

Choose to Read Ohio

- Choose to Read Ohio has a new web address: <http://library.ohio.gov/ctro>. This page on the State Library website includes all the basic information about the Choose to Read Ohio program, and links to the toolkits and other resources which will remain on WebJunction. The new page provides a shorter, easy to remember URL and a one-stop location where teachers, arts organizers, book group leaders, and the general public, as well as librarians, can find information about CTRO and Ohio authors.
- The 2013 and 2014 booklist was announced at the Ohioana Book Festival on May 12 and has been posted: <http://library.ohio.gov/blog/?p=2751>. The new booklist features 20 titles, by Ohio authors and illustrators, for readers of all ages and interests. Reader's toolkits for these books will be developed during summer-fall 2012 and posted to the CTRO website at <http://oh.webjunction.org/ohctrointro>.
- The 2011 and 2012 booklist, with book jacket images and links to reader's toolkits, is available at <http://www.webjunction.org/partners/ohio/oh-programs/ctroguides.html>. The toolkits include discussion guides, author information, ideas for activities, and other resources, for program and curriculum planning and to enhance the reading experience. All are available to download in PDF format.
- CTRO spotlights Ohio authors and promotes reading across Ohio. All libraries are encouraged to participate by creating displays, hosting book discussion groups, or otherwise encouraging readership. Questions and requests for a certificate of participation should be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer.

ILEAD USA

- Ohio will be a partner in a \$470,000 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program awarded by IMLS to the State Library of Illinois. Entitled iLEAD USA the program helps library staff learn about technology, project management, leadership, needs assessment and project implementation strategies.
- As part of the program, five member teams of library staff will attend three three-day, in person sessions over the course of nine months. iLEAD USA will be held March 25 – 28, June 17 – 20, and October 21 – 24, 2013.
- Partnering states are Illinois, Colorado, Iowa, Ohio and Utah.
- Applications will be released October 1, 2012 and will be due in December, 2012.
- A "National Day of Application" will be held on November 1, 2012. This online event will allow interested parties to hear from past participants of Illinois's iLEAD U program and discuss potential project ideas with other interested individuals in Ohio.
- The state steering committee for Ohio is comprised of George Needham, OCLC; Rachel Rubin, Bexley Public Library; Chad Boeninger, Ohio University Alden Library; Karen Miller, Stark County District Library; Cheri Pandora, INFOhio Consultant and State Library staff.
- Questions regarding iLEAD USA should be addressed to Katie Campbell.

Library Leadership Ohio

- Library Leadership Ohio 2012 took place at Deer Creek State Park on July 25-27, 2012. The three day event was facilitated by the Ivy Group.
- As part of the Library Leadership experience, participants must work on a group projects. Projects will: help solidify the concepts learned at Library Leadership Ohio, bring Library Leadership participants and others together into on-going dialogues on issues of statewide importance, and meet the criteria for LSTA support. Groups will be reporting back throughout the next year and project results will be shared with the Ohio library community.
- Preliminary review of LLO evaluations indicate that the event was successful. Evaluations will be reviewed in-depth and used to develop Library Leadership Ohio 2014.
- Questions regarding Library Leadership Ohio should be addressed to Katie Campbell.

List of New Acquisitions

- New titles at <http://library.ohio.gov/Marketing/Residents/RecentAdditionstoCollection/SLOBooksAug2012>

LSTA

- Twenty-one LSTA full grant proposals were received. Six proposals will be recommended to the State Library Board for funding on September 20.
- The LSTA minigrant RFP has been posted at: <http://library.ohio.gov/lpd/lsta-minigrants>. Proposals are due at the State Library on October 24, 2012.
- A special, ongoing LSTA program was developed for public libraries on a stand-alone ILS wishing to migrate and join an existing library consortium using a shared ILS. Eligible public libraries received information through the mail. This program will close on October 31, 2012. Any library wishing to submit a proposal must do so by that date.
- The RFP for the next round of LSTA minigrants will be posted in late August. Watch the LSTA minigrant page: and listservs for the announcement.
- The LSTA Five Year Plan 2013 – 2017 was submitted to IMLS for approval on June 28, 2012. The Plan is available at: <http://library.ohio.gov/lpd/ohio-lsta-five-year-plans>.
- As part of the LSTA Five Year Plan 2013 -2017, all LSTA grant categories and sub-award processes will be reviewed and revised as necessary. The Choose to Read Ohio program is the first being reviewed, consequently there will be no CTRO RFP released in fall 2012. The recently released minigrant RFP to be released in August 2012 will be the last grant round using the current grant categories and application process.
- Questions on LSTA should be addressed to Missy Lodge.

Money Mondays

- The State Library is hosting the Credit Union of Ohio in a series of free lunch-n-learn workshops about financial literacy. All sessions will be held in the State Library Boardroom from noon to 1 p.m. Register online by visiting <http://www.library.ohio.gov/event>.

