowing consortia to continue to act as the administrative agents for their members.

New Sanborn Maps interface debuting at OLC Convention. OPLIN's interface to the Ohio Sanborn Maps collection required necessary work to bring it up to accessibility standards. They are implementing the International Image Operability Framework to facilitate API integration. The new interface will have significantly better search capability to expose the more valuable historical content that the maps contain. Also, the "Statewide Database Booster Program" site is scheduled to launch shortly before the OLC Convention. Libraries will be invited to pledge their financial support for sharing the cost with OPLIN to "boost" select, locally purchased resources to statewide access for all. OhioLINK has a long record of success with this type of shared funding model.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Francis thanked Board members for attending the First Lady's Luncheon. OLC presented the Andrew Carnegie Award to the Governor and First Lady. They may record a "Thank You" video that can be shared.

OLC Board Elections. OLC elections ended on July 30. The results were reviewed with Mary Ellen Icaza, Chair of the OLC Board Nominating Committee, on Aug. 5. The return rate for the Board was 16%.

OLC Workers Comp Program. More than 190 public library systems will be participating in OLC's 2027 Group Rating and Group Retrospective Rating Program. The total estimated savings for the participating OLC Institutional Members is $366,192.

Amazon Business Prime. There are currently 226 public library systems participating in OLC's Amazon Business Prime Program. Participating OLC Institutional Member library systems have saved $510,984 on purchases and shipping over the past year. There was a rebate in the first year, the second year, OLC may receive about $31,000 in Q1 2027.

Library Card Sign-Up Month. September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time when OLC and libraries nationwide join with the ALA to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Special Meeting for Association Libraries. OLC held a special meeting on Aug. 6 for the 19 Institutional Member Association Libraries to address legal and legislative issues impacting them.

OLC 2027 Planning and Leadership Conference. This event will be all virtual on Thursday, Dec. 3. Formal invitations will be distributed, and registration will be required.

DeNero-Akroyd asked about the Sustainable Libraries Initiative. Francis noted that only a few libraries in Ohio participate, but OLC will promote it as we do other ALA programs.

GOVERNMENT & LEGAL SERVICES REPORT

A written report was provided. Francis noted the following:

Survey to Directors and Fiscal Officers. OLC distributed a survey to directors and fiscal officers on the PLF and Certifications for 2027. Each county is handling it differently. 120 libraries have responded to date, so the deadline may be extended.

Ballot Issues. The Secretary of State's Office posted the issues that are on the November Ballot. There are 16 libraries on the ballot.

Road Ahead Tour. The work to protect and strengthen library funding starts now. The Road Ahead Meetings will ensure Ohio libraries are informed, prepared and speaking with one strong voice. All Library Directors are encouraged to attend one of the meetings, along with Trustees and Fiscal Officers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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

2026 OLC Convention and Expo. There are currently 74 exhibitors and 15 sponsors. Online registration closes Oct. 7. There are currently 504 registered. Hotel reservation cutoff is Sept. 28. Keynote speakers include a Media Panel with Tom Suddes, Jo Ingles and Noah Blundo; Beth Z, Your Nerdy Best Friend; and Anthony W. Scott, Esq. Special events will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

2027 Professional Development. Staff is reviewing Professional Development in 2027 and re-tooling it to benefit the members. What is missing, what do we need, and what we're already doing. Quality over quantity.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

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

Library Card Sign-Up Month. Promotions for Library Card Sign-Up Month are ongoing throughout September. OLC issued a press release encouraging Ohioans to get a library card and highlighting the many resources and services available through their local libraries.

Awards and Honors Media Coverage
A press release announcing the 2026 award recipients was distributed, and the winners were featured in Access and on the OLC website. The Awards and Honors spotlight series continues in Access each week. OLC has received significant media coverage.

Convention and Expo. Updates for the 2026 Convention and Expo continue to be added to the OLC website. Ongoing promotional efforts are being carried out through Access, social media, and the OLC website.

Work continues on the on-site guide. Development of the C&E mobile app is also underway. Planning is underway for the new OLC booth in the Exhibit Hall. The OLC Connects area has changed to the "Member Info Hub". Rather than hosting individual Division and Committee tables, there will be one large, interactive booth in the Exhibit Hall.

OLC Website. The top performing pages on the OLC website over the past 60 days are: JobLine; Convention and Expo; Calendar, Ohio Public Library Directory, Library Funding/PLF.

Axios. A Sept. 18 story from Axios highlighted newly released Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) data showing that Ohio residents checked out more than 13 library items per person in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, more than twice the national average of 6.5.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES REPORT

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

Individual Membership. As of Sept. 1, there are 2,167 Individual Members as compared to 2,128 on September 1, 2025. There are currently 1746 renewals; 390 new and 31 Lifetime. There are 1723 Trustees; 42 Friends Groups; 7 Associate and 5 Other.

Proration of Individual Membership dues began on July 1 and continues through Sept. 30. To date, OLC has received 75 new members throughout the proration period.

Committee Appointments. Committee openings have been identified and shared with staff for fulfillment. A full report of appointments will be shared with the Appointments Committee when completed and presented at the November 2026 Board meeting for action.

Nominations and Elections. Divisions had a return rate between 27% - 49%. All candidates for Division Action Councils were notified by email, and a full report of the results was published in *Access*.

Convention and Expo. OLC Connects in now the "OLC Member Info Hub". Members can learn more about "How to Get Involved", navigating the OLC Member Info Hub platform, and learn more about the work of OLC Committees and Divisions. Having volunteers choose one time slot during the exclusive viewing times alleviates the time commitment during Convention programming for volunteers to attend sessions.

Awards and Honors. OLC has received positive feedback regarding this year's selection of award winners. Details for the Awards Luncheon are moving forward. Board members were encouraged to attend.

New Member Meet and Greet. The New Member Meet and Greet will be held on Oct. 21 from 4:00-4:30 in the Indigo Bay Room. Board members were encouraged to attend if possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rutger noted Board members will receive an email from Ro Swanson regarding Francis' self-evaluation by Oct. 9 and encouraged members to respond by Oct. 30. Rutger would like to review the responses with the Personnel Committee by Nov. 6, prior to the Nov. 13 Board meeting.

Rutger congratulated Kim DeNero-Ackroyd on her new position as Director of the Twinsburg Public Library beginning Oct. 5. Rochford welcomed her to the Summit County systems.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13 at the OLC office. There will be an Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director's evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

BACH MOVED AND BAUGHMAN SECONDED THE MEETING ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Ohio Library Council**
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.A** MEETING DATE: **Nov. 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Financial Report: Sept. 2026** SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

# REPORT FOR ACTION

**REVENUE**

| Cost Center | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Variance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dues | $ 1,253,484 | $ 1,263,238 | $ (9,755) |
| Events | 377,060 | 459,645 | (82,585) |
| Other Income | 116,159 | 59,584 | 56,575 |
| **TOTAL** | **$ 1,746,703** | **$ 1,782,467** | **$ (35,764)** |

Dues Income (- $9,755)

- Institutional Membership: on budget (+ $706).
- Other Institutions: slightly under budget (- $2,475).
- Individual Memberships: under budget due to decrease in personal membership (- $7,036).
- Friends: under budget (- $950).

Events (- $82,585)

- Legislative Day: slightly under budget (- $1,200).
- Convention & Expo: under budget due to timing of accrual (- $30,203).
- Workshops: under budget due to decrease in registration and timing of other events (- $51,182).

Other Revenue (+ $56,575)

- Publication Sales: slightly under budget (- $145).
- Contract Income: slightly over budget (+ $536).
- Interest and Dividends: over budget due to returns on short-term investments (+ $5,363).
- Unrealized Gain/(Loss): over budget due to returns on long-term investments (+ $45,572).
- Workers Comp: over budget due to timing of payments (+ $6,100).
- JobLine: under budget due to decrease in non-member postings (- $600).
- Management & Consulting: under budget due to decrease in background check requests (- $250).

**EXPENSES**

| Cost Center | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Variance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries and Benefits | $ 761,896 | $ 778,708 | $ (16,812) |
| Consultants and Contractors | 140,068 | 222,453 | (82,385) |
| Supplies and Resources | 65,853 | 64,517 | 1,336 |
| Communications | 13,330 | 14,631 | (1,301) |
| Printing/Design | 4,318 | 4,492 | (174) |
| Maintenance and Equipment | 17,442 | 21,358 | (3,916) |
| Space Rental | 104,059 | 104,562 | (503) |
| Travel | 13,186 | 16,920 | (3,734) |
| Management Expenses | 99,760 | 109,121 | (9,361) |
| **TOTAL** | **$ 1,219,911** | **$ 1,336,762** | **$ (116,851)** |

Salaries and Benefits (- $16,812)

- Staff Salaries: under budget due to timing of 2026 adjustments (- $9,776).
- Vacation: reflects accrued vacation (+ $5,618).
- Retirement: slightly under budget due to timing of plan contributions (- $2,412).
- Health Insurance: under budget (- $8,059).
- Worker's Compensation: on budget (+ $80).
- Payroll Taxes: under budget (- $2,317).
- LTD & Life Insurance: on budget (+ $53).

