

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, December 31, 2014
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Choose to Read Ohio

- January begins a **new CTRO program cycle**, spotlighting a new booklist of 20 titles, for all ages and interests, by a variety of notable Ohio authors. Mindy McGinnis, Sharon Draper, Susan Orlean, Nikki Giovanni, Jeffrey Ebbeler, Amit Majmudar, and other Ohio writers and illustrators are featured on the 2015 & 2016 CTRO booklist. Readers' toolkits for each CTRO book feature author biographies, discussion questions, Common Core connections, and activities and links for further exploration and enjoyment. Toolkits for the 2015 & 2016 books are in development, and several have already been posted to the Choose to Read Ohio site at <https://library.ohio.gov/ctro>.

Guiding Ohio Online

- 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.
- 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.
- Questions should be addressed to Mandy Knapp, aknapp@library.ohio.gov.

ILEAD USA

- Ohio is once again participating in ILEAD USA as a partner state in the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant awarded to the State Library of Illinois by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).
- The team application is available at <https://library.ohio.gov/ilead-usa-ohio>. Completed applications must be received by Friday, January 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The State Library is looking for five (5) teams of five (5) individuals to make up the participants for the ILEAD USA - Ohio 2015 program. Teams are made up of individuals who have identified a community problem and are interested in learning how to use technology to solve that community need. Preference will be given to teams that are made up of individuals representing at least **two** different library types and at least **three** different libraries. Teams must apply as a single entity. This means that you will need **all five of your team members and a project idea** before submitting your application.
- ILEAD USA - Ohio will be held March 24-26, June 23-25, and October 27-29 in 2015 at Mohican State Park & Lodge in Perrysville, Ohio. Team members must commit to attending all three sessions of ILEAD USA - Ohio. Each team member's commitment also involves time devoted between the three sessions to working on your project with your team.
- The only costs associated with ILEAD USA - Ohio are the costs of travel to Mohican State Park & Lodge. The other costs of this program (lodging, meals, and materials) are covered by an IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant, with additional support from the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science, as well as the State Library of Ohio.
- For questions about the program or assistance in creating a team or developing an idea, contact Evan T. Struble at estruble@library.ohio.gov.

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List of New Acquisitions

- New titles can be found at <http://library.ohio.gov/marketing/Residents/RecentAdditionstoCollection/SLOBooksDec2014>.

LSTA

- The State Library Board approved funding for six Literacy project proposals at its December 9 meeting. Information on the funded proposals can be found at <http://library.ohio.gov/Marketing/PR/2014/Dec#LSTA>.

Summer Reading Program

- **Summer Reading Program workshops**, hosted by Ohio's Regional Library Systems, are scheduled around the state from January to March 2015. 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 will again produce **teen and adult Summer Reading Program mini-workshops** by webinar in February. Registration will be available through all four Regional Library Systems.
- The **Teen Video Challenge** is 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 with optional activities on Thursday, April 23. The attendee fee is only \$20, and includes lunch and a tour of the UnMuseum at the Contemporary Arts Center. You may 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](#).

Staff

- On December 1, the State Library welcomed Cynthia Boyden as a Library Assistant II in Circulation & Special Services.
- On December 29, the State Library welcomed Ann M. Watson as the Associate State Librarian for Library Services. Ann will oversee the two departments that comprise Library Services: Circulation & Special Services and Research & Catalog Services.
- The State Library's job posting for a Library Assistant II in Library Programs & Development garnered 178 applications. The State Library will review the qualifications of each applicant and begin interviews in 2015.

Training & Presentations

- Janet Ingraham Dwyer conducted a presentation on Summer Learning at the Licking County Library on December 17.

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