

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, April 30, 2015

Reports are posted on the State Library of Ohio website at library.ohio.gov/state-librarians-reports (*until late May 2015*).

Guiding Ohio Online

- Application forms to place AmeriCorps members in public libraries were due at the State Library March 31. Selected libraries will be notified in early May 2015.
- Guiding Ohio Online engages AmeriCorps members to perform training sessions, hands-on help, and other services to fulfill the vision of every Ohioan being able to fully participate in e-government, search for jobs online, understand the risks and benefits to internet finance, connect with family online, and protect personal information in the digital age. Guiding Ohio Online targets populations in rural Ohio, resulting in enhanced digital skills.
- Questions should be addressed to Mandy Knapp, aknapp@library.ohio.gov.

List of New Acquisitions

- New titles can be found at <https://library.ohio.gov/marketing/Residents/RecentAdditionstoCollection/BooksApr2015>.

LSTA

- On April 17, the State Library Board approved a planning grant to Columbus Metropolitan Library, on behalf of the DPLA (Digital Public Library of America) in Ohio Steering Committee. This planning project will allow the Steering Committee to hire a consultant to develop a roadmap for establishing a DPLA Service Hub in Ohio. The project begins July 1, 2015.
- Missy Lodge attended an IMLS Convening in late April. Two changes are being implemented to the LSTA program at the federal level. Applicants may now request indirect costs on the federal portion of their application. Details will be explained in grant RFPs. IMLS is now requiring standardized questions to evaluate instructional activities for both library staff and patrons. The questions as well as how this information is to be reported to the State Library can be found on the LSTA Report Form page, <http://library.ohio.gov/lsta-grant-report-forms>.
- The LSTA Advisory Council met April 29. Topics of discussion included new grant categories and timelines. Competitive grant categories for the coming year are: Literacy, STEM, Outreach & Partnerships, and Data Management & Analytics. RFPs will be posted in mid-late June with proposals due in late September. Applicants may request up to \$50,000 in federal funds. Funded projects will run January – September 2016. Additional information will be posted on listservs and the LSTA webpage throughout the spring and summer.
- The LSTA Advisory Council also recommended changes to the Open Grant program. These changes will be announced later in the spring and begin July 1.
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov.

Ohio Ready to Read

- The Ohio Ready to Read (ORTR) “**Early Literacy 101**” workshop is a free training for Ohio public librarians and library staff. ORTR trainers are available to travel to your library to present this workshop, if you can host 20-30 library staff from your library/system, neighboring libraries, and/or any Ohio public library staff willing to travel to your location. Now is a good time to consider arranging a workshop for fall 2015. See the [Ohio Ready to Read website](#) for details.

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- Questions about Ohio Ready to Read and early literacy resources for libraries should be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

Summer Reading Program

- The 2015 incentive certificate for 50% off camping at Ohio State Parks is now available. ODNR has made several changes to this incentive, based on librarian feedback. New this year: certificate holders MAY RESERVE their campsites. Also, the certificate is now good 7 days a week, with a reduced discount on weekends. Campers may use the coupon for up to 14 consecutive days. Holiday weekends are excluded. This certificate may be used as an incentive in any public library's summer reading program. For a master copy of the certificate, email Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.
- The 2015 Ohio State Fair incentive coupon is now available. This coupon is good for \$4 off admission to the Ohio State Fair for summer readers ages 5-14, and can be used as an incentive in any public library's summer reading program. For a master copy of this incentive, email Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.
- Janet attended the Collaborative Summer Library Program's annual meeting as the state representative from Ohio. At this meeting, the 2017 CSLP program slogan and 2018 theme were selected. The 2017 slogan, for all ages, will be "**Build a Better World**". This is the first time the CSLP delegates have chosen one slogan across children's/early literacy, teen, and adult programs, and is something many librarians have requested. The 2018 theme will be **Music**.
- Questions on Summer Reading should be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

Staff

- Library Programs and Development staff presented sessions at several of the OLC Chapter Conferences. Janet Ingraham-Dwyer presented "Summer Reading Re-Program" at the Southwest and Central/Southeast Chapters and "The Common Core: Public Libraries Supporting Parents and Educators" at the Southwest and North Chapters. Katy Klettlinger presented "Local History Collections: How to Promote an Underutilized Resource to Benefit Your Library" at Southwest, "Creating Teen Spaces on a Limited Budget? It's Possible" at Northwest, and "Fed Up? Learn less Taxing ways to use eGov sites" at North. Kirstin Krumsee presented, "Fed Up? Learn less taxing ways to use eGov sites" at Northwest and the majority of the LPD staff participated in "Who Ya Gonna Call? State Library" at Central/Southeast.
- Gregory (Gregg) Gassman joined the State Library as a Library Assistant 2 in Library Programs and Development on April 20, 2015. Gregory will be providing administrative support to the Library Development Consultants.
- The State Library held interviews for the Chief Information Officer position located in Columbus on April 22, 2015.
- The job posting for the Executive Secretary to the State Librarian's Office located in Columbus expired on April 27, 2015. The State Library is currently reviewing the credentials of all applicants and will reach out to those selected for an interview.

Summer Food Service Program

- Public libraries may serve free meals or snacks to all youth in the library or at an outreach location, thanks to the USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This federally-funded program helps fill the nutrition gap for children and teens who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, and are at significant risk of going hungry in the summer. Many Ohio libraries already participate, and find it very rewarding and beneficial. The State Library website offers a basic "how-to" guide for libraries to learn more about SFSP and how to become a site or a sponsor, partner with existing sites, promote the program, and/or refer young patrons to available sites: <https://library.ohio.gov/summer-food>.

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Take 5

- Registration is open for "**Take 5: Take Four – Make It Happen!**" in Cincinnati on Friday, April 24, 2015. Registration is only \$20. This includes a World Café conversation experience, speaker presentations, lunch, and a tour of the UnMuseum at the Contemporary Arts Center. Speakers include Chris Lottman, a University of Cincinnati professor in the School of Social Work; Michelle Shinew, a co-founder of Friends of Sawmill Wetlands in Dublin, Ohio; and Tom Kent, Executive Director of Elementz Hip Hop Youth Arts Center. Register on the SWON Libraries website at http://swonlibraries.org/events/event_details.asp?id=515065. Take 5 is an annual event and an ongoing dialogue on new ideas and creative approaches for people who work with teens and youth in libraries, museums, arts organizations, and other learning environments. The event takes place at a different Ohio location each spring. Check out the Take 5 web page and follow the Take 5 Facebook page.

Training

- With a planning team representing public and school libraries and SWON Libraries Consortium, Janet Ingraham Dwyer co-hosted [Take 5: Take Four: A Youth Services Dialogue](#) on April 24 at the Main Library, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County (PLCH). This was the fourth annual happening of this popular interactive event for people who work with teens and youth in libraries, museums, arts organizations, and other learning environments, and was made possible by the generous support of PLCH, SWON Libraries, and Kenton County (KY) Public Library. This event was also supported in part by federal Institute of Museum and Library Services funds, granted through the State Library of Ohio. Presentations and other materials from the event are available for free download on the [Take 5: Take Four Resources page](#) hosted by SWON Libraries.
- Matthew Dyer, Head of Employee Services, conducted a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® training session for Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections managers on April 14, 2015.

Other

- The State Library celebrated National Library Week with Ohio-shaped cookies from Pattycake Bakery in Clintonville.

Website

- The State Library will be launching a new website in late May. The main URL library.ohio.gov will remain the same but there will be changes to most of the other content (including the URL for the State Librarian's Reports). An announcement about the process and features will be distributed on the launch date.