

# 2026 EXHIBITOR PROSPECTUS

OHIO LIBRARY COUNCIL  
CONVENTION AND EXPO

OCTOBER 21-23, 2026

KALAHARI CONVENTION  
CENTER

SANDUSKY, OHIO



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KALAHARI 2026



## EXPO SCHEDULE:

### EXHIBITOR MOVE-IN

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

8 a.m.— 4 p.m.

Exhibitor Welcome: 3 — 3:30 p.m.

### RIBBON-CUTTING AND EXHIBIT HALL OPENING

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

4:30 — 6:30 p.m.

### EXPO HOURS

Thursday, October 22, 2026

9 a.m.— 5 p.m.

Friday, October 23, 2026

9 — 11 a.m.

### EXHIBITOR MOVE-OUT

Friday, October 23, 2026

11 a.m. — 2 p.m.

NOTE: Blocks of exclusive viewing time for attendees have been built into the Convention and Expo schedule.

## The Region's Largest Marketplace for Products and Services for Libraries

Today's public libraries provide a variety of services and products to their customers. Books, movies, music and audiobooks are the libraries' main resources, but they are coupled with lifelong learning opportunities, tech training, job search assistance, meeting spaces, business hubs, and much more.

Ohio's libraries are well-run businesses. They have a wide variety of staff from directors, managers, technology specialists, marketing experts, and human resources staff to building and facilities managers. Each department plays a critical role to make the library function effectively.

**Members of the Ohio library community look to the Ohio Library Council as a prime source for industry information, products and services.**

Year after year, the OLC's Convention and Expo draws more than 700 public library professionals from around Ohio and surrounding states. Whether learning in a meeting room or in the exhibit hall, attendees come to the Convention and Expo because they know it delivers outstanding educational content and the latest in library products and services. With special events and a range of activities, the exhibit hall has become the place for attendees to check out new products, talk with colleagues, meet emerging authors, and explore innovative ideas.

The Convention and Expo gives you a diverse audience of library professionals, from libraries of all sizes and from all areas of the state. This is the perfect opportunity to reach key decision-makers and demonstrate the value of your products and services.

## Who Attends?

- Library Directors
- Branch Managers
- Building and Facility Managers
- Technology Specialists
- Adult and Reference Librarians
- Collection and Acquisition Managers
- Technical Services Librarians
- Local History Librarians
- Library Trustees & Supporters
- Genealogists
- Children & Teen Librarians
- Community Outreach Librarians
- Digital & Media Services Librarians



## Who Exhibits?

- Architects, planning & design
- Electronics & smart devices
- Furniture, shelving, signage
- Digital imaging & scanning
- Computer software, hardware
- Promotional materials, gifts & toys
- Automation systems & services
- Business equipment & supplies
- Insurance/workers' compensation
- Security systems & products
- Media — ebooks, audiobooks, music, and movies
- Online services and databases
- Moving and storage
- Education and training
- Book publishers, wholesalers, jobbers
- Facilities management

## Standard Booth Features:

- Standard draped back wall and side rails, carpet, (1) 6' table with white plastic cover and skirt, (2) chairs, (1) wastebasket, and (1) 7" x 44" identification sign.
- Exhibitor badges, (4) badges per 10' x 10' booth. Additional representatives: \$25.00 each
- Listing on the OLC website, mobile app, and in the on-site program.
- Access to pre-show potential attendee list of all 251 Ohio public library system directors
- Access to post-show attendee list with email addresses.
- 24-hour uniformed security guards during installation, exposition times, and dismantling (OLC is not responsible for lost or stolen items).

## Official Services Contractor:

### Fern Exposition and Event Services

Customer Service: 800-774-1251

Email: [exhibitorservices@fernexpo.com](mailto:exhibitorservices@fernexpo.com)

Fern Exposition and Event Services will provide you with a service kit approximately 60 days prior to the event. This service kit will include additional show information, shipping information, and order forms for additional furniture, table skirting, signage, labor, and other services that Fern offers to exhibitors. The kit will also include facility service orders and utility forms for items such as electrical service and an internet connection in your booth.

## Exhibitor Booth Rate:

**\$1,000 per 10' x 10' booth  
(includes carpet)**

**Space is assigned upon receipt of 50% deposit. Booths are sold in 10' x 10' increments, on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see Floor Plan on back.**

## Hotel Accommodations:

The OLC has reserved a block of rooms at Kalahari Resort under the same roof as Kalahari Convention Center.

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center  
7000 Kalahari Drive  
Sandusky, OH 44870  
PH: (877) 525-2427

Hotel room rate: \$149/night (plus fees and taxes).

Hotel reservation cutoff date: 9/28/26

Learn more at  
[olc.org/2026-convention-and-expo](http://olc.org/2026-convention-and-expo)



# Kalahari Convention Center Sandusky, Ohio

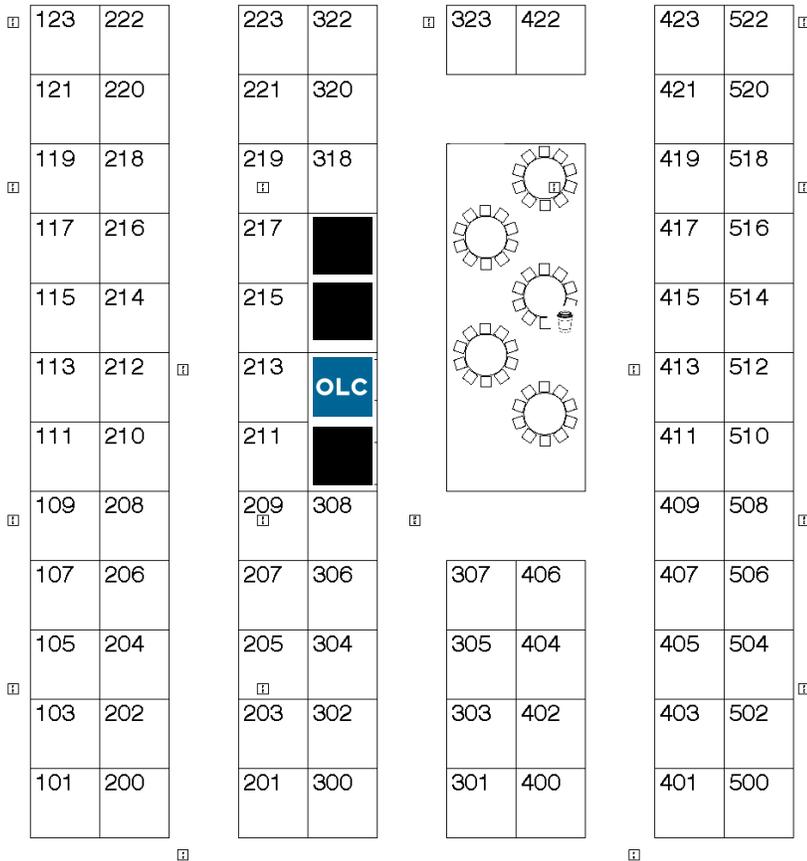
EXHIBITOR SERVICES



EXHIBITOR LOUNGE

EXPO COMMITTEE

GADGET GALLERY AND MAKERSPACE



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SHOW ENTRANCE



## To reserve booth space, contact:

Sherry Heffner  
Ohio Library Council  
sheffner@olc.org  
614-410-8092 x.100

Booth space is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Sponsorships:

Diamond, Platinum, Gold and Silver sponsorship levels include a **FREE BOOTH** and more!

Learn more at [olc.org/vendor-opportunities/sponsorships](http://olc.org/vendor-opportunities/sponsorships)

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