Consultants and Contractors (- $82,385)

- Auditor: slightly over budget (+ $500).
- Speaker Honoraria: under budget due to timing of payment (- $4,850).
- Legal Services: under budget due to timing of invoices (- $33,190).
- Expo Contractors: under budget due to timing of payments (- $2,233).
- Other Consultants/Contractors: under budget due to timing of payments (- $42,612).

Supplies and Resources (+ $1,336)

- Supplies: over budget due to timing of purchasing (+ $2,738).
- Subscription/Resource Materials: under budget (- $419).
- Computer Software/Supplies: under budget (- $984).

Communications (- $1,301)

- Telephone: Local/Mobile/Conf. Calls: under budget (- $173).
- Postage: under budget (- $1,053).
- Internet: budget (- $76).

Printing and Design (- $174)

- Printing: under budget due to timing of payments (- $465).
- Copying: slightly over budget (+ $291).

Maintenance and Equipment (- $3,916)

- Equipment Rental: under budget (- $3,450).
- Equipment Maintenance: under budget (- $746).
- Software Support: slightly over budget due to timing of payments (+ $280).

Space Rental (- $503)

- Office Space: slightly over budget due to CAM (+ $1,343).
- Workshops/Meetings: under budget (- $1,846).

Travel (- $3,734)

- Board: slightly over budget due to strategic planning (+ $1,568).
- Staff: under budget due to timing (- $5,302).

Management Expenses (- $9,361)

- Bank Services: under budget (- $2,092).
- Investment Fees: slightly over budget (+ $330).
- Depreciation: slightly under budget (- $861).
- Employee Hiring: under budget for library background checks (- $494).
- Insurance: on budget (+ $1).
- Organization Memberships: under budget due to timing of payments (- $189).
- Staff Development and Memberships: over budget due to timing (+ $2,691).
- Advertising: under budget due to timing of purchases (- $3,700).
- Catering and Other Meals: under budget (- $5,048).

| | Actual | Budget | Variance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Net Change in Assets** | $ 526,792 | $ 445,705 | $ 81,087 |

# Ohio Library Council
## Income Statement - Actual vs Budget
### January-September 2026

| | Actual | Budget | Variance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue** | | | |
| **Dues** | | | |
| Institutional | $1,055,144.00 | $1,054,438.00 | $706.00 |
| Other Institutions | 4,525.00 | 7,000.00 | (2,475.00) |
| Individual | 192,764.50 | 199,800.00 | (7,035.50) |
| Friends | 1,050.00 | 2,000.00 | (950.00) |
| **Total Dues** | **$1,253,483.50** | **$1,263,238.00** | **($9,754.50)** |
| **Events** | | | |
| Legislative Day | 13,800.00 | 15,000.00 | (1,200.00) |
| Convention & Expo | 267,335.46 | 297,538.00 | (30,202.54) |
| Workshops | 95,925.00 | 147,107.00 | (51,182.00) |
| **Total Events** | **$377,060.46** | **$459,645.00** | **($82,584.54)** |
| **Other Revenue** | | | |
| Publication Sales | 105.00 | 250.00 | (145.00) |
| Contract Earnings | 5,035.64 | 4,500.00 | 535.64 |
| Investment Earnings | 31,616.66 | 26,254.00 | 5,362.66 |
| Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Investments | 45,571.95 | 0.00 | 45,571.95 |
| BWC Group Plan | 33,399.76 | 27,300.00 | 6,099.76 |
| Jobline | 160.00 | 760.00 | (600.00) |
| Management & Consulting Revenue | 270.00 | 520.00 | (250.00) |
| **Total Other Revenue** | **$116,159.01** | **$59,584.00** | **$56,575.01** |
| **Total Revenue** | **$1,746,702.97** | **$1,782,467.00** | **($35,764.03)** |
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| **Expenses** | | | |
| **Salary & Benefits** | | | |
| Staff Salaries | $574,065.79 | $583,842.00 | ($9,776.21) |
| Retirement Contribution | 55,969.41 | 58,381.00 | (2,411.59) |
| Health Insurance | 80,476.15 | 88,535.00 | (8,058.85) |
| Workers' Compensation | 236.32 | 156.00 | 80.32 |
| Payroll Taxes | 42,128.93 | 44,446.00 | (2,317.07) |
| LTD & Life Insurance | 3,400.92 | 3,348.00 | 52.92 |
| Accrued Vacation | 5,618.24 | | 5,618.24 |
| **Total Salary & Benefits** | **$761,895.76** | **$778,708.00** | **($16,812.24)** |
| **Consultants & Contractors** | | | |
| Auditor | 8,750.00 | 8,250.00 | 500.00 |
| Speaker Honoraria | 4,750.00 | 9,600.00 | (4,850.00) |
| Legal Services | 4,310.50 | 37,500.00 | (33,189.50) |
| Expo Consultants | 1,266.69 | 3,500.00 | (2,233.31) |
| Other Consultants & Contractors | 120,990.74 | 163,603.00 | (42,612.26) |
| **Total Consultants & Contractors** | **$140,067.93** | **$222,453.00** | **($82,385.07)** |

# Ohio Library Council
## Income Statement - Actual vs Budget
### January-September 2026

| | Actual | Budget | Variance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Expenses (continued)** | | | |
| **Supplies & Resources** | | | |
| Supplies | $16,775.32 | $14,037.00 | $2,738.32 |
| Subscriptions & Resource Materials | 4,534.89 | 4,954.00 | (419.11) |
| Computer Software & Supplies | 44,542.41 | 45,526.00 | (983.59) |
| **Total Supplies & Resources** | **$65,852.62** | **$64,517.00** | **$1,335.62** |
| **Communications** | | | |
| Telephone | 2,444.13 | 2,617.00 | (172.87) |
| Postage | 2,474.48 | 3,527.00 | (1,052.52) |
| Internet | 8,411.50 | 8,487.00 | (75.50) |
| **Total Communications** | **$13,330.11** | **$14,631.00** | **($1,300.89)** |
| **Printing & Typesetting** | | | |
| Printing | 2,267.05 | 2,732.00 | (464.95) |
| Copying | 2,050.69 | 1,760.00 | 290.69 |
| **Total Printing & Typesetting** | **$4,317.74** | **$4,492.00** | **($174.26)** |
| **Maintenance & Equipment** | | | |
| Equipment Rental | 16,934.87 | 20,385.00 | (3,450.13) |
| Equipment Maintenance | 227.05 | 973.00 | (745.95) |
| Sorftware Support | 279.71 | 0.00 | 279.71 |
| **Total Maintenance & Equipment** | **$17,441.63** | **$21,358.00** | **($3,916.37)** |
| **Space Rental** | | | |
| Office Space | 98,254.59 | 96,912.00 | 1,342.59 |
| Workshops | 5,804.05 | 7,650.00 | (1,845.95) |
| **Total Space Rental** | **$104,058.64** | **$104,562.00** | **($503.36)** |
| **Travel** | | | |
| Board | 6,567.97 | 5,000.00 | 1,567.97 |
| Staff | 6,618.28 | 11,920.00 | (5,301.72) |
| **Total Travel** | **$13,186.25** | **$16,920.00** | **($3,733.75)** |
| **Management Expenses** | | | |
| Bank Services | 13,109.25 | 15,201.00 | (2,091.75) |
| Investment Fees | 5,010.39 | 4,680.00 | 330.39 |
| Depreciation | 10,285.91 | 11,147.00 | (861.09) |
| Employee Hiring | 105.00 | 599.00 | (494.00) |
| Insurance | 6,449.26 | 6,448.00 | 1.26 |
| Organizational Memberships | 10,705.95 | 10,895.00 | (189.05) |
| Staff Development & Memberships | 4,917.06 | 2,226.00 | 2,691.06 |
| Catering | 49,177.13 | 54,225.00 | (5,047.87) |
| Advertising | 0.00 | 3,700.00 | (3,700.00) |
| **Total Management Expenses** | **$99,759.95** | **$109,121.00** | **($9,361.05)** |
| **Total Expenses** | **$1,219,910.63** | **$1,336,762.00** | **($116,851.37)** |
| **Change in Net Assets** | **$526,792.34** | **$445,705.00** | **$81,087.34** |

