

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

Monthly Report, February 28, 2014

Reports are posted on WebJunction Ohio at

<http://www.webjunction.org/content/webjunction/partners/ohio/oh-reports/statelibrarian.html>

EDGE Initiative

- The State Library of Ohio encourages selected libraries to participate in Library Edge. Edge is a series of benchmarks that will help public libraries assess their current technology services and make improvements that will better serve their communities.
- Edge has reached out to the State Library to promote the benchmarks to selected Ohio libraries for the free preview.
- A principal goal of Edge's 2014 national launch is to generate comparison data that libraries need. To create this data, a select random sample of libraries has been invited to participate at no cost in 2014.
- Questions on the Edge Initiative can be addressed to Mandy Knapp, aknapp@library.ohio.gov

Guiding Ohio Online

- Guiding Ohio Online will engage 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 will target populations in rural Ohio, resulting in enhanced digital skills.
- Application forms to place an AmeriCorps Member in the public library have been sent to eligible public library systems. Applications are due to the State Library by March 31, 2014. Applying libraries may request a full time AmeriCorps Member or a part-time AmeriCorps Member for an 11-month term beginning in October 2014. A cash match is required from participating libraries.
- Questions should be addressed to Mandy Knapp, aknapp@library.ohio.gov.

List of New Acquisitions

- New titles at <http://library.ohio.gov/marketing/Residents/RecentAdditionsToCollection/SLOBooksFeb2014>

LSTA

- The LSTA Five-Year Plan 2013 – 2017 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.
- Questions on LSTA should be addressed to Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov

Newsletters

- Government Information You Can Use for all Ohioans – [First Quarter 2014 - Ohio Statehood Day in March 1](#)
- News You Can Use for State Employees – [February, 2014 – Introducing LearningExpress Library 3.0](#)

Ohio Connecting to Collections

- The Ohio Connecting to Collections planning partners are developing programs for 2014. A fall event is being planned that will help librarians, cultural heritage professionals and volunteers work better with buildings and facilities staff to prevent disasters and keep building environment at the best levels for collections. The partners are also looking to collaborate with the Ohio Preservation Council on a series of regional meetings and hands-on training.

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- Missy Lodge, Tom Clareson (LYRASIS), and Jeff Carr (Registrar/Preparator, Kennedy Museum of Art, Ohio University) will present a session entitled, "Maintaining the Momentum: Connecting to Collections in Ohio" at the Ohio Museums Association, April 7. Missy Lodge and Andy Verhoff (Ohio Historical Society) will present a session entitled, "From Needs Assessment to Project Funding: An Introduction to Connecting to Collections and the History Fund" at the Society of Ohio Archivists meeting, May 16. A Poster Session on Connecting to Collections will also be featured.
- The Connecting to Collections partners would like to enrich the Model Policy site: <http://www.ohiomemory.org> (find Connecting to Collections in the drop-down menu) or at <http://bit.ly/lrmXBw>. If your institution has a preservation policy you would like to see included, please contact Shannon Kupfer at skupfer@library.ohio.gov.
- Questions on Ohio Connecting to Collections should be addressed to Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov.

Public Library Statistics

- The Public Library Report Form is now open for data collection. Libraries are being asked to complete the survey by March 28, 2014.
- Questions on the statistics should be addressed to Lisa Hickie, lhickie@library.ohio.gov.

Summer Reading Program

- The 2014 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.
- In March, Summer Reading Program workshops will be hosted around the state by Ohio's Regional Library Systems. Dates, descriptions, and details are all available on the Ohio SRP page here: <http://www.webjunction.org/partners/ohio/oh-programs/sumread.html>.
- The 2014 Fizz Boom Read! (children's) / Spark a Reaction (teen) / Literary Elements (adult) program manual was shipped last fall from the State Library to public libraries. Contact Janet Ingraham Dwyer with any questions about the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) manuals.
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