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Ohio Libraries: Stronger through Collaboration

The 2003 OCLC Environmental Scan identified collaboration as one of seven key trends for libraries. Ten years later, collaboration has become even more important as a result of shrinking library budgets and staffing levels, shifting roles, and rapid changes in the ways information and materials are delivered to customers.

The Environmental Scan placed such a strong emphasis on collaboration that it boldly stated, "Sustainability is only possible through collaboration." It does seem likely that collaboration and how well libraries do it, may be the key to libraries' survival in the future. Continued growth in the volume of library materials, both physical and digital, the shift in user demand from physical to digital materials, and financial pressures make it nearly impossible for libraries to succeed without collaboration. Ohio's libraries have a strong history of collaboration. Think of OhioLINK (1992), INFOhio (1994), and OPLIN (1996). Each of these large scale collaborative efforts set the stage for even greater collaboration throughout the state. Of course, not all collaborative efforts are as large or complicated as OhioLINK, INFOhio, and OPLIN. This issue of Ohio Libraries Quarterly showcases just a few examples of the ways libraries are collaborating with each other and with other organizations to strengthen their libraries and their communities.

State Librarian of Ohio
Beverly Cain

Libraries and the Affordable Health Care Act Partnerships

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are partnering to help libraries respond to patron requests for assistance in understanding and navigating new health insurance options in the Health Insurance Marketplace.

WebJunction received an IMLS grant to provide information to the library community regarding opportunities and resources to connect patrons to health and wellness information. An eHealth section on the WebJunction website has resources available to help libraries get started. Also included in this project will be a needs assessment regarding patron requests for health information and the development of a comprehensive guide for public libraries to utilize in helping patrons navigate health information at their local library.

The State Library of Ohio also provides access to important information public libraries need now about the Affordable Care Act at http://library.ohio.gov/aca.

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Columbus State Community College Partnerships

By Bruce Massis, Library Director, Columbus State Community College
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Columbus State Community College Delaware Campus

Columbus State Community College (CS) offers library services through its Columbus Campus Library and its Delaware Campus Learning Center, which embraces a learning commons model of blended services (library, IT support, and tutoring) in one convenient location. As an extension of its focus on collaboration, the CS Library has sought partnerships with other libraries, both academic and public, to enhance services and support shared goals.

CS Delaware Campus Learning Center and The Ohio State University Marion Campus Library

Columbus State formed a partnership with The Ohio State University's Marion Campus (OSU-M) in 2011. The partnership involved OSU-M offering many of its courses at Columbus State's Delaware Campus and establishing a mechanism for the sharing of resources.

The CS Library team held meetings with the OSU-M Library team for the greater part of a year to discuss and decide upon library services for the incoming OSU students. Here are a few of the services presently available:

- CS librarians provide reference assistance to OSU students at the Delaware Campus and work with OSU-M librarians to promote library resources.
- CS librarians help OSU students use off-campus access to OSU research databases.
- OSU students can request library items and have them sent to the Learning Center with OhioLINK's "Pickup Anywhere."
- CS librarians create "courtesy accounts" for OSU students to check out laptops, iPads, calculators, and OSU course reserves.
- CS librarians create CS library records for OSU course reserves. OSU-M librarians update the OSU catalog records with a Delaware Campus location code. CS uses the OSU courier service to receive and return OSU course reserves.
- Learning Center computers have both CS and OSU login screens.

Additionally, the OSU-M Library Director teaches library instruction classes to OSU-M students taking courses at the Delaware Campus. At times, the CS Library Coordinator will co-teach classes with the OSU-M Library Director to introduce students to library services. OSU-M librarians also provide the CS librarians with OSU library assignments. An assignment for an online OSU-M library course requires students to have a consultation with a librarian, and students can consult with librarians at the Marion Campus Library or CS librarians at the Delaware Campus.

CS Delaware Campus Learning Center and the Delaware County District Library

The CS Library is developing a partnership with the Delaware County District Library (DCDL). DCDL has provided the Learning Center with shelving and will offer approximately 2,400 fiction and non-fiction titles for circulation from the CS Library at its Delaware Campus. DCDL will train CS librarians on Sierra (presently, CS uses Millennium). CS students, faculty, and staff will be able to check out DCDL materials and receive DCDL cards, and the surrounding community may visit the Delaware Campus to check out items.

CS will provide DCDL with several iPad Kiosks. These will be freestanding, gooseneck shaped stands. A patron who steps up to a kiosk will be able to access information and specifics about Columbus State from the iPad installed in the stand. A kiosk of this type will be positioned in DCDL's Orange Branch and the Main Library. There will be an official rollout of these partnership services in early September.

Read more about the new partnerships on the next page.

Cutting the ribbon on September 5, 2013, (L to R) Ken O'Brien, Delaware County Commissioner; Holly Quaine, Delaware Chamber of Commerce; Cindy Hall, Sunbury Chamber of Commerce; Dennis Stapleton, Delaware County Commissioner; Mary Jane Santos, Delaware District Library Director; Bruce Massis, Director of Columbus State Community College Libraries; Gary Merrell, Delaware County Commissioner; and Neil Neidhardt, Delaware District Library Board Member.

New pacts bring books and expanded borrowing privileges with Columbus Metro and Delaware County libraries.

The Columbus State Library has been "making noise" in the community lately, forging partnerships with the Columbus Metropolitan Library and the Delaware County District Library.

As part of the Columbus library partnership, it's now possible to obtain a Columbus Metro library card without leaving campus. Librarians at the Columbus State Library can accept applications and issue a card (although the card typically takes 24 hours to process).

A Columbus Metro library card opens up a world of new options for Columbus State students, says Library Director Bruce Massis. For example, students can tap databases at Columbus Metro such as the Columbus Dispatch archives, or Early Childhood students can reserve children's books the college library doesn't carry.

The libraries are looking to expand their partnership in the coming months and years, Massis says. With the Delaware County partnership, students can now check out county library books at Columbus State's Delaware Campus. The local library is stocking a shelf of more than 1,000 popular fiction and nonfiction books for students to browse.

Librarians at the Delaware Campus can also issue cards and reserve books, Massis says.

Columbus State has also placed informational kiosks at the Orange and Main branches of the Delaware County District Library. The kiosks give basic information about Columbus State. The college hopes to expand that partnership in the future.