# Ohio Library Council
## Balance Sheet
### As of September 30, 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| **Assets** | |
| **Cash & Short Term Investments** | |
| Commerce Nat'l Bank - Checking | $136,121.51 |
| Commerce Nat'l Bank - Money Market | 392,051.17 |
| Undeposited Funds | 5,770.00 |
| Investments - Money Market | 4,657.08 |
| Investments - Long Term Mutual Funds | 688,928.33 |
| Investments - Short Term Mutual Funds | 884,034.37 |
| **Total Cash & Short Term Investments** | **$2,111,562.46** |
| **Other Current Assets** | |
| Accounts Receivable | 51,281.00 |
| Office Equipment (net of Accum Depr) | 51,503.42 |
| Operating Lease ROU Asset (net of Amort) | 71,310.17 |
| Prepayments | 67,062.45 |
| **Total Other Current Assets** | **$241,157.04** |
| **Total Assets** | **$2,352,719.50** |
| **Liabilities and Net Assets** | |
| **Liabilities** | |
| Accounts Payable | $5,610.79 |
| Credit Card Payable | 1,067.70 |
| Operating Lease Liability | 79,495.20 |
| Accrued Salaries | 23,637.30 |
| Accrued Vacation | 53,088.27 |
| Accrued Insurance | (883.04) |
| Advances | 1,112.46 |
| **Total Liabilities** | **$163,128.68** |
| **Net Assets** | |
| Unappropriated Fund Balance | 1,662,798.48 |
| Change in Net Assets | 526,792.34 |
| **Total Net Assets** | **$2,189,590.82** |
| **Total Liabilities and Net Assets** | **$2,352,719.50** |

**Ohio Library Council**
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.B** MEETING DATE: **Nov. 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **OLC Board Meeting Dates - 2027** SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

# REPORT FOR ACTION

The following are the proposed dates for the 2027 meetings of the OLC Board of Directors.

- Jan. 15
- March 12
- May 14
- July 16
- Sept. 10
- Nov. 12

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

Other dates to note:
ALA National Library Legislative Day – Feb. 24-25
OLC Library Fiscal Officer CPIM Conference – April 8-9
OLC Legislative Day – May 19
ALA Annual (New Orleans) – June 24-28
OLC Convention & Expo (Sharonville) – Oct. 27-29

**Ohio Library Council**
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **3.C** MEETING DATE: **Nov. 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Ratification of 2027 OLC Committee Appointments** SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

# REPORT FOR ACTION

The OLC Appointments Committee met via Zoom on Nov. 6 to consider candidates for the 2027 OLC Convention and Expo Program Committee Assistant Chair position.

**2027 Convention & Expo Program Committee Assistant Chair**
Per the current succession plan, the 2027 Program Committee Assistant Chair will serve as the 2028 Program Committee Chair and as the 2029 Convention and Expo Chair.

The Committee recommends the following appointment for this position:

- **Jenn Eyer**, Staff Development Coordinator, Worthington Libraries

**Ohio Library Council**
**Awards and Honors Committee**
**2027**

| Name | Position | Position Ending | Term Ending |
|---|---|---|---|
| Katie Phillips | Chair | 2027 | 2028 |
| Casey Titschinger | Asst Chair | 2027 | 2029 |
| Jen Welsh | Past Chair | 2027 | 2027 |
| April Eifler | Member | | 2027 |
| Michelle Petersen | Member | | 2028 |
| Kate McGowan | Member | | 2028 |
| Amy Abernathy | Member | | 2029 |
| Nellie Schmidt | Member | | 2029 |
| (Vacant) | Member | | 2029 |

**Ohio Library Council**
**Convention & Expo Committee**
**2027**

| Name | Position | Position Ending | Term Ending |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jennifer Buch | Convention Chair | 2027 | 2027 |
| Jen Farrell | Program Chair | 2027 | 2028 |
| Jenn Eyer | Asst. Program Chair | 2027 | 2029 |
| TBD | Expo Chair | | 2027 |
| TBD | Local Arrangements Chair | | 2027 |

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

**2027**

| Name | Position | Position Ending | Term Ending |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sondra Presley | Chair | 2027 | 2028 |
| (Appoint) | Assistant Chair | 2028 | 2029 |
| Anthony Wilson | Past Chair | 2027 | 2027 |
| Matthew Parkins | Member | | 2027 |
| Melanie Torok | Member | | 2028 |
| Marian Veld | Member | | 2028 |
| Kelly Chaplin | Member | | 2029 |
| Zach Parish | Member | | 2029 |
| Esther Pittinger | Member | | 2029 |
| (Vacant) | Member | | 2028 |

**Ohio Library Council**
**Government Relations Committee**

**2027**

| Name | Position | Position Ending | Term Ending |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paula Brehm-Heeger | Chair | 2027 | 2028 |
| (Appoint) | Vice Chair | 2027 | 2029 |
| Beth Hatch | Member | | 2027 |
| Jason Kucsma | Member | | 2027 |
| Michael Penrod | Member | | 2027 |
| Aimee Fifarek | Member | | 2028 |
| Cheryl Kuonen | Member | | 2028 |
| Chris May | Member | | 2028 |
| Sandi Thompson | Member | | 2028 |
| Nieca Nowels | Member | | 2029 |
| Kacie Armstrong | Member | | 2029 |
| Karl Colon | Member | | 2029 |
| Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz | Member | | 2029 |
| Debbie Saunders | Member | | 2029 |
| Mandy Knapp | Ex-officio | | 2027 |
| Don Yarman | Ex-officio | | 2027 |

**Ohio Library Council**
**Intellectual Freedom Committee**

**2027**

| Name | Position | Position Ending | Term Ending |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jen Farrell | Chair | 2027 | 2028 |
| (Appoint) | Assistant Chair | 2027 | 2028 |
| Tony Howard | Past Chair | 2027 | 2027 |
| Megan Villono | Secretary | 2027 | 2028 |
| Christine Mills | Member | | 2028 |
| Meredith Wickham | Member | | 2029 |
| Zach Parish | Member | | 2029 |
| Esther Pittinger | Member | | 2029 |
| (Vacant) | Member | | 2027 |

**Ohio Library Council**
**Membership Committee**

**2027**

| Name | Position | Position Ending | Term Ending |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jennifer Buch | Chair | 2027 | 2028 |
| Sarah Vargo | Asst Chair | 2027 | 2029 |
| Shelia Ward | Secretary | 2027 | 2027 |
| Jon Keppel | Member | | 2027 |
| Jenn Eyer | Member | | 2027 |
| Susan Guthrie | Member | | 2029 |

**Ohio Library Council**
**Professional Development Committee**

**2027**

| Name | Position | Position Ending | Term Ending |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sarita Asawa | Chair | 2027 | 2028 |
| (Appoint) | Asst Chair | 2027 | 2028 |
| Ada Myers | Past Chair | 2027 | 2027 |
| Jason Bumbico | Member | | 2027 |
| Susan Cook | Member | | 2027 |
| Karen Pierce | Member | | 2027 |
| Erin Winchester | Member | | 2027 |
| Jennifer Walker | Member | | 2028 |
| Rafael Ortiz | Member | | 2028 |
| Ashley Allen | Member | | 2028 |
| Emily Draper | Member | | 2028 |
| Tara Hutson | Member | | 2029 |
| Brielle Maynor | Member | | 2029 |
| Robert Miller | Member | | 2029 |

**Ohio Library Council**
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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| ITEM NO.: | **5.B** | MEETING DATE: | **Nov. 13, 2026** |
| SUBJECT: | **OLC Board Officer Nominations – 2027** | SUBMITTED BY: | **Executive Committee** |

## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

For 2027, 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 2027 OLC Board of Directors:

| | |
|---|---|
| Vice Chair of the Board/Chair-Elect: | Julianne Bedel, Executive Director<br>Medina County District Library |
| Secretary-Treasurer: | Kathy Bach, Public Services Director<br>Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library |

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 January 2027 Board Meeting.

**Ohio Library Council**
# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|---|---|---|---|
| ITEM NO.: | **5.C** | MEETING DATE: | **Nov. 13, 2026** |
| SUBJECT: | **OLC Board Committee Assignments – 2027** | SUBMITTED BY: | **Michelle Francis** |

## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Below are the proposed assignments for the 2027 Committees of the OLC Board of Directors. Board members requesting changes to their proposed assignments should notify William Rutger or Michelle Francis by Dec. 31. Approval of the committee assignments will take place at the Board meeting on Jan. 15, 2027.