Ohio Connecting to Collections Planning Grant

- The Ohio Connecting to Collections Survey Results and other documents related to the project are at <http://oh.webjunction.org/ohconnectcollect/-/resources/bparticles>
- In late 2011 the Connecting to Collections partners sent out a request for exemplary policies that would be of interest and assistance to cultural heritage organizations. Forty policies are now available at www.ohiomemory.org (find Connecting to Collections in the drop-down menu) or at <http://bit.ly/lrmXBw>. This site is dynamic and the partners would like additional policies. To submit a policy or with questions about the site, please contact Shannon Kupfer at skupfer@library.ohio.gov

Ohio eBook Project

- Current library membership for the Ohio eBook Project is 89 libraries.
- Circulation for the Ohio eBook Project was more than 83,572 checkouts in the month of August. The combined circulation for SEO and the OEP was 114, 909 including Advantage titles.
- Enrollment in the Ohio eBook Project is now open for a December 2012 launch! The OEP is a digital library consortium that provides digital eBooks, audiobooks, music and video. Member libraries have access to over 25,000 titles. Instead of spending money on administrative and maintenance fees, member libraries contribute content to the shared digital collection. Paperwork is due by September 21
- Questions about the Ohio eBook Project or about enrollment should be addressed to Mandy Knapp.

Ohio Ready to Read

- The newest resource from Ohio Ready to Read is the Ohio Early Literacy Crosswalk (<http://ohelcrosswalk.wikispaces.com/>), intended to help librarians and early-childhood professionals understand how four early literacy frameworks – Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) 1st Edition, ECRR 2nd Edition, Ohio Department of Education Pre-K Content Standards, and Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework Outcomes – relate to one another.
- The redesigned Ohio Ready to Read website (<http://www.ohreadytoread.org/>) offers a wealth of early literacy resources including tools to help you advocate, establish community partnerships, reach out to families and caregivers, and learn about early childhood development. Ohio librarians may also use the website to request Ready to Read training at their libraries and to reserve a traveling Ohio Ready to Read kit (full of useful materials for their programs or workshops).

- The second edition of PLA/ALSC's early literacy outreach toolkit, Every Child Ready to Read® @ your library®, is available for purchase from the ALA Store.
- Questions on the Ohio Ready to Read program should be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer.

Press releases are at <http://library.ohio.gov/Marketing/PR/2012/August>

- Melissa Hendon Deters Joins State Library Board

Snapshot Day

- Snapshot Day 2012 is planned for the week of October 7 – 13, 2012. Visit the online toolkit to plan your library's participation: <http://library.ohio.gov/snapshotday/toolkit>
- Statewide results from Snapshot Day 2011 are posted at <http://www.library.ohio.gov/snapshotday/2011Results> including a 2-sided flyer (PDF view at <http://library.ohio.gov/sites/default/files/SnapshotDay2011-ResultsWeb.pdf> and Hi-Resolution print-quality at <http://library.ohio.gov/sites/default/files/SnapshotDay2011-Results.pdf>)

Staffing

- The State Library continues our search for an Infrastructure Specialist 2: <http://bit.ly/Mi7C7J>
- The State Library is conducting interviews for the open Library Consultant – State Government Outreach position.

Summer Reading Program

- As part of the Summer Reading Program the State Library asks all public libraries to report on their program when it is completed. The 2012 Ohio Summer Reading Program evaluation is now open at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/srpeval2012>
- The 2013 CSLP summer reading manuals will be shipped to libraries in late September – early October (estimated). The 2013 CSLP slogans are Dig Into Reading (children) / Beneath the Surface (teens) / Groundbreaking Reads (adults). Regional SRP workshops will be announced in the fall.
- At the Collaborative Summer Library Program annual meeting in April 2012, program slogans for the 2014 Science theme were selected: Children – “Fizz, Boom, Read!”; Teens – “Spark a Reaction”; Adults – “Literary Elements”. The general theme for the 2015 collaborative program will be Heroes (including superheroes, historical heroes, community heroes).
- Questions and information on Summer Reading can be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer.

Training

- Library Programs and Development staff offer a webinar the first Monday of the month on a topic of interest to librarians. Upcoming programs include: Emerging Technologies and eGovernment Resources for Public Libraries. Register at <http://library.ohio.gov/event>.
- Mandy Knapp, Library Consultant -- Technology, has developed a Technology Petting Zoo program. This program will allow library staff to learn and practice with a variety of eReader devices in a relaxed and supportive environment. For more information and to schedule a Technology Petting Zoo go to: <http://library.ohio.gov/lpd/technology-petting-zoo-request>.
- E-Rate Training will again be offered through the State Library and OPLIN. Lorri Germann, State eRate Coordinator eTech Ohio will be conducting the Form 470 workshop on November 15 from 9:00 – 3:00. The event will be held at the State Library Board and videoconferenced to sites around the state. To register for the live event go to: <http://library.ohio.gov/event>. Videoconference locations can be found on the individual Regional Library System websites.
- Webinars on writing a Technology Plan are being conducted by Mandy Knapp in December. Even when not required for E-Rate participation a technology plan is an essential document for a library. Plain and Simple: Technology Planning for E-Rate is scheduled for December 3 at 2:00 p.m. and Taking Your Technology Planning to the Next Level is scheduled for December 13 at 2:00 p.m. Register at <http://library.ohio.gov/event>.
- State Library managers attended a ½ day of team building training on August 24.