Partnerships with local libraries are another way Columbus State commits to fostering lifelong learning throughout its service area, Massis says.

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Kelly Hogan, Columbus State Professor of Developmental Education (Right) trying out the information kiosk.

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State Library of Ohio & Ohio School for the Deaf Collaboration

By Nicole Merriman
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The State Library of Ohio collaborates with the Ohio School for the Deaf, Center for Outreach Services to make a collection of deafness-related materials available to Ohio citizens. This collection is called the Deafness & Outreach Collection and includes materials for students, parents, educators and allied professions on the subjects of education and life skills for deaf people. The focus is on materials helpful for the K-12 age group.

The collection was started in 2007 when the Center for Outreach Services was interested in circulating the core collection to a wider group of people. They reached out to the State Library and the materials were cataloged and the Deafness & Outreach Collection was created. Since then, the Center for Outreach Services has added additional materials to the collection.

These materials can be found in the State Library's catalog. Any Ohio resident can walk into the State Library, request a card and check materials out from this collection. The materials can also be requested by patrons of OhioLINK member institutions and Search Ohio consortium libraries. These materials will then be sent to the pickup location chosen by the patron.

As a special privilege, individuals on the mailing list for the Center for Outreach Services are eligible for a State Library card with the special privilege of having items mailed to them at no cost. (Individuals are responsible for the return shipping on the item.) More information about joining the Center for Outreach Services mailing list can be found at **http://www.ohioschoolforthedeaf.org/outreach_mailinglist.aspx.**

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Bucyrus Public Library and Local Parks bring StoryWalk®

Adventures to Crawford County

By Barbara Scott, Children's Librarian,
Bucyrus Public Library

The Bucyrus Public Library has recently partnered with two community entities in Crawford County to provide child-friendly and literature-enriching activities.

Funded by the local Kiwanis service club, the library has and is offering StoryWalk® Adventures. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and was developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. The original project was designed for biking/walking trails, with book pages laminated and mounted on board that were stuck into the ground. We adapted this project so that it can go practically anywhere. With money from the Kiwanis, we purchased the books suggested by the original program, plus poster board, lamination film, and easels.

Books, once purchased, are ours to do with as we please. So, they are torn apart, mounted in order of pages, and laminated. At the events where we have used them, they are placed on easels and families walk from one to another, enjoying the story as they go.

We have used the books twice since the initial funding. The first time was at a Family Tent Camping outing at the local parks district. They have a wonderful boardwalk area that was ideal for setting up the easels. The second setting was in our local city park, in partnership with a community group called Together Time that does child-friendly activities here and in surrounding communities during the summer. In this setting, the book pages were interspersed with activities.

We plan to do the StoryWalk® again with the parks district at their annual Halloween program, affording an alternative to the "haunted hike" for young children. I also plan to get with the local Chamber of Commerce to place book pages for The Night Before Christmas as part of our city's Candlelight Christmas walk. The final destination for this walk will be at Santa's house!

For more information about the StoryWalk® Project, visit the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

Made in the Shade: When Parks and Libraries Collaborate

By Caroline Molnar, Children's Librarian
Delaware County District Library

Partnerships with other community organizations are by no means a radical concept in the library world. Strong collaborations equal more outlets to serve the public and in the face of tough economic times, drumming up support together is crucial. The Delaware County District Library and Preservation Parks of Delaware County have been collaborating together for years, building and expanding on a sound foundation of teamwork.

Preservation Parks offers fascinating, educational programs to all four branches of the Delaware Library, for both Summer Reading Club and beyond. With programs for all age groups, the Parks staff has transformed many ordinary afternoons into hands-on education experiences. In addition, the Summer Letterbox Program at Preservation Parks has been a way for the Library and Parks to cross-promote services. All summer long, families sign up for the program at their local branch of the Library and receive their Letterboxing booklet and Preservation Parks program guide. From there, they are encouraged to visit all park locations and look for the letterboxes that are hidden on various trails. Each booklet contains a wealth of information on the local flora and fauna; the trail is equal parts nature walk and treasure hunt. At the end of the summer, Preservation Parks raffles off treats: gift bags, gift cards for businesses and a set of full color field guides for mammals, birds and more.

This summer, families visited the branches of the Delaware Library specifically to sign up for the Parks program and the opportunity to share library services surfaced naturally. It also became an opportunity to share the abundant programs that Preservation Parks offers. With about 1,147 participants this year, the letterboxing program is going strong. More participants finished this year, mentioned Sue Hagan, Marketing and Communications Manager of Parks, and she stresses "how valuable this partnership is" when looking at the work the Library and Preservation Parks do together.

For years, Preservation Parks has been coming into the Library's branches for programming. The Library branched out into the Parks for the first time this summer. Ostrander Branch Manager Harla Lawson coordinated a program on bugs and insects at the Blues Creek Preserve. Lawson says it is great for the library to "get out of the building and into the community." With Library and Parks staff present, the connection between the two was substantial. There were 30 people from all over the county who attended the program at Blues Creek.

Connecting the Delaware Library with Preservation Parks this summer was a multi-faceted project that benefited from the brains of multiple departments. This year's theme "Dig Into Reading" inspired some adorable gnomes and garden graphics from the communications department at the Library. Using those graphics, Nicole Fowles, Communications Specialist at the Delaware County District Library, created a video with a cute cut-out gnome frolicking about the park to demonstrate how the program worked. Gnomie (as he is affectionately called) bounced along to a David Bowie song through Deer Haven Preserve, highlighting the gorgeous setting and wealth of resources in the nature center. Fowles said, "It was a great opportunity to show the collaboration between [Delaware County District Library] and Preservation Parks by having our Summer Reading Club mascot, Gnomie, travel through the parks in a video. It also gave families a chance to see what to expect when they go Letterboxing, if they haven't experienced it before."

There is no question that this is an extremely positive collaboration for both the Delaware County District Library and Preservation Parks of Delaware County. With parks all over the county to enjoy (and new ones in the works) and four different library branches to explore, the sky is the limit for the future of collaborative programming. Promoting wonderful nature programs at the Parks while putting books in hands at the Library is an extremely satisfying union for both parties. It is both powerful and important for organizations to assist each other in fitting and beneficial ways. By working with these local groups, all are building a rapport while providing support to other establishments. Hagan sums it up best: "It is so important for various agencies, services and non-profits in Delaware County to support one another, to let the community know the wealth of resources available to them."

