

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.F**

MEETING DATE: **Sept. 25, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

OLC Board Elections

OLC Elections ended on July 30. The results were reviewed with Mary Ellen Icaza, Chair of the OLC Board of Directors Nominating Committee on Aug. 5. The return rate for the Board was 16%. Board candidates were notified by phone, and all candidates for Division Action Councils were notified by letter. A full report of the results was published in *Access Weekly*.

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. Additional information will be shared at the board meeting.

OLC Office Lease

OLC's current office lease at 495 Metro Place South expires in Summer 2027. We are working with our commercial real estate consultant at Newmark to review possible options. We toured eight possible locations on Aug. 24 based on our 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 board meeting.

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

Based on requests and feedback, the OLC scheduled a special meeting for the 19 Institutional Member Association Libraries to address legal and legislative issues impacting them. The meeting was held on Aug. 6 at the OLC Office.

OLC 2027 Planning & Leadership Conference

This is an opportunity for OLC Committees and Division Action Councils to meet and plan for 2027. This event will be virtual on Thursday, Dec. 3. Formal invitations will be distributed, and registration will be required.

Activities

Activities from the last Board meeting on July 18 include:

July 20	OLC Staff Meeting eBook meeting w/Amazon
July 31	GZ Learn Meeting
Aug. 3	OLC GRC Meeting
Aug. 4	OLC HR 102 Hybrid Workshop OPPS Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
Aug. 5	OLC Staff Meeting Meeting w/Dr. Howard Fleeter Meeting w/Metro Library Directors Meeting w/Nominating Committee Chair
Aug. 6	Special OLC Meeting for Association Libraries
Aug. 10	OLC Staff Meeting
Aug. 11	ICLAE Meeting
Aug. 12	Interview w/Cleveland.com
Aug. 13	Meeting w/Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease (OLC Legal Counsel)
Aug. 14	OPLIN Board Meeting Meeting w/Northway Advisors
Aug. 17	OLC Staff Meeting Controlling Board Meeting Meeting w/Midwest Tape/hoopla Meeting w/Northway Advisors
Aug. 18	Meeting w/AOS
Aug. 19	Meeting w/School Principals Assoc.
Aug. 20	Meeting w/Amazon Business
Aug. 21	OLC Library Fiscal Officer 102 Workshop
Aug. 24	OLC Staff Meeting OLC Office Space Tour
Aug. 26	OLC New Directors Workshop #4
Aug. 28	OLC Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting

Aug. 31	OLC Staff Meeting Meeting w/Dr. Howard Fleeter Meeting w/ARSL on GZ
Sept. 1	State Employees Relations Board Conference OPPS Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
Sept. 2	Meeting on Sustainable Libraries Initiative Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
Sept. 8	OLC Staff Meeting ICLAE Meeting
Sept. 11	OLC Safety & Security Conference
Sept. 14	OLC Staff Meeting
Sept. 15	Meeting w/Northway Advisors
Sept. 16	Meeting w/Speaker Huffman PLA Webinar on News Access & Media Literacy