

# STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO

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## Choose to Read Ohio

- The State Library of Ohio, Ohioana Library Association, and Ohio Center for the Book have announced the 20 books selected for Choose to Read Ohio 2015 & 2016. The featured books are by a diverse group of authors native to, residing in, or associated with Ohio. They were selected by teachers, librarians, and other book lovers from around the Buckeye State. [Read the press release](#) announcing the new booklist. [Learn more about Choose to Read Ohio](#) and download readers' toolkits for any of the 55 books previously spotlighted in this statewide reading initiative.
- Questions on Choose to Read Ohio should be addressed to Janet Ingraham-Dwyer, [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@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.
- The public libraries that will host an AmeriCorps member have been selected. Ten public libraries will host a full-time AmeriCorps member and twenty libraries will host a part-time AmeriCorps member.
- The process for recruiting and selecting AmeriCorps members has now begun.
- Questions should be addressed to Mandy Knapp, [aknapp@library.ohio.gov](mailto:aknapp@library.ohio.gov).

## ILEAD USA

- The State Library of Illinois has been awarded an IMLS Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Program grant for an ILEAD USA program in 2015. The State Library of Ohio will once again participate in the grant program. Evan Struble is the Ohio ambassador for the program and attended an ILEAD session in Illinois in late March.
- More information on the Ohio program, including details on teams and the application process, will be released in late summer.
- Dates for ILEAD USA 2015 have been announced:
  - March 24-26, 2015
  - June 23-25, 2015
  - October 27-29, 2015
- Questions should be addressed to Evan Struble, [estruble@library.ohio.gov](mailto:estruble@library.ohio.gov).

## Library Leadership Ohio

- [Library Leadership Ohio 2014](#) will take place at the Holiday Inn Worthington, July 22-25, 2014. Ivy Library Group will be facilitating the event.
- The selection process for candidates has been completed. Candidates and their supervisors were notified in late March. Fifty individuals, representing public, academic, school, and special libraries, will be participating.
- New for Library Leadership 2014 will be the addition of mentors to assist with the project aspect of the program. Two mentors for each project have been identified. The fifty individuals will be working on one of five projects for up to one year following LLO 2014. Project topics are:

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- Digitization
- Engaging and Empowering Learning Experiences
- Library Think Tank: Community Hub
- Library Think Tank: Staffing for the Future
- Statewide Marketing
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## List of New Acquisitions

- New titles at <http://library.ohio.gov/marketing/recently-added-state-library-collection>

## Ohio Ready to Read

- New resources for librarians offering early literacy activities include the 2014 ORTR Booklist, which sorts recommended picture books under each of the Six Skills AND Five Practices of Every Child Ready to Read, so every book on the list supports both a skill and a practice. Find this and other resources on the [Ohio Ready to Read website](#).
- A new "Digital Sensory Storytime" tutorial offers an option for librarians to serve children with autism and other sensory processing issues by developing inclusive storytime programs incorporating iPad® technology. The accompanying resource guide offers tools, supports, and information about library services to children with autism and their families, including educational materials on sensory storytimes and inclusive practices for libraries. Presenter Amy Price, librarian at Oakstone Academy in Westerville, promotes the use of digital storybooks and the practice of inclusion to support children with autism and other sensory processing disorders, and to help make the library a known effective and welcoming place for children with autism and their families. Find the tutorial and resource guide on the [Ohio Ready to Read website](#).

## Summer Reading Program

- The official CSLP 2014 video and audio PSA files are available for librarians to download, and to share with local broadcasters, via the CSLP website (<http://cslpreads.org/>). Preview the video PSA for "Fizz Boom Read" on the Ohio Summer Reading Program web page: <http://webjunction.org/partners/ohio/oh-programs/sumread.html>. Libraries may use the PSA on websites, Facebook pages, blogs, etc.
- The [Ohio SRP web page](#) also features the winner and runners-up of the 2014 Ohio Teen Video Challenge. The Teen Video Challenge is an annual CSLP-sponsored competition for teens to create videos that promote reading, libraries, and the CSLP theme, which for 2014 is Spark a Reaction. The teen-created videos may be used to promote SRP in any library and community.
- 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. The 2014 Ohio State Parks certificate offers 50% off camping for summer readers of any age. For a master copy of these incentives, e-mail Janet Ingraham Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov).
- Upcoming SRP slogans and themes were selected at the Collaborative Summer Library Program's annual meeting in April. The slogans for the 2016 program (theme of Wellness/Fitness/Sports) are:
  - Children's: "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read"
  - Teen: "Get in the Game - Read"
  - Adult: "Exercise Your Mind - Read"The general theme for the 2017 program is: Build a Better World (defined broadly: construction/architecture/makerspaces/society/social justice/etc.).
- Questions and information on Summer Reading can be addressed to Janet Ingraham-Dwyer at [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov).

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## Staff

- The State Library has concluded interviews for the open position of Library Consultant – Government Information. Pending routine approvals, Kirstin Krumsee has been selected for promotion into the position effective May 4, 2014. Kirstin is currently a Librarian 2 – Reference at the State Library of Ohio.
- The State Library bids farewell to Jonathan Campbell, who has served as Executive Secretary to the State Librarian since January 14, 2013. Jonathan is transferring to the Office of the Ohio Attorney General effective on May 5, 2014.
- The State Library welcomes Jennifer Stump, who began as Executive Secretary to the State Librarian on April 21, 2014. Jennifer has been working closely with Jonathan to ensure a smooth transition for the Office of the State Librarian.

## Awards

- On Tuesday, April 22, 2014, the State Library was recognized as a Top Workplace in Central Ohio. The State Library was in the top 50 of nearly 900 Columbus workplaces under consideration. The Top Workplaces are determined based solely on employee feedback. The employee survey is conducted by WorkplaceDynamics, LLP, a leading research firm on organizational health and employee engagement. Survey responses from the State Library of Ohio show that a majority of staff members believe that the agency is going in the right direction and operates by strong values and ethics, and that a majority of staff members have confidence in the agency's leadership. A majority also reported that they were well-informed about important decisions concerning the State Library and that their jobs make them feel like they are part of something meaningful. One employee summed it up by stating, "I love my job because: I feel valued and appreciated. I love the people I work with and the work that I do. I can't imagine working anywhere else."

## Training & Presentations

- On Thursday, April 24, 2014, Matthew Dyer, Employee Services Manager, presented a webinar called "Classy Pickles: The Role of Customer Service in Company Culture" for OHIONET. The presentation examined how two state agencies are assessing their workplace culture, reviewed two customer service training programs, and provided an update on the State Library's customer service initiative.