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Community Programming at The First Edition

By Kelly Rist, Director
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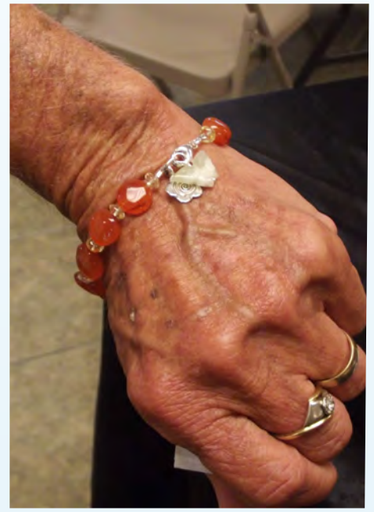
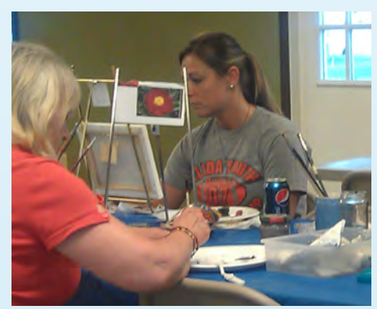


What is a "first edition" at a library? The first thought that comes to mind for many individuals is the first printing of a book or manuscript; however, the answer at the Delphos Public Library is different. The First Edition is the programming building for the library and community. The former law office was purchased by the library in 2008. Renovations were made to the building and programming was first started during National Library Week in 2012.

Delphos, being "America's friendliest town," has embraced the First Edition by building relationships in the community between the library and DAAG (Delphos Area Art Guild), Green Thumb Garden Club, Girl Scout & Boy Scout troops, Rotary, and the Dienstberger Foundation. These wonderful organizations have helped the library to provide access to programs from crocheting, guitar lessons, ceramic and art classes, summer camps, flower decorating and landscaping to gardening. Local Girl Scouts have earned badges and awards through programs on science where children could learn about the five senses to making kaleidoscopes to take home. The Girl Scouts have also learned about following through with projects and how to make an impact on the community by designing and maintaining a butterfly garden outside of the First Edition building.

The Delphos Public Library believes that by working together with local organizations and utilizing the building, the community can have bigger, better and more activities, events and experiences. The library is so much more than books! The wonderful board and staff allow this local treasure to look beyond its own walls and see how to best serve each person, family, organization and business in Delphos.

This "trading spaces for programming" has allowed the community to see the library evolving once again to meet the needs of the community. This collaboration, with local community groups, has allowed the library to stretch those precious tax dollars while giving the community access to a wonderful programming building. Many wonderful programs take place that may not have if it were not for the First Edition building. Building community relationships has always been a facet of the library and now the Delphos Public Library embraces the community through the use of the First Edition building. The library has always been at the heart of the community and this is a novel way of thinking about the needs of the community, patrons and the library.



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Early Childhood Resource Center & Stark County District Library Partnership

By Ann Wetmore
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A formal partnership between the Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC) and the Stark County District Library was formed in 2000. Developed to maximize educational opportunities for early childhood practitioners and parents, the ECRC and the Library work together to create shared programming opportunities, to cross-promote services, and to provide greater access to library materials for early childhood professionals. As the library was experiencing a dramatic increase in usage by early childhood services and the ECRC was in early development, the two decided to combine their collective power. With separate missions and separate funding sources, the two have forged a partnership to help enhance each others' services.

The Early Childhood Resource Center, in this unique collaboration with the Stark County District Library, houses a specialized early childhood library containing an extensive collection of children's fiction and non-fiction books, big books, storytelling kits, puppets, DVDs, and a broad selection of professional resource books and DVDs. The ECRC library serves as a satellite branch of SCDL with services for parents of young children and for early childhood professionals. For convenience, materials borrowed from the ECRC can be returned to any SCDL branch. Regular library customers can request materials housed in the ECRC library as they can other library materials. Library cards are issued and materials are checked out at the ECRC library.

While these two facilities are located within a few miles of one another and both offer programming for young children and their parents, the ECRC and the Library complement one another's programming. ECRC programming focuses solely on educational programs for children from birth-age eight and their parents, while library programming is dedicated to enhancing lifelong learning for all ages. ECRC professionals have offered parent training at library locations, and library professionals have offered successful programs for families at the ECRC. Professionals from both organizations meet regularly to discuss community needs and additional ways to complement services, trade ideas, and plan public programming.

The ECRC offers year-round professional development opportunities to early childhood professionals. Library staff offers professional development classes and training at the ECRC on library and literacy related subjects. Recent training has included effective storytelling, incorporating early literacy skills in story times, and implementing successful early childhood programming. Several library staff members offer training at the ECRC as certified Step Up to Quality trainers and seek to meet Step Up to Quality development standards. The ECRC offers library professionals training and classes in professional development in order to ensure that they remain up-to-date on relevant early childhood information.

The ECRC also houses an extensive production lab, which offers equipment, consumable items, and resources that can be used to create developmentally appropriate materials to support children's learning. Library professionals have access to this lab, which enables them to work with a broad range of resources and supplies beyond what is available within the library.

The partnership between the Early Childhood Resource Center and the Stark County District Library has been a successful one for the two organizations for over a decade, and it keeps evolving. As state education standards progress and the importance of early literacy in child development grows, the partnership ensures that both organizations positively impact their early childhood community.

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Toy Library at Cuyahoga County Public Library

By Sue Kirschner
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The Toy Library at Cuyahoga County Public Library, from its inception in 1992, has sought to provide area families with toys that teach as well as entertain. Families across Northeast Ohio have embraced this service and in 2011, toy circulation hit over 20,000 for the first time. (System circulation was 21.2 million.) 2012 saw an unprecedented circulation of 24,632 and 2013 should be record breaking as well. These numbers tell us that patrons are using our service as never before but it does not tell us who those patrons are and how can we best serve them.