Executive Committee
William Rutger, Chair of the Board
TBD, Vice Chair of the Board/Chair-Elect (Julianne Bedel*)
TBD, Secretary-Treasurer (Kathy Bach*)
Stacey Russell, Immediate Past Chair

Appointments Committee
Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Chair
Ben Heckman
William Rutger, Ex-Officio

Finance Committee
TBD, Chair (Kathy Bach*)
Monica Baughman
Sandra Hedlund Tunnell
Cindy Lombardo
William Rutger, Ex-Officio

Nominating Committee
Stacey Russell, Chair
Susan Titkemeier
Ryan McDonnell (2027)
Chris May (2028)
TBD (2029) *[at-large member from OLC membership]*
William Rutger, Ex-Officio

Personnel Committee
TBD, Chair (Julianne Bedel*)
Liz Muether
Bernie Rochford
Beth Steiner
William Rutger, Ex-Officio

**Pending outcome of OLC Officer elections on Jan. 15, 2027*

**Ohio Library Council**
# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ITEM NO.: **5.D** MEETING DATE: **Nov. 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **ALA Councilor Report** SUBMITTED BY: **Nick Tepe**

## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Items that have been shared with Council and/or Membership recently:

- ALA continues to chip away at the structural budget deficit, with the June 2026 YTD deficit at $4.6M, $1.9M more favorable than the $6.5M budgeted deficit, despite revenue being $2.6M below budget.
- Winter Council sessions will be virtual again this year, with the Virtual Membership Information Session January 20, 2:00-3:00 pm CST; Council I January 26, 2:00-3:30 pm CST; Council II January 27, 2:00-4:00 pm CST, and Council III January 28, 2:00-4:00 pm CST
- Council meetings at Annual Conference are changing from three in-person Council meetings to two in-person Council sessions during the conference with one virtual Council meeting prior to Conference.
- National Library Legislative Day 2027 will take place February 24-25, 2027, opening with an afternoon briefing on February 24 that includes education, advocacy training, and networking activities, followed by a day of meetings with federal legislators on February 25. The deadline to register is November 25, subject to available space.
- The Intellectual Freedom Committee has continued work on the new “Liberty and the Library” statement that was shared with membership for feedback last Summer. A new version that includes that feedback has been shared with Council for further review before the statement will be brought to Council for a vote in 2027.

ALA/SHLB economic study on E-Rate

A new economic study released by the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition, which includes ALA, shows that eliminating E-Rate would have serious negative effects on the U.S. economy. The analysis, conducted by independent economic consulting firm The Brattle Group, estimates that removing roughly $2.6 billion in annual E-Rate support would reduce annual real GDP by about $4.2 billion, or about $1.60 in lost economic activity for every $1 of support removed.

The findings arrive as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) considers whether E-Rate, which has provided affordable broadband to schools and libraries for nearly 30 years, should be terminated, narrowed or limited to rural areas only. The report findings were submitted to the FCC's E-Rate proceeding ahead of the Oct. 13 comment deadline. Read the full press release here. This report could prove useful in conversations with newly elected congressional representatives.

# State Library of Ohio

October 2026

## Message from the State Librarian

October is a busy month for library professionals across Ohio: it's conference season! State Library staff have presented sessions, facilitated discussions, and learned a lot from our colleagues across the state and even across the country. Thank you to our staff for sharing your expertise!

This year I was honored to be the keynote speaker at the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) Conference. The theme of this year's conference was "Perserving the Past, Empowing the Future." In addition to my keynote, I was able to attend several very informative sessions on social history, preservation/conservation, and library catalog reports. But, as with all conferences, the true joy was being with other library and information professionals.



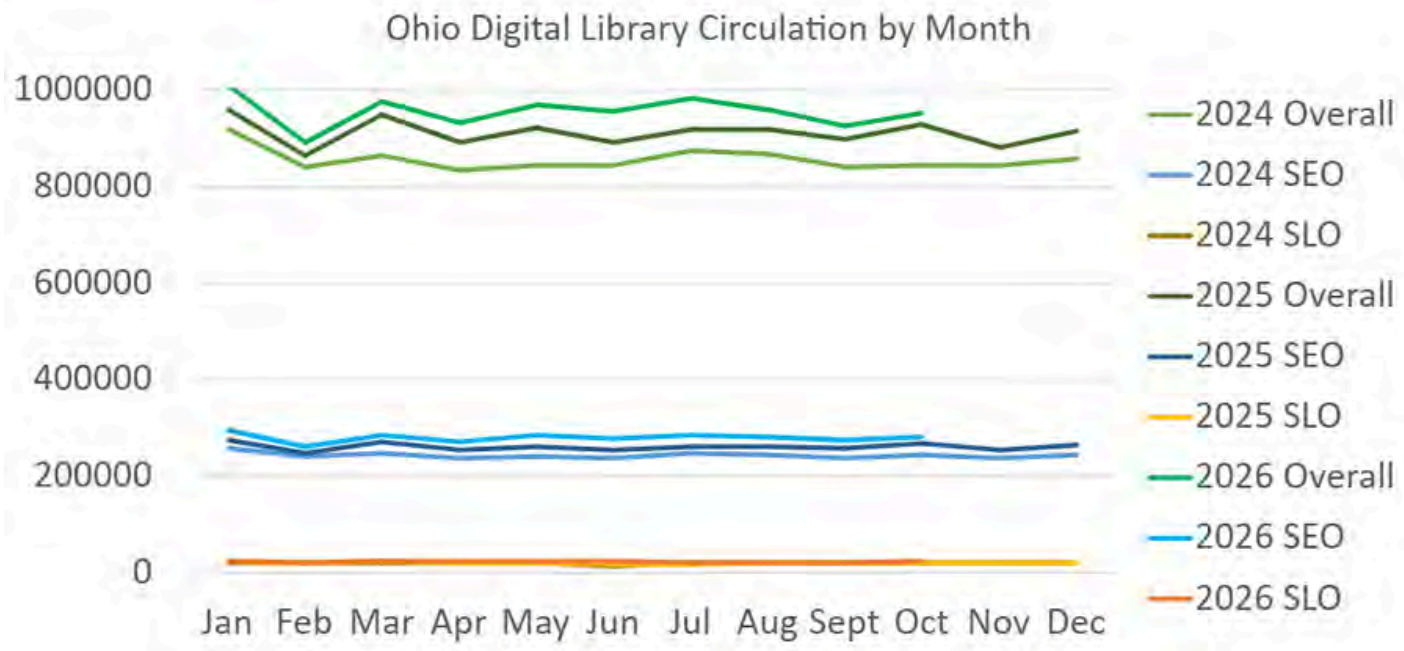

***State Library's Library Relations Manager Heather Miller, Napoleon Public Library Director Sarah Boeglin, and State Librarian Mandy Knapp.***

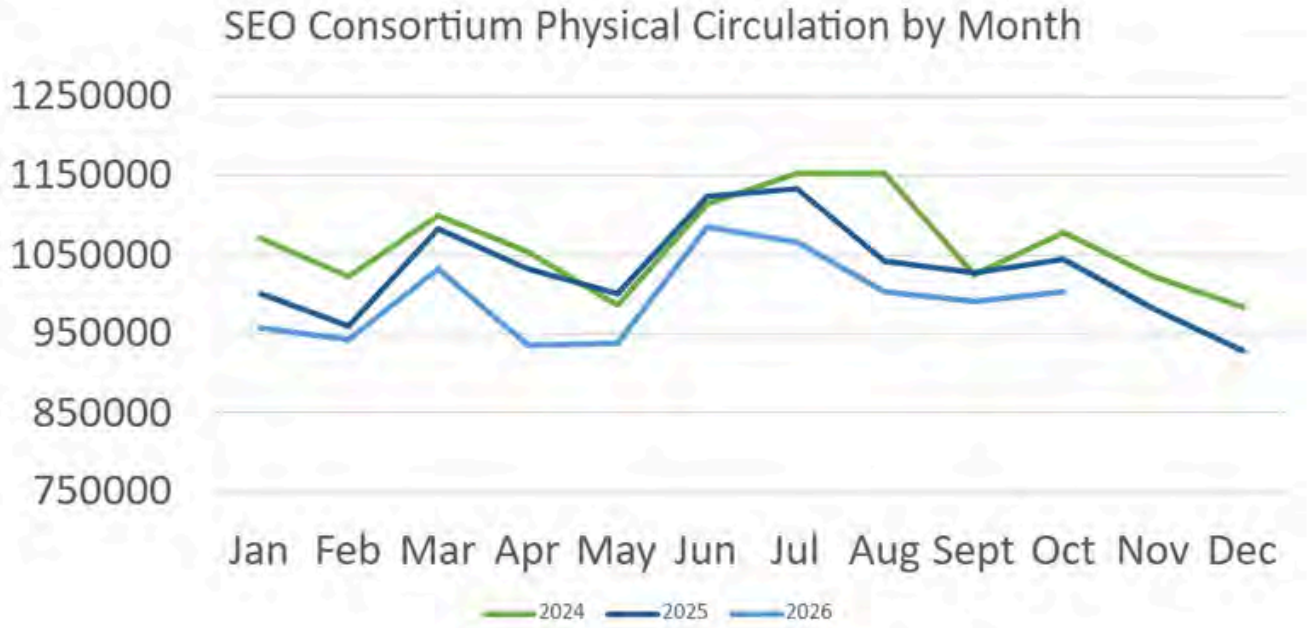
## Highlights

- State Librarian Mandy Knapp visited the Napoleon Public Library, the McComb Public Library, and the school library at the Robert H. Jamison School in the Cleveland Metropolian School District.
- Director of Consortial Services Jay Miley and other state library staff attended the Innovative User Group Ohio Meeting to update the library community on SearchOhio and learn about upcoming improvements from the vendor.
- Mandy attended the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies Conference, the Ohio Library Council Convention and Expo, and the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) Conference.

