Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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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