

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, January 31, 2015
Reports are posted on the State Library of Ohio website at
library.ohio.gov/state-librarians-reports

Guiding Ohio Online

- Application forms to place AmeriCorps members in public libraries will soon be distributed. Applications are due to the State Library by March 31, 2015. Applying libraries may request a full-time AmeriCorps member or a part-time AmeriCorps member for an 11-month term beginning in Fall 2015. A cash match is required from participating libraries.
- 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.

LSTA

- The State Library has announced a new grant program. The open grant program provides small awards, up to \$4,999 in federal funds, allowing libraries to address a specific customer need or to develop an innovative service. There is no deadline for submitting an application. Applications will be reviewed and funded as they are received. The State Library has allocated \$150,000 in CY 2015 for this program. Complete details on the open grant program can be found at <http://library.ohio.gov/open-grants>.
- Questions on the LSTA program should be addressed to Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov.

Summer Reading Program

- **Summer Reading Program workshops**, hosted by Ohio's Regional Library Systems, are scheduled around the state from now through March. Dates and details are available on the Ohio SRP webpage, <http://library.ohio.gov/ohio-summer-reading-program>. The Regional Library Systems and State Library are again offering teen and adult SRP webinars in February. Registration is available through all four Regional Library Systems on the Ohio SRP site above.
- The deadline is approaching for the **Teen Video Challenge**, a competition for teens to create videos that promote reading, libraries, and the 2015 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme, *Unmask!* The contest encourages collaboration, creativity, and thoughtful use of technology. One winning video created by a teen or group of teens will be selected as the Ohio winner in the national 2015 CSLP Teen Video Challenge. The video will be shared nationally, and the winner(s) will receive cash prizes for themselves and an award for their local public library. The entry deadline is February 20, 2015. Details and entry information are at <http://library.ohio.gov/youthservices/tvc>.
- Questions and information on Summer Reading can be addressed to Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov.

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

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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](#).

List of New Acquisitions

- New titles can be found at <http://library.ohio.gov/marketing/Residents/RecentAdditionstoCollection/BooksJan2015>.

Staff

- The State Library's job posting for a Library Assistant II in Library Programs & Development garnered 178 applications. The State Library is reviewing the qualifications of each applicant and will conduct interviews with selected candidates.
- The State Library is seeking a **Library Consultant** for our **SEO Library Center** division located in **Caldwell, Ohio**. This position will oversee and assist in administering the State Library's statewide resource sharing program, [OLS: MORE \(Ohio Libraries Share: MORE\)](#). This position also will provide additional consultant services to SEO member libraries. Qualified applicants should apply online **by February 9, 2015** (only online applications will be accepted). To apply, go to http://agency.governmentjobs.com/ohio/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=1057770&hit_count=yes.
- The State Library concluded its annual employee performance evaluation cycle on January 31. A 100% on-time completion rate was achieved.

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