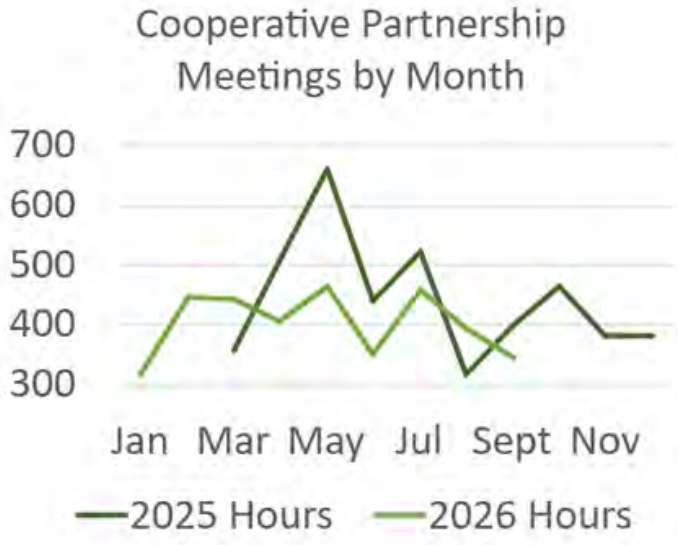


***State Librarian Mandy Knapp attends an author visit at the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.***


Ohio Digital Library Circulation by Month
1000000
800000
600000
400000
200000
0
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec
2024 Overall
2024 SEO
2024 SLO
2025 Overall
2025 SEO
2025 SLO
2026 Overall
2026 SEO
2026 SLO


SEO Consortium Physical Circulation by Month
1250000
1150000
1050000
950000
850000
750000
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec
2024
2025
2026


Staff Training by Month
325
275
225
175
125
75
Jan Mar May Jul Sept Nov
2025 Hours
2026 Hours

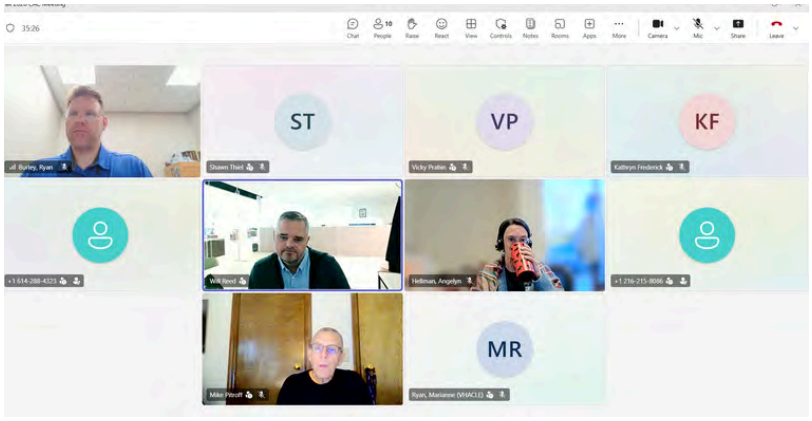

Cooperative Partnership Meetings by Month
700
600
500
400
300
Jan Mar May Jul Sept Nov
2025 Hours
2026 Hours

## Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) Annual Conference

Talking Book Program Administrator Angelyn Hellman had a table at the ABOS Annual Conference which was October 12-14 in Columbus, Ohio. Angelyn was able to speak with library outreach staff from Ohio and other states about the Talking Book Program and promote the program. Attendees loved seeing the DA2 Talking Book Machine and the NLS braille eReader in person.




***State Library of Ohio Table at the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) national conference***




***Screenshot of the Fall 2026 Talking Books Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting***

## Fall 2026 Consumer Advisory Commitee Meeting

On October 22 the State Library of Ohio and OLBPD held our Fall 2026 Talking Book Program Consumer Advisory Committee meeting. Members of the Committee come from a variety of backgrounds and include leaders from the American Council of the Blind of Ohio and National Federation of the Blind of Ohio. The group also includes staff at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that work with blind and print disabled veterans, Talking Book users, and staff from public libraries and the Ohio State School for the Blind. The Consumer Advisory Committee advises the State Library on the Talking Book Program.

# Library Programs & Development—October 2026






***Library Consultants Janet Ingraham Dwyer and Katy Hite presented a session at the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Conference in Columbus. Library Consultants Penelope Shumaker and Jeff Regensburger visited Oak Harbor Public Library, a recipient of a 2025 LSTA Grant used to preserve a historic bellows.***

**Library Consultants on the Road**
Library Consultants Katy Hite, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Erin Kelsey, Anne Kennedy, Jeff Laser, Jeff Regensburger, and Penelope Shumaker, along with Associate State Librarian Evan T. Struble, attended the Ohio Library Council Convention & Expo in Sandusky, Ohio. Katy, Erin, and Jeff L. presented a session on strategic planning, spotlighting the services of the State Library; Anne and Erin shared about the Guiding Ohio Online program; Penelope provided a refresher/update session on the Ohio Digital Network; Jeff R. and Evan led a program on grantwriting; and Evan co-presented a session providing general State Library updates. In addition to the formal presentations, the consultant team spent time working at the State Library's vendor booth, sharing more informally about services the State Library has to offer. While at the conference, we also celebrated Janet Ingraham Dwyer's selection as the 2026 OLC Hall of Fame Librarian—a testament to her hard work and dedication to working with youth and teen services library staff around the state.

## ODL By the Numbers

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

**Total checkouts:**
950,685 (9,541,447 YTD)

**Preferred format:**
In October, audiobooks reigned supreme with nearly 443K checkouts. Ebooks were next (388K) followed by magazines (120K).

**Support:**
112 support tickets were submitted and answered in October.

**Most popular book title:**
*The Witch*, the newest thriller by Freida McFadden. (ebook)

Curious about what's being checked out? Take a look at the real-time checkouts and holds.

The State Library of Ohio is pleased to announce the Library Juice Academy Digital Curation Cohort program is returning in 2027. This initiative offers 15 Ohio library staff members or cultural heritage professionals the opportunity to complete coursework and earn a Digital Curation Certificate from Library Juice Academy. Participants will be selected through a competitive application process, with the State Library overseeing their enrollment in the six-course series. Federal funding awarded to the State Library from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will cover the enrollment costs for each participant. The award-winning Digital Curation Certificate from Library Juice Academy is crafted to develop skills in areas such as digitization, digital preservation, metadata creation, and beyond. Applications are due November 15th; click here to apply.

# SEO Service Center—October 2026




**Quick Takeaways:**

- Phone support calls (573) dominated overall volume.
- ILS work (Circulation + Cataloging 494) represented a major share of operational demand.
- IT Services + ITMaaS (256) and TSC (87) continue to be significant service drivers.

**Key service highlights include:**

- **Two library visits –** Napoleon Public Library and McComb Public Library

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

- Over **1,002,231** items were circulated.
- **182,025** holds were created, and **185,513** holds were filled.
- **7,792** new users were created.
- **554** interlibrary loan requests were initiated.
- **1,105** support tickets were created, with **7** relayed to the software vendor.



| Mobile App Stats | 2025 | 2026 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| New Devices | 2,187 | **1,696** | -22% |
| Holds Placed | 34,008 | **35,984** | 6% |
| App Lauched | 91,842 | **96,052** | 5% |
| Searches | 88,983 | **96,409** | 8% |

SEO Library Consortium Training Academy Powered by NICHE Academy

- Serving Every Ohioan Staff Tutorials views: **1,047**
- Online Catalog Patron Tutorial views: **602**

SEO Library Consortium Community Engagement Platform Powered by Patron Point

- Heavy use in Announcements and Newsletters being sent ( **400,388 emails**)
- Medium use in Birthday/Anniversary campaigns (**3,528 emails**)
- Light use of Winback ( **573 emails**) and Coming of Age ( **2,925 emails**) campaigns

## News—October 2026



### Brian Perera Begins Service on State Library of Ohio Board

October 15, 2026: The State Library of Ohio welcomes Brian M. Perera as its newest Board Member. Appointed by the State Board of Education, he was sworn in today and began a five-year term on the State Library of Ohio Board. Perera presently serves as Senior Policy Advisor for ZHF Consulting with more than three decades of experience in state government, public policy, and higher education.