In searching for the answer, it was reported that Children's Librarians are seeing an increase of special needs children coming into our branches and attending storytimes, especially those on the autism spectrum. Concurrent with that was expansion of the Toy Library from one branch to all 28 branches in the system. Circulation reports were studied and comments from branch families gathered and a need was found for more special needs toys. That information gave us another piece of the puzzle, the "who," but now we needed the "what" and the "how" so that our collection might better reflect the faces of our young patrons.

The centralized move of the Toy Collection brought Children's Librarian Anna Heinz to Youth Literacy and Outreach Manager Sue Kirschner's team. With her came an ambition to improve the Special Needs category of our collection. Anna met with representatives from Tools for Today and Tomorrow whose mission includes providing information to families of children with chronic illnesses or disabilities. One result was a posted link connecting families to the toy lending section of our website. From there she worked with Gaye Spetka of Assistive Technology of Ohio at The Ohio State University who walked us through the grant process to purchase more special needs toys.

From there, the momentum has not stopped. Sue assisted Tricia Twarogowski (former Youth Services Supervisor, Maple Heights Branch) in leading a Special Needs Action Group made up of staff members who shared Tricia's passion to develop Sensory Storytime programs. The group led a staff in-service entitled "Opening Doors: Library Services to Youth with Special Needs or Disabilities and Their Families" which focused on points to consider in serving our "differently-abled" children and teens. It included a panel of peers who have provided library programming for agencies

and individuals. Staff from seven library systems gratefully accepted the invitation to attend thus demonstrating the increased need for training across our region.

Following the in-service, Kirschner put together support materials for staff use in programs and Twarogowski produced a training module whereby staff members can become comfortable with the skills to present Sensory Storytime. Lastly, the Toy Collection has seen an increase of Special Needs titles and patron borrowing and though we have added more pieces to the puzzle, we know that working with children on the spectrum requires constant diligence and desire to improve and we are glad to bring others alongside to continue to add pieces until our picture of service is complete.

In July 2014, fifty participants from libraries around Ohio will gather in Columbus to participate in the Library Leadership Ohio Institute. Library Leadership Ohio believes that leaders come from all types of libraries and hold various positions in the libraries they serve. This 3 day institute, facilitated by the Ivy Group, will form leaders who will work together for the benefit of all Ohio libraries and the communities they serve. This new Library Leadership Ohio Institute is designed to create leaders who will guide Ohio libraries into the twenty-first century and solve the issues facing our libraries and communities.

libraryleadershipohio.org

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http://www.ivylibrary.com/

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Working Together to Support Ohio's Libraries

By Ashlee Tominey, former Library Consultant
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State Library of Ohio

One of the unique aspects of working at the State Library of Ohio is that we serve all different types of communities: state government, Ohio's libraries, and Ohio's residents. Additionally, the State Library serves different types of libraries: academic, public, school, and special libraries. These library types differ in the communities they serve, the way they are governed, the way they are funded, and their professional associations. Yet we found out when we brought together representatives of the academic, public, and school libraries in September 2010 that these libraries have several problems in common: funding, staffing, branding, identity, space, and increases in usage and demands with decreases in hours, staff, space, and materials. These representatives agreed that they could work together to help address these common issues. The group has continued to call itself Working Together to Support Ohio's Libraries (WTTSOL).

The group met quarterly over the next 18 months to continue these discussions about what could be done. Initial discussions focused on creating a statewide information literacy initiative similar to Pennsylvania's Libraries and 21st Century Literacies initiative and a statewide multi- library type snapshot day to increase awareness of the value of Ohio's libraries to residents.

In July 2011, the group began focusing on the problem of the loss of certified school librarians. They determined that not only are students and teachers affected by this, but that public and academic libraries are affected as well. Public libraries are seeing an increased demand in serving students while they are dealing with decreases in staff and hours and increased demands from their communities. Academic libraries are seeing students lacking the basic research and search skills needed for college and are spending more time and resources on getting them up to speed, all while dealing with frozen or decreased staffing and funding. This increased the scope of the group and more members were added as interest increased.

The group identified possible ways to address these problems. One of the ways identified was to gather data showing not only the loss in certified school librarians but also the effect this has on student achievement. A sub-committee of this group worked together to gather data that confirmed what the group suspected: Ohio had experienced a loss of nearly 25% of its school librarians over the previous seven school years. This sub-committee has continued its work in this area and at a meeting held earlier this summer, reported that while the decline in the number of school librarians has continued, the number of library aides has remained relatively flat since the 2004-2005 school year.

Additionally, State Librarian Beverly Cain, INFOhio Executive Director Terri Fredericka, and Bruce Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer, Management Council of the Ohio Education Computer Network met with State Superintendent Stan Heffner in November 2011 to discuss the loss of school librarians, problems facing libraries in general, and talk about ways to address these issues. This was the first of several similar meetings varying group members would have with legislators and state officials. Members of the group have met with Randy Cole, Chair of the State Controlling Board, Chancellor John Carey, and are currently working to schedule a time to meet with new State Superintendent, Richard Ross. The key message in all of these meetings has been that Ohio libraries are working together to provide information and resources to all Ohioans and that anything that adversely impacts one segment of the Ohio library community, impacts all libraries to some degree.

WTTSOL has worked with the State Library and NEO-RLS to plan an event that will bring public and school libraries together to learn how to work in partnership to build stronger communities. The program, scheduled for September 24, will be facilitated by ALA immediate past president, Maureen Sullivan and feature speaker Richard Harwood, founder of the Harwood Institute.

At the group's September 2011 meeting they decided to host a statewide multi-library type snapshot day in the fall to show the urgency of increasing awareness of the importance of Ohio's libraries and to also allow promotion at upcoming library conferences for school, public, and academic libraries. State Library staff worked with a committee of library organization staff to host Snapshot Day: A Day in the Life of Ohio Libraries. Over 100 libraries submitted 1,737 pictures and over 200 libraries submitted data through the online survey. Many libraries collected and shared patron comments. The first statewide multi-library type Snapshot Day was so successful that it was repeated in 2012 and plans are currently underway for Snapshot Day 2013.

The group continues to explore ways to work together to support all of Ohio's libraries. They want to ensure that the work libraries do is highlighted to show that they are continually working together to share services and resources in order to provide the best library service to all Ohio residents for life.

