

## What is the Ohio Library Council?



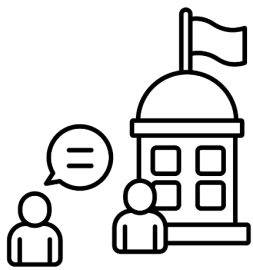
Founded in 1895, the Ohio Library Council has 129 years of experience promoting the interests of Ohio's public libraries and the essential services they provide to residents throughout the state.



Our mission is to strengthen Ohio's public library community through advocacy, education, collaboration, and innovation.

# 251

OLC is the unified voice of Ohio's 251 public library systems. We are always working to ensure state funding for public libraries and that the public library perspective is considered when government decisions are made.



OLC is the statewide advocate for public libraries. Our top priority is to protect the Public Library Fund (PLF) during state budget deliberations.



We leverage technology and innovation to educate library staff members, administrators, trustees, and friends groups through unsurpassed training.



We focus on professional development and career enrichment through our Certified Public Librarian and Certified Public Library Staff designations.



OLC is the authoritative source of information on current issues and emerging trends impacting Ohio's public libraries.

# 7.4M

More than 7.4 million Ohioans are library cardholders.



Ohio has one of the highest library usage rates in the United States.

## What are some of the benefits of membership?



We are honored to be your state association and our goal is to provide you with the best services possible. We recognize and understand the unique challenges public libraries face and we work tirelessly on your behalf.



OLC is the united voice of Ohio's public libraries at the Statehouse and on Capitol Hill. We lead legislative strategies and grassroots advocacy to protect the interests of our members and library customers.



We've partnered with Amazon Business to offer Institutional Member Libraries a free Amazon Business Prime account. Now libraries can save even more on everything from princess crowns to copier paper.



We provide access to members-only information on news, legislative and legal updates. This includes subscriptions to weekly e-newsletters delivered right to your inbox.



OLC members receive reduced registration rates for a variety of events designed to help library staff keep up with the changing world of information science and maintain the excellence that Ohioans have come to expect from their public libraries.



We help libraries reduce their workers' compensation costs. More than 180 public library systems currently participate in our group rating program – the larger the pool, the greater the savings.



Public libraries have diverse staffing needs. Our online job platform lets you search for or post open positions. Job postings are free for OLC Institutional Member Libraries.



OLC keeps a pulse on Intellectual Freedom issues in Ohio and across the nation. We are proactive and provide assistance when censorship issues arise.



Members have access to numerous opportunities for networking through our committees and divisions. We help prepare staff for leadership roles within their own libraries.

**See more benefits at [olc.org](http://olc.org)**