### Marsha McDevitt-Stredney to Retire After 20 Years of State Library of Ohio Service

After two decades of dedicated service, Director of Marketing & Communications Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Ph.D., will retire on November 17, 2026. Throughout her tenure, Marsha has helped advance the State Library's mission through strategic, multi-platform communications, targeted marketing, and outreach initiatives that serve state government employees, Ohio's library community, and residents across the state.
The State Library Board passed a resolution at its October 15 meeting that recognizes her consistent leadership in developing and executing marketing strategies that support the State Library's mission and objectives. It also acknowledges the lasting contribution of her work to the State Library's growth, reputation, and mission-driven initiatives.



### Janet Ingraham Dwyer to Retire After 17 Years of State Library of Ohio Service

Youth Services Library Consultant Janet Ingraham Dwyer will retire from the State Library of Ohio on November 30, 2026. For more than 35 years, Janet has exemplified what it means to possess a giving spirit and has put that spirit of service into practice throughout various roles in libraries.
Janet's hard work and passion have been noticed externally, as she was awarded the 2025 "Ignite and Inspire" Award from the Ohio Afterschool Network, and the 2023 OELMA Presidential Award for her high level of service to that organization. Most recently, Janet was named the 2026 OLC Hall of Fame Librarian "in honor of her extraordinary career of leadership, service, and dedication to Ohio's libraries. [Janet] has inspired and mentored library professionals, advanced innovative youth services, and championed early literacy initiatives that have strengthened libraries and communities across the state."

**Ohio Library Council**
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.F** MEETING DATE: **Nov. 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **OPLIN Report** SUBMITTED BY: **Don Yarman**

## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

New Sanborn Maps
Libraries are invited to check out the new Sanborn Maps interface, featuring higher resolution, color maps, more metadata exposure, and improved search/browse options. We expect to put this new interface into production first of the year.
https://new.sanborn.ohioweblibrary.org/

E-Rate Funding Commitments
Due in large part to a contractor change at USAC and to the increase in Category 2 requests for the new five-year budget cycle, PIA review ("Program Integrity Assurance," not "Pain in the…") is still running behind. USAC has assured us that PIA continues to actively review applications, so if your Form 471 has not yet been decided, check your email for PIA inquiries. If you need assistance with understanding the PIA review process or where to find the PIA reviewer's questions, Lori Germann has prepared a helpful PIA Review Guide. If you need help responding to a PIA inquiry, please email me or Christine.

"Save Our E-Rate"
Resistance to the multi-pronged attack on E-Rate and the Universal Service Fund is strong, and there are some signs that we're making headway:

1. The FCC was flooded with comments overwhelmingly in support of the success and continued necessity of E-Rate and other universal service programs, with solid legal arguments that the FCC does not have the authority to make its proposed changes/eliminations. Reply comments were due November 12.
2. SHLB, ALA, and other partners were allowed to see the proposal from the bipartisan Congressional working group to reform revenues for the Universal Service Fund. Specific information is embargoed, but those who have seen it seem pleased.
3. We should get information soon about what actions will follow after the 5th circuit's recent ruling against the legality of USAC and the fourth quarter 2025 contribution factor. As the Benton summary I linked shows, there are multiple paths forward for the FCC, and no one really knows the practical effects of the decision. ("Just keep swimming" seems to be the consensus.)

CyberOhio Collective Defense Grant
Although CyberOhio informed us that OPLIN's grant request to purchase YubiKeys on behalf of 64 libraries was approved, progress has stalled due to federal funding snarls. Through the Mentor library, we reached out to Congressman Joyce's office, as Joyce is on the Emergency Management and Technology Subcommittee that maintains oversight of FEMA. Currently, we're waiting for Ohio EMA to provide us with specific grant application numbers to assist DHS staff in finding out more about the funding delays.

**Ohio Library Council**
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.G** MEETING DATE: **Nov. 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report** SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2027 OLC Budget

The tentative timeline for the 2027 budget process is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Dec. 4: | Budget Worksheets Distributed to OLC Staff |
| Dec. 11: | Budgets Due from OLC Staff |
| Dec. 14: | Budgets Finalized for Committees and Divisions |
| Jan. 5: | Budget Revisions and Finalization |
| Jan. 6: | Budget Distributed to Finance Committee |
| Jan. 8 (*tentative*): | Finance Committee Zoom Meeting to Review Budget |
| Jan. 11: | Budget Included in Board Meeting Background Packet |
| Jan. 15: | Budget Approval at OLC Board Meeting |

ALA Emerging Leaders Program

The American Library Association is continuing to pause the ALA Emerging Leaders Program due to changes in staffing. Going forward, the program will be managed by CORE under the ALA umbrella. However, there will be no session in 2027. Historically, OLC has sponsored up to two individual members to participate in the program.

OLC Board Orientation

In-person Board orientation sessions will be held with Beth Steiner (Nov. 17) and Ben Heckman (Nov. 23). They will be joining the OLC Board of Directors for three-year terms beginning in January 2027. The discussions will cover 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 13 of 16 (81%) Public Library Levies

Ohio voters once again demonstrated their support for public libraries on November 3, approving 13 of the 16 local library levies on ballot. The successful measures included 11 renewals and two new levies, with an average approval rate of 63%. The three levies that did not pass were decided by close margins. OLC has reached out to those library directors and offered assistance. The unofficial results and OLC's press release are available on the OLC website.

Impact Ohio Post Election Conference

OLC staff attended the Impact Ohio Post-Election Conference on Nov. 5 in Columbus. More will be shared at the OLC Board Meeting.

2027 Planning & Leadership Kickoff

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. The Kickoff Event is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 3, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

During the Kickoff, 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?

Attendees will also hear about OLC's Strategic Planning Process and plans for 2027. A final agenda will be shared soon.

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.

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| 2026 Invitations Sent | 149 |
| 2026 Registration (Virtual) | 83 |
| 2025 Invitations Sent | 170 |
| 2025 Registration (In-Person) | 122 |
| 2024 Registration (In-Person) | 90 |

Strategic Planning

The OLC Board has approved the Vision and Mission statements; and Goal areas. The OLC staff will work over the next 2-3 months to develop strategies and tactics based on the Retreat Summary and the Board's feedback.

Special Survey for Library Directors & Fiscal Officers

Thank you to the public library systems that responded to our special survey for library directors and fiscal officers. The survey will help OLC staff to have a better statewide picture of the financial challenges facing Ohio's public libraries.

The survey focused on the Public Library Fund (PLF), county budget commissions, the impact of PLF estimates on budgeting, and future priorities. OLC staff is continuing to review the responses and data as they will help to shape OLC's advocacy in the next state budget.

OLC Staff Anniversaries

Recent OLC staff anniversaries include:

- Sherry Heffner: Oct. 14 – 2 years
- Jay Smith: Nov. 18 – 7 years

Activities

Activities since the Sept. 25 meeting include:

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| Sept. 28 | OLC Staff Meeting<br>OLC Diversity Comm. Meeting |
| Sept. 29 | Senate General Gov. Comm. Meeting |
| Oct. 2 | OPLIN Board Meeting |
| Oct. 5 | OLC Staff Meeting<br>OLC Media Panel Planning Meeting |
| Oct. 6 | Spectrum Media Interview<br>ED Self Evaluation<br>Meeting on Governor DeWine Video |
| Oct. 7 | Meeting w/OLC Legal Counsel (Vorys)<br>Media Interview w/Ohio Cap. Journal<br>CMC Luncheon w/CML<br>Meeting w/Metro Library Directors |
| Oct. 12 | OLC Staff Meeting |
| Oct. 13 | C&E Trucks<br>ICLAE Meeting |
| Oct. 14 | CMC Luncheon w/Vivek Ramaswamy |
| Oct. 15 | Meeting w/Amazon Business |
| Oct. 19 | OLC Staff Meeting |
| Oct. 20 | C&E On-Site Pre-Con Meeting w/OLC Staff<br>C&E On-Site Pre-Con Meeting w/Kalahari<br>C&E On-Site Pre-Con Meeting w/Chairs<br>C&E Set-up |
| Oct. 21-23 | C&E at Kalahari |
| Oct. 26 | C&E Trucks |
| Oct. 27 | OLC Staff C&E Debrief |
| Oct. 28 | C&E Follow-up Meetings |
| Nov. 2 | OLC Staff Meeting<br>Meeting w/School Principals Assoc.<br>Meeting w/Changing Spaces Ohio |
| Nov. 3 | Leadership Planning Meeting<br>Election Day Returns |
| Nov. 4 | CMC Luncheon w/Reporters<br>Meeting w/Metro Library Directors<br>Road Ahead Tour – OLC Office |