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Use Ohio Library Snapshot Day to Advocate for Your Library

Join all types of libraries throughout Ohio in this exciting project. Pick a day in November to take pictures or video at your library and collect patrons' & visitors' comments. Then, share your images through the Flickr group, complete a brief survey, and share the results with your community and beyond. Information about Ohio Libraries Snapshot Day and a toolkit are available on the State Library website.

Website
library.ohio.gov/snapshotday

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Snapshot Day is a project of the State Library of Ohio in collaboration with the Ohio Library Council (OLC), OPLIN, OhioLINK, INFOhio, OHIONET, Ohio Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO), and the Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA).

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Joint-Use and Shared Facilities Libraries in Ohio

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As communities in Ohio continue to face the challenges of meeting user demands for current and new services, coupled with rising costs of library facilities, many libraries have seen a benefit of cooperative relationships in the form of a joint-use facility. Enduring and effective relationships of a joint-use facility involve the recognition and respect of each institution's purpose, goals, and operating requirements. Additionally, to be effective, these partnerships must have clearly defined roles and responsibilities outlined in documentation agreed upon by the administering authorities of both institutions.

In Ohio, joint-use and shared facilities take a variety of forms. The following submissions are five successful examples of the more than 40 joint-use and shared facilities that exist in Ohio.

Briggs Lawrence County Public Library/Symmes Valley School District – Joe Jenkins

Combined library, division of responsibilities and control

The Briggs Lawrence County Public Library and the Symmes Valley Local School District entered into a contract in May of 2000 and just recently extended the agreement through May 2016. The Symmes Valley Local School District is comprised of the most rural areas of Lawrence County. There are no incorporated villages in the district, and the communities that are in the district are mostly crossroad type villages. The contract allows the public library to offer library service to an area of the county that otherwise would not be economically possible, while also benefiting the school library.

The contract provides to the public library the use of part of the school library space that was not being used by the school to create a public library space with shelving, displays, and a collection of nearly 12,000 print and a/v materials for adults and teens. During the day, this space is blocked off with book carts so that during the school day, the middle school students would not have access to those materials. At 3:00 pm each day the school library is re-opened as a public library. Through the use of movable security gates in the hallways, members of the public can access the library space through the main entrance of the school without wandering into other areas of the school, maintaining security of the property. The public library has provided circulation computers which are set up to run both the school circulation system and the library circulation system. School employees use their system during the day, with public library employees using their circulation system when they staff the library.

In addition to the adult and teen materials, the library has also augmented the public school K-8 library with an additional 7,500 items which the public school children can check out during the school day without a public library card. The entire children's collection is available in the evenings with the use of a public library card. The public library also provides ILL services to the faculty and students and throughout the year, and offers a variety of evening programming for pre-school students, as well as for school age students, teens and adults.

Ida Rupp Public Library/Erie Islands Branch – Debbie Loiacono

Public library housed in a school building, public library provides all the services

Put-in-Bay School is Ohio's smallest continually operating school district. It currently teaches 86 students from preschool to high school, with most students remaining in the district for their entire education. More than three-quarters of a million visitors visit the island of Put-in-Bay each season. However, there are only 285 registered voters on the island, and only a few hundred residents live on the island year-round.

The Erie Islands Library is a joint use public and school library located on the island of South Bass in the Put-in-Bay School. The Ida Rupp Public Library pays $1.00 per year to rent the library space as a public facility from the school. The library space itself is 500 square feet of multiple-use facility packed with current materials and services. The browsing collection includes current book titles and movies, and patrons enjoy ILL services from the SEO Consortium. Customers take advantage of printing, fax machine, and scanning capability, comfortable seating and lighting, and a coffee/tea bar. Recently remodeled, the space is colorful, warm, and appealing, offering six laptops for public use and two staff computers, in addition to an AWE machine for children.

An active branch, Erie Islands Branch is open 20 hours per week year-round and is extremely popular for both residents and visitors to the area. The total annual circulation was 16,178 in 2012. The Erie Islands Library offers monthly programming including Saturday story times, Cookbook Club, Lego Club, movie nights, and special events such as the American Girl program, Stuck on Duct Tape crafts, financial literacy programs, genealogy and computer classes, author visits, In School High School Library Jam introducing databases and online resources, Summer Reading activities and crafts, and much more.

Grand Valley Public Library/Grand Valley High School – Andrew Davis

Public library provides service to school with a formal contract

Grand Valley Public Library (GVPL) is in the third year of a contract with the Grand Valley Local School District to manage and facilitate the high school library (GVHS). With no hiring of staff for any of the three school libraries in the near future, GVPL is satisfied and proud to be able to work with the school to offer some sort of assistance. GVPL and GVHS use the same ILS which has facilitated collaboration. The public library and school board signed a formal contract whereby a staff member from GVPL goes to the High School library once a week for an hour a week. During that time, materials are checked in and out, holds are pulled and holds are checked in, materials shelved and students and teachers receive assistance. A lot of items in the collection have never been cataloged or put into the system, so while the staff member is at the school, items are also cataloged as time permits. Materials are then brought back to GVPL to complete processing and returned to the high school the following week.

GVPL has just migrated to the SEO Consortium and brought the Grand Valley High School Library's collection to the consortium as well. GVPL paid for the migration of the data and has agreed to pay for the software, the SEO fees, etc. for both GVPL & GVHS. GVPL receives and ships all cargo for GVHS and then delivers the items to the school for the students.

The GVHS provides the computer, scanner, receipt printer, and receipt paper for the school as well as purchases library cards for students and provides their own tech person. The school selects and purchases materials for the library, sometimes with suggestions or recommendation by GVPL staff.

Elyria Public Library System/Lorain County Community College – Lyn Crouse

Public library collection in academic library

In 2008, the Barbara and Mike Bass Library/Community Resources Center at Lorain County Community College opened. The 86,000 square foot, three story facility, which features a branch of the Elyria Public Library System (EPLS) on its first floor, an Information Commons with over 150 public access computers on the second floor, and a shared collection, was hailed as the first academic-public library collaboration in Ohio. The Bass Library is the result of the vision that the Elyria Public Library System shares with the Lorain County Community College: to create lifelong learners and serve students, educators, children, senior citizens, working adults and families.