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| Nov. 5 | Impact Ohio Post Election Conference |
| Nov. 6 | OLC BoD Appointments Committee Meeting<br>Meeting w/Commercial Real Estate Agent/OLC Lease |
| Nov. 8 | Bexley Public Library Ribbon Cutting |
| Nov. 9 | OLC Staff Meeting<br>OLC BoD Executive Committee Meeting |

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ITEM NO.: **5.H.1** MEETING DATE: **Nov. 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Government and Legal Services Report** SUBMITTED BY: **Jay Smith**

## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

PLF Update

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) posted the November 2026 PLF distribution of $41,253,002 – which is $393,681 (or + 0.96%) above ODT's original estimate issued in July 2025 and ODT's updated estimate issued in December 2025. The PLF Calendar Year (CY) 2026 year-to-date total is $443,451,027.

According to the Office of Budget and Management's (OBM), the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF) tax receipts for October 2026 exceeded estimates by $146 million or 5.8% above estimate. So far for FY27, state tax collections are $376.7 million or 3.7% more than expected.

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 November 2026 can be found on the OLC website.

Governor and Statewide Races

On Tuesday Nov. 3, Dr. Amy Acton became Ohio's first woman elected governor and the first Democrat elected Governor in 20 years. Following her election, Acton addressed supporters mentioning her campaign was a movement by and for the people, and Ohioans have chosen unity and decency over division and hate. She will take office on Jan. 11, 2027, with David Pepper as Lieutenant Governor.

For other statewide races, Keith Faber (R) has conceded to John Kulewicz (D) for Attorney General, Robert Spraque (R) has conceded to Allison Russo (D) for Secretary of State, Annette Blackwell (D) appears to have lost to Frank LaRose (R) for Auditor, and Jay Edwards (R) also appears to have lost to Seth Walsh (D) for Treasurer.

U.S. Senate

In the U.S. Senate race between Sherrod Brown and incumbent Sen. Jon Husted, Brown won the election, which also saw Democratic candidates flip Republican seats in other states including Iowa, North Carolina, Kansas, Maine, South Carolina and Texas. As of Wednesday morning, Democrats now hold a 53-42 majority in the U.S. Senate. Brown will now serve the remaining two years of the original Vance term through January 2029.

U.S. House

Regarding Ohio Congressional races, we saw three seats flip from Republican to Democrat. This included Democrat Don Leonard defeating incumbent Mike Carey (R-Columbus), Kristina Knickerbocker defeating incumbent Mike Turner (R-Dayton), and Brian Poindexter defeating incumbent Max Miller (R-Parma). In addition, incumbent Democrat Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo) defeated her challenger Derrik Merrin in a race that wasn't called

until the early hours of Wednesday morning. Democrats now occupy eight congressional seats while Republicans occupy seven. Nationally, Democrats now hold the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ohio Supreme Court
In the Ohio Supreme Court elections, Democrat Justice Brunner and Democrat Judge Marilyn Zayas appear to have won their elections, moving the court to a 5-2 Republican Majority.

Issue 3 Voter Photo ID
The voter photo ID amendment passed easily to codify current law into the Constitution.

137th Ohio General Assembly
Republicans will continue to lead both chambers in the next General Assembly; however, the House majority now falls below the 60 votes needed to override a veto without Democratic help. The Senate majority continues to stay above the override line.

In the Ohio House, Democrats needed to pick up six seats and appear to have flipped ten Republican seats to break the supermajority. The five defeated Republican incumbents include Reps. Mike Dovilla, Andrea White, Brian Lorenz, Tom Young, and Jim Thomas. The other five open Republican seats came from the 31st, 35th, 39th, 44th, and 52nd districts. In other districts likely headed to a recount, Reps. Haraz Ghanbari and Cindy Abrams lead narrowly pending final results. The projected Republican majority now appears to be 55-44.

In the Ohio Senate, Democrat Stacie Baker defeated Sen. Michele Reynolds in SD-3, and Mike Roberto beat Rep. Steve Demetriou in SD-27 allowing Democrats to gain two additional seats. Republicans now hold a 22-11 majority.

In next year's General Assembly, a Senate-passed bill can still clear the override bar, but any override now needs Democratic votes in the House.
Click the following link for preliminary election results.
https://www.olc.org/assets/pdf/Prelim+Results/

Lame Duck
Republicans still hold the supermajorities until the new General Assembly begins in January, and Governor DeWine still holds the power of the pen. We do expect the current General Assembly to move priority bills before adjourning in December. This may include proposals floated this week to shift agency rulemaking authority toward the legislature (HB 1024, HB 11).

Next year's state biennial budget is a new negotiation. The Acton administration will introduce the FY2028–2029 operating budget early next year. A new Governor has until March 15 to introduce a budget, but they will be starting from the budget framework that the DeWine Administration will leave behind.

Going forward bipartisan coalitions will likely be stronger. With the override math changed, the bills that pass in 2027 will be those that can attract Democratic votes in the House and a signature from the Governor.

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OLC Update Webinar

On Thursday November 19 at 2pm, OLC will be hosting an “Election Recap, and Lame Duck Update” via Zoom. Please use the following link to register for this free webinar.
https://members.olc.org/event-calendar/Details/election-recap-and-lame-duck-update-webinar-1987982?sourceTypeId=Hub

The webinar will be recorded and available in the Member Info Hub for those who are unable to participate.
https://members.olc.org/MIC/Login

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ITEM NO.: **5.H.2** MEETING DATE: **Nov. 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Professional Development Report** SUBMITTED BY: **Laurie Miller**

## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

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

- 781 attendees, more than 60 professional development sessions, 12 poster sessions and over 80 exhibitors.
- 890 overnight rooms picked up at Kalahari, over 100 more than contracted block.

Meetings Participation

- TourismUS 2026 Annual Meeting – Oct. 1
- Digital and Media Services Division Meeting – Oct. 7
- Library Journal Design Institute 2026 – Oct. 8
- Outreach Division Meeting – Oct. 14
- Creating Engaging Events Webinar – Oct.15
- Technical Services Division Meeting – Oct. 29

| 2026 Events | Date | Location | Attendance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Special Virtual Meeting for Directors & FOs | Jan. 28 | Virtual | 284 |
| Membership Meet-up | Feb. 9 | Virtual | 42 |
| Teen Services Talk | Feb. 10 | Virtual | 31 |
| Outreach Coffee Chat | Feb. 27 | Virtual | 30 |
| Preparing for Legislative Day Webinar | Mar. 3 | Virtual | 183 |
| IT Division “Rack’side Chat” | Mar. 6 | Virtual | 24 |
| Library Trustee Workshop | Mar. 7 | OLC/Virtual | 59 |
| Library Legislative Day | Mar. 18 | Renaissance Columbus | 191 |
| CPIM – Public Library Fiscal Officer Conf. | Mar. 26-27 | Embassy Suites Dublin | 132 |
| Membership Meet-up | Apr. 6 | Virtual | 24 |
| Library Trustees Lunch (SW) | Apr. 9 | MidPointe Library, West Chester | 26 |
| Amazon Business for Libraries | Apr. 13 | Virtual | 149 |
| Special Virtual Meeting for Directors & FOs | Apr. 16 | Virtual | 246 |
| 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 |

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| Virtual Mentorship Series #1 | May 13 | Virtual | 27 |
| Teen Services Talk | May 14 | Virtual | 17 |
| Equalis Group Webinar: Joint Purchasing | May 18 | Virtual | 53 |
| New Directors Workshop Series 1 of 4 | May 19 | OLC/Virtual | 19 |
| IT Division “Rack’side Chat” | Jun. 5 | Virtual | 15 |
| Outreach Coffee Chat | Jun. 12 | Virtual | 16 |
| HR Hybrid Workshop 101 | Jun. 16 | OLC/Virtual | 91 |
| New Directors Workshop Series 2 of 4 | Jun. 23 | OLC/Virtual | 18 |
| Ballot Issues Workshop #1 | Jul. 9 | Virtual | 29 |
| Statehouse Update Webinar | Jul. 14 | Virtual | 175 |
| Virtual Mentorship Series #2 | Jul. 15 | Virtual | 26 |
| New Directors Workshop Series 3 of 4 | Jul. 22 | OLC/Virtual | 19 |
| Tech Services Summer Webinar | Jul. 28 | Virtual | 59 |
| Voter Registration Responsibilities Webinar | Jul. 30 | Virtual | 225 |
| HR Hybrid Workshop 201 | Aug. 4 | OLC/Virtual | 67 |
| Teen Services Talk | Aug. 12 | Virtual | 26 |
| Marketing Meet-Up | Aug. 12 | Virtual | 44 |
| Outreach and Special Services Retreat | Aug. 14 | Virtual | 21 |
| Library Fiscal Officer 102 | Aug. 21 | OLC/Virtual | 57 |
| New Directors Workshop Series 4 of 4 | Aug. 26 | OLC/Virtual | 22 |
| IT Division “Rack’side Chat” | Sept. 4 | Virtual | 49 |
| Safety & Security Conference | Sept. 11 | OCLC Conference Center | 55 |
| Virtual Mentorship Series #3 | Sept. 16 | Virtual | 27 |
| Outreach Coffee Chat | Sept. 25 | Virtual | 14 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Lorain | Oct. 6 | Lorain Public Library | 17 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Chillicothe & Ross County | Oct. 7 | Chillicothe & Ross Co. Public Library Annex | 20 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Puskarich | Oct. 13 | Puskarich Public Library | 16 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Mansfield/Richland County | Oct. 14 | Mansfield/Richland County Public Library | 8 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Coshocton County | Oct. 15 | Coshocton County District Library | 13 |
| 2026 Convention & Expo | Oct. 21-23 | Kalahari, Sandusky | 781 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Warren-Trumbull County | Oct. 27 | Warren-Trumbull County Public Library | 20 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Washington-Centerville | Oct. 28 | Washington-Centerville Public Library | 16 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Stark County | Oct. 29 | Stark County District Library | 13 |

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| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Mercer County | Oct. 30 | Mercer County District Library | 12 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Marion | Nov. 3 | Marion Public Library | 10 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour - OLC | Nov. 4 | OLC Office | 10 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Wood County | Nov. 6 | Wood County District Public Library | 33 |
| OLC Road Ahead Tour – Euclid | Nov. 11 | Euclid Public Library | 28 |
| Virtual Mentorship Series #4 | Nov. 11 | Virtual | 11 |
| Teen Services Talk | Nov. 16 | Virtual | 17 |
| Webinar: Election Recap & Lame Duck Update | Nov. 19 | Virtual | 94 |
| Planning & Leadership Conference | Dec. 3 | Virtual | 76 |
| IT Division “Rack’side Chat” | Dec. 4 | Virtual | 7 |
| Ballot Issues Workshop #2 | Dec. 10 | OLC/Virtual | 15 |

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SUBJECT: **Communications Report** SUBMITTED BY: **Angie Jacobsen**

## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Library Ballot Results
Election results for the 16 public library levies on the November 3 ballot were announced through a press release and published on the OLC website. The results were also featured in the November 4 issue of Access and in The Hannah Report.

Additional Media Coverage
In October, the Ohio Capital Journal reported on local library levies appearing on the November ballot and the funding challenges facing public libraries across Ohio.

> Ohio voters will decide future of libraries with local ballot proposals this November
> Oct. 12, 2026

Newly released data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services also attracted media attention. The data showed that Ohio residents checked out more than 13 library items per person in Fiscal Year 2024—more than twice the national average of 6.5.

> America's library borrowing hotspots
> Sept. 10, 2026
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> Ohio leads the nation in library checkouts
> Sept. 18, 2026
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> Why Ohio leads the nation in library borrowing
> Oct. 15, 2026

2026 Convention and Expo
The 2026 Convention and Expo was successfully held in October. In addition to the printed postcard, the Convention and Expo was promoted via Access, the OLC website, and social media. The on-site program booklet was produced, and the 2026 Convention and Expo mobile app was implemented (see app stats in table below). Evaluation results are being compiled through the app and will be shared with the Program Committee. Highlights from the event were shared in the October 28, 2026 issue of Access, social media and on the OLC website.

2026 Convention and Expo App Stats:

| Active App Users | 2026 | 2025 | 2023 | 2022 |
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| Attendees | 480 | 642 | 515 | 468 |
| Speakers | 110 | 112 | 109 | 93 |
| Exhibitors | 53 | 56 | 45 | 44 |
| Sponsors | 10 | 13 | 15 | 7 |
| Total App Users | 549 | 823 | 684 | 612 |
| Total C&E Attendance: | 781 | 961 | 788 | 628 |

| App Version | Percent of users |
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| iOS | 56% |
| Android | 33% |
| Web browser | 11% |

Evaluation forms completed during the event: 81%
Evaluation forms completed after the event: 19%

The new concept for the OLC booth/Member Info Hub in the Exhibit Hall was successful. Attendees and volunteers responded positively to the Member Info Hub, which replaced the traditional Division and Committee tables.

Division Action Council and Committee members staffed the booth during Exclusive Viewing Times. Volunteers appreciated the opportunity to sign up for 30-minute shifts, allowing them more time to attend sessions and enjoy the conference.

To streamline materials and reduce printing costs, Division and Committee resources were made available electronically through the Member Info Hub. Attendees used QR codes to access the Hub and complete the Get Involved form.

The Convention and Expo also received coverage in the Sandusky Register, including front-page coverage and a feature on the newspaper's website, as well as in Hannah News.

> Ohio Library Council Convention/Expo Underway in Sandusky
> Oct. 21, 2026
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> Library Convention Brings 750 to Area
> Oct. 22, 2026
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> Library Convention Crowd Convenes in Downtown
> Nov.1, 2026

Planning and Leadership Conference
Leadership resources are being updated and posted to the OLC website and Member Info Hub. Division and Committee members will be able 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 this year’s virtual event.

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Division/Committee Projects

- The Marketing and PR Division sent an e-newsletter to division members on September 29.
- The Technical Services Division sent an e-newsletter to division members on October 6.
- The New Member Appreciation Program was introduced in Access and on the OLC website.
- The Children's Services Division will meet on Nov. 10.

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. Jobs
2. Convention and Expo
3. Calendar
4. Directory
5. Certification
6. Webinars & Online Reference Training
7. Library Funding/PLF
8. Committees
9. Libraries on November 3rd Ballot
10. Awards and Honors

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ITEM NO.: **5.H.4** MEETING DATE: **Nov. 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report** SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 Individual Membership
The Individual Membership year ended on September 30, 2026, with a final individual membership total of 2205 as compared to the September 2025 final total of 2303. There were 1784 renewals and 421 new individual members. In addition, there are currently 42 Friends Groups; 7 Associate Members; 5 Other Institutions and 1724 Trustees.

New Member Meet and Greet
Thanks to Board members who attended the New Member Meet and Greet at Convention and Expo. There were approximately 46 new members in attendance. Sheila Ward, 2026 Membership Committee Chair and Jennifer Buch, 2027 Chair, did a great job making the event informative, as well as engaging and fun.

2027 Individual Membership
To date we have a total of 65 individual members. Of these, 33 are new members, 1 renewal and 31 Lifetime. The first membership renewal notice is scheduled to be emailed on Dec. 8.

Membership Committee
The Membership Committee met on October 1 at the OLC Office. They discussed the transition of chairs, 2027 goals and objectives; renewal schedule and timeline for 2027; plans for the Member Info Hub at Convention and Expo and the New Member Meet & Greet. They also welcomed potential appointees Jenn Eyer, Worthington and Susan Guthrie, Puskarich Public Library.

I would like to acknowledge Sheila Ward, Chair and the full Committee for their dedicated work. Thanks also to Mary Ellen Icaza, Board Liaison, for her contributions and guidance to the Committee.

ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program
Membership through the ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program through Oct. 31 totaled 67.

New Member Appreciation Program
The Membership Committee is excited to introduce its New Member Appreciation Program running now through Feb. 1, 2027. To welcome and celebrate our newest members, all new members who join between November 1, 2026 and February 1, 2027 will be automatically entered into a drawing for a chance to win $50 in Professional Development credit to use in the 2027 calendar year.

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.

Leadership Tracking

Updates to the rosters of Divisions and Committees will be made after the Planning and Leadership Kickoff. 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 2026 until mid to late December. Action Council Coordinators are working to fulfill any vacancies. Committees and Division Action Councils for 2027 take office on Jan. 1, 2027.

Governance

After their meetings post Leadership Conference, many Divisions and Committees will be preparing their 2027 Goals and Objectives and 2026 Annual Reports. These will be posted in the Member Info Hub as they become available.