The Elyria Public Library System maintains over 12,000 titles in the adult, teen and children's fiction and AV collections and 6 public access computers for children on the first floor of the facility. Additionally, EPLS has interfiled with the college's collection 7,029 adult non-fiction titles. EPLS's "Living Room" area has a fireplace, comfortable seating, and a spiral staircase to the second floor. The space also includes a story time room where EPLS staff do preschool story times, including programs for the children of students and staff who attend the college's daycare. This also provides a learning opportunity for students who are enrolled in preschool education programs at the college. EPLS staffs the reference desk; college personnel staff the circulation desk.

The academic/public library cooperation has proven to be a partnership and collaboration that makes sense for the 17,000+ greater Lorain County (and beyond) students that attend the college. The college has high school students who attend classes, and students of all ages who are pursuing degrees or certifications, who appreciate access to the public library materials as well as those of the college. It gives EPLS a presence in the North Elyria area to balance with our South and Central branches. This partnership has stood the test of time, having just celebrated its fifth anniversary

Barberton Public Library/Community Health Library – Julianne Bedel

Shared facility library

The Community Health Library (CHL) is a branch of the Barberton Public Library which is housed in a space at Summa Barberton Hospital. It is a small (approximately 200 square feet) but fully functioning community branch. The project started in 2002 when a service agreement was reached between the library and the hospital – then Barberton Citizens Hospital. The focus of the collection and service is consumer health information, but also includes popular browsing material. The CHL branch is located adjacent to the hospital's own medical librarian and professional collection and allows for great cooperation between the two.

In addition to books and magazines, there is an on-site AV collection as well as one public computer station with Internet and database access – the same access found at the public work stations in the main library. A book drop is available for after-hours returns and the CHL branch is staffed by MLS librarians from the library's Reference Department. While the hours are fewer (Monday – Friday / 10 am -3 pm), the services that you can get at the CHL branch are the same as services in the main library.

This partnership works because of a clear service agreement and division of responsibilities. Library staff found that CHL customers (primarily hospital staff, outpatients and visitors) do not always use the main library. By putting library services out in the community (embedded within the hospital facility) staff are able to take the library OUT to the customer, rather than waiting for them to come to us. The location is also adjacent to Tuscora Park Care Center (nursing and custodial care) and it promotes outreach services to these residents and patients as well.

The State Library maintains a list of known joint use and shared facilities. If your library has such an agreement, please email Missy Lodge, mlodge@library.ohio.gov so we can make sure that your library is on the list. Also, if your library is considering entering in to such an arrangement, Library Development Consultants can assist you with the decision-making process.

Sowing Seeds in Licking County, Ohio

By Brock Hutchison and Rhonda Adams
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Licking County Library

Sowing seeds in the community has become more than just a clever pun for the Licking County Library, which opened three seed libraries this summer dubbed the LCL Seed, Sprout and Share Library. The LCL Seed, Sprout and Share Library was the first registered seed library network in Ohio. Each seed library is housed in a repurposed card catalog. The main seed library resides at the Newark Library and the smaller seed libraries are circulated to the branch libraries and outreach events. The LCL Seed, Sprout and Share Library allows customers to "borrow" packets of seeds and learn how to save their borrowed seeds through seed-saving literature and programs offered in collaboration with the Licking County Master Gardeners. After learning seed stewardship, customers will be equipped to save a portion of their seeds for their garden next year and donate a portion back to the library, if they are able. The undertaking of this seed saving initiative was unique to our area, and allowed the library to form critical relationships with other community organizations.

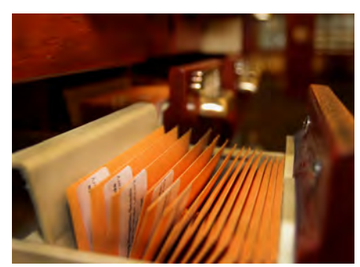
Before the project began, the library reached out to the Licking County Soil and Water District and the Licking County Master Gardeners. Each group was excited to hear about the project and provided us with crucial information about seeds and seed-saving. Since our initial meeting, representatives of each group have remained on board with the project and play a key role in advising the seed library. Furthermore, the Licking County Master Gardeners instructed a container gardening class at the library and will be returning in the fall to teach a workshop on saving seeds. Our relationship with the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District has also blossomed. In this case, our relationship has culminated into the seed library receiving an invitation to appear at the Natural Resources Area of the county fair. The Licking County Soil and Water District has also expressed an interest in collaboration for future programming.

Once we decided to take on the project, our next step was to figure out where to obtain enough heirloom or open-pollinated seeds to stock each of the libraries. While we applied for and received donations from out of state, we relied heavily on local organizations. Organizations such as Dawes Arboretum, Cedar's Lawn and Garden Center, Hope Timber Garden Center, and the Livingston Seed Company in Columbus, Ohio donated boxes and boxes of seeds to support our initiative. Without these organizations, the project would never have left the ground.

Our relationship with Dawes Arboretum was further enhanced when the library was invited to the Arbor Day Festival at Dawes Arboretum and the LCL Seed, Sprout and Share Library made its debut.

Over 4,200 people attended the festival and the seed library was off to an astonishing start. Since the debut of the seed library, other organizations such as the Licking County Food Council have helped spread the word of the budding seed library. Moreover, the Sixth Street and Growing Community Garden in Newark, Ohio has also played a key role in establishing our initiative in the community. Administrators of the garden have encouraged their gardeners to borrow seeds from our seed library, allowing them to grow healthy foods at no cost.

Since the Arbor Day Festival debut, the LCL Seed, Sprout and Share Library has made appearances at two branch libraries, the bookmobile, the county fair, and the local farmers' market. The seed library has been a tremendous avenue for teaching adults how to grow and maintain healthy foods and to show children how their food is grown. Currently, over 200 customers have borrowed over 800 packets of seeds from the seed library. Even as the summer winds down, we are constantly working to strengthen or build new relationships with collaborating organizations, and literally sow seeds within our community.



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State Library Staff News

Steve Updegraff receives award for Ohio Certified Public Management (OCPM) Training Team Project

Columbus— 2013 Award Recipients Honored at Annual Leadership Conference

Each year, an OCPM training program final project is selected by the Society President for recognition. Criteria includes exemplifying the Certified Public Manager designation in the application of the training's core competencies and most thorough utilization of the 18-month training program content while producing noteworthy results. The award is for demonstration of all learning objectives concluded by logical results.

President Cynthia Lee, OCPM awarded the 2013 honors to one of nine projects considered that involved a total of forty graduates of the OCPM training program. OCPM training is provided by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services to federal, state, and local public managers accepted into the program. The project titled "**Roadway Infrastructure Maintenance Responsibility (RIMR)**" was a solution to a decades old problem of state, county, and local assumptions of jurisdiction for roadways, right-of-ways, and structures. Incorrect assumptions prompted the need for costly repairs due to improper or absent maintenance and had potential for possible loss of life. The team researched the Ohio Revised Code, US Code, Attorney General opinions and worked with their Ohio Department of Transportation advisor/sponsor, Sonja Simpson, Deputy Director, to create a draft document. The final product, reviewed by the Attorney General, is now in circulation to all entities responsible for property and fixtures involved with roadways.

L to R: State Librarian Beverly Cain; OCPM President Cynthia Lee; Transport & Facility Services Manager Steve Updegraff, and Associate State Librarian for Library Services David Namiotka

Award recipients of the RIMR team include: Christopher Merklin, CPM, Daniel Wise, CPM, and Robert Taylor, CPM, all with the Ohio Dept of Transportation, Thomas Bretthauer, CPM, with the Ohio Dept of Administrative Services, and **Steve Updegraff, CPM, of the State of Ohio Library.**

The Ohio CPM Society is a symbiant partner with the Dept of Administrative Services' OCPM Training Program. The Society is a pool of alumni to serve as advisors and mentors to students in the program and fulfill other leadership needs when called upon. For more information on the Society, visit www.ohiocpmsociety.com. For more information on the OCPM Training Program, visit www.das.ohio.gov.

Congratulations

Library Consultant Evan Struble has a new position in the Library Programs & Development Department. Evan will be working with public libraries to develop programs and services, strategic plans, training and education, and special grant projects like ILEAD USA.

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Programs & Development is the 2014 OLC Convention & Expo Chair. Missy served as the Chair of the 2013 Program Committee.

Jen Johnson and Kirstin Krumsee recently completed the ILEAD USA program in Ohio. ILEAD USA is an immersive continuing education program that develops library leaders through projects based on community needs.

Good-Bye

The State Library of Ohio recently bid farewell to Ashlee Tominey (Clark). Ashlee (photo on the left) joined the State of Ohio as a Library Assistant 1 in 2003. She was promoted to the Executive Secretary to the State Librarian in 2006 and remained in this position while she completed her MLIS studies at Kent State University. During her time at KSU SLIS, Ashlee received the prestigious Mary T. Kim Scholarship in 2011 for being a student with academic excellence and outstanding letters of recommendation. Upon her graduation, Ashlee was promoted to a Library Consultant to work with Ohio Public Libraries in 2012. Ashlee is a Library Leadership Ohio 2012 graduate and has served on the OLC Library Education Committee.

Fairfield County District Library and the Lancaster Children's Theater

Interview with Library Director Marilyn Steiner

By Judith Cosgray, Library Consultant
State Library of Ohio

Fairfield County District Library has developed a unique partnership with a group that most would not think of – Children's Community Theater. The Lancaster Children's Theater (TLC) was founded in 2011 by Alan Christy, and their mission is not that far from most library mission statements: The mission of TLC Theater is to strengthen the greater community through the spirit of sharing and expression, laughter and empathy, working together to inspire the imaginations and creativity of our talented communities.

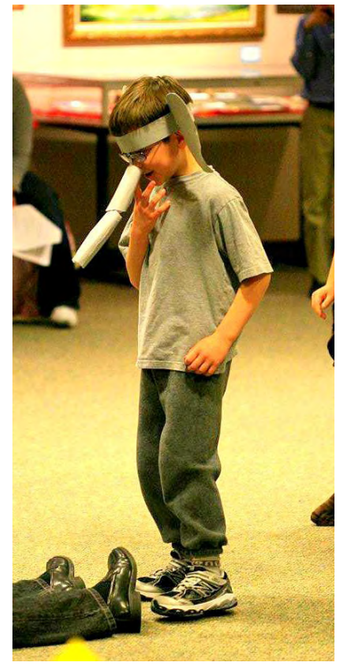
Director Marilyn Steiner met Alan Christy at the height of the Harry Potter craze. The library was presenting several Potter events at the library, and Alan asked if the library would be interested in some acting classes at a very reasonable price. After checking his credentials, Ms. Steiner hired him one summer to do a week long acting class and the response was great! The next year when state budget cuts hit libraries hard, he was willing to do a week long class gratis. At that point Ms. Steiner knew we had a partner who had kids as his priority!

Mr. Christy has done week long acting classes each summer over the past few years, and developed a core group of about fifteen young actors who have blossomed under his tutelage.

Ms. Steiner states, "Any outreach and programming that helps to develop local youth and in particular which helps to cement our integration with the arts community of Lancaster is always fully supported by our Board of Trustees. At Lancaster Festival time, we often get listings in their program of events because these types of programs help increase awareness of the arts to children and young adults. I feel that the efforts and success of the TLC Theatre helped inspire our newest library theater group, the Garret Players. This is an adult acting troupe under the auspices of the Friends of the Library."

The Garret Players have presented four shows over the past year where proceeds (by donations collected) go to the Friends of the Library. Four shows are planned for their upcoming 2013-2014 season beginning with Driving Miss Daisy in September. This group makes an effort to solicit new actors from the community and they have found talent from people who otherwise wouldn't have the chance to experience Community Theater. In total, 29 different people have been "on stage" at the Library.

The community loves having more theater opportunities in Lancaster. Our third floor space is ideal for such performances and attendance at the shows has been fantastic. Many attendees don't necessarily use the library on a regular basis, and now they have a reason to visit and



further appreciate the library's value to the community. The opportunity to showcase the library and community theater together has been a win-win for Fairfield County District Library.

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Ohio Web Library & Libraries Connect Ohio

Spotlight on the successful funding proposal for a statewide collaboration

The State Library of Ohio, OhioLINK (Ohio Library and Information Network), OPLIN (Ohio Public Library Information Network), and INFOhio (Information Network for Ohio Schools) formed Libraries Connect Ohio in 2003 as an initiative to define and deliver a shared set of online resources and publications to all Ohio residents. The partnership exemplifies the value of collaboration as partners contribute in areas such as additional funding, training, technical support, outreach and promotion, and more. Libraries Connect Ohio improves the buying power and breadth and scope of electronic resources available to all Ohio residents regardless of where they live or go to school. The savings affords libraries and library networks the ability to build on the core collection in Ohio Web Library by purchasing additional resources to meet the needs of their patrons.

In July the State Library of Ohio awarded a $1,600,000 federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) LSTA grant for Libraries Connect Ohio to purchase the core set of statewide databases for the Ohio Web Library. The funding proposal submitted has been revised a number of times of the years by LCO. The partnership and funding proposal demonstrates the value of collaborations. Sections of the proposal are included within this publication. The complete proposal, with appendices, is available as a PDF at http://library.ohio.gov/sites/default/files/OhioWebLibraryLSTAFundingProposalFY14.pdf

OHIO WEB LIBRARY

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For the past ten years, the school, academic, and public library partners in Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO) have requested and received funding to support a core collection of database resources for the statewide Ohio Web Library. Centered on our mostly self-funded licensing of the massive array of EBSCO electronic journals, this LSTA-supported set of databases is a necessary resource for Ohio's 21st century success. The most recent LSTA evaluation completed by Pelz Library Group noted that, "This collection [...] supports education, the workforce, business growth, and lifelong learning in Ohio. Purchasing resources statewide is a cost effective way to provide necessary information resources to all Ohioans, regardless of their location, age, education or economic status." Appendix C provides the strategic logic and scope, originally written in 2003 and revised by an LCO committee in 2012, of what the Ohio Web Library should encompass if fully deployed beyond the current core.

LSTA funding of the Ohio Web Library helps the Ohio library community handle funding shortfalls and not lose sight of our most effective long term strategies. As a result of this LSTA grant and the LCO partner investments, we have a strong, tangible core for the Ohio Web Library that demonstrates the benefits of shared services and the need for ongoing and expanded state funding. Each annual renewal request of the past ten years has documented the efficiency of use and cost effectiveness of the Ohio Web Library database set, and Appendix A again illustrates this continued effectiveness. Encouraged by this experience, the LCO partners are working to build permanent state-based funding with the academic, public and school library communities, although this is admittedly difficult in today's funding climate. Meanwhile, continued LSTA funding supports the tangible benefits to the state of this highly efficient partnership and helps provide a critical demonstration, catalyst and stepping-stone to the eventual long-term sustainability and possible expansion of the Ohio Web Library.

LCO negotiates five-year contracts with the database vendors, but requests annual renewal of the LSTA funding. After the last of the initial five annual approvals in May 2007, the State Library Board indicated its willingness to consider additional five-year commitments. In doing so the board set forth the requirement that LCO convene a committee of librarians and conduct a follow-up Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) process as a basis for the new request, to ensure a comprehensive review of content and prices. Now, after the second series of five annual approvals, LCO has continued this practice and conducted another ITN to review the collection. The ITN process described in Appendix B was completed in March of this year prior to our submitting this proposal requesting the first year of another intended five-year funding program. Based on the results of the ITN process, we have modified the recommended set of resources from the previous set to provide a strong set of resources at affordable prices.

Download the proposal.

Ohio Ready to Read Goes to School

By Janet Ingraham Dwyer,
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Ohio Ready to Read (ORTR), the statewide public library early literacy initiative, turned six years old in 2013. It's only appropriate that ORTR is going to school!

Established in 2007 by Ohio public library leaders and sponsored jointly by the Ohio Library Council (OLC) and State Library of Ohio, ORTR is an ongoing initiative created to help address the early literacy needs of Ohio's children. A task force of OLC's Children's Services Division manages ORTR activities, which include educating library staff in early literacy skills that they could then teach to parents and caregivers, and supporting libraries and other agencies in their early childhood services. Ultimately, ORTR exists to help Ohio's young children succeed by educating their families on the importance of early childhood literacy through resources and activities available at Ohio's public libraries.

Until recently, ORTR has focused exclusively on the early literacy needs of 0-5 year olds, helping libraries build the skills children need before entering kindergarten. Much of its work builds on the PLA/ALSC early literacy program Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library, which targets parents and caregivers of 0-5 year olds. Every Child Ready to Read promotes five simple practices – reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing – that caring adults can use to nurture their young children's pre-reading skills and get them ready to succeed in kindergarten.

Research and educational practice demonstrate, however, that learning to read is a process that doesn't end the day a child enters kindergarten. The foundational skills for literacy continue to develop through third grade. Public libraries have integrated early literacy education solidly into services for preschoolers, but how can libraries continue to support children and their caring adults into school and throughout the stages of reading development?

The ORTR task force decided to expand the initiative's focus to provide a continuum of support for children through third grade. This widening of purpose is in line with what is known about how children learn to read. It also means to address Ohio's new Third Grade Reading Guarantee, by providing resources to public libraries to inform library staff and patrons about the new legislation and to support children who may be at risk of falling behind in reading proficiency. It also positions ORTR to help public libraries learn about and respond to Ohio's adoption of the Common Core State Standards in English language arts and math and new state standards in science and social studies (all these academic content standards together are known as Ohio's New Learning Standards).

The ORTR task force reached out to the Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA) for help. Sue Subel, OELMA president in 2012, recruited elementary school librarians to serve on the ORTR task force and advised on how public libraries can best support K-3rd graders as students. Christina Dorr, Library Media Specialist at Hilliard City Schools, and Angela Maxwell, Library Media Specialist at Beachwood City School District, have graciously committed their time and expertise as the newest ORTR task force members.

A longstanding partnership between the OLC and State Library has gained new energy and vision through collaboration with OELMA and the school library community. A significant new resource, Ohio Public Libraries and Student Learning, is now available on the ORTR website. This resource provides self-paced education opportunities and planning support, and encourages public libraries to help students, parents, teachers, school librarians, and communities navigate the recent changes in Ohio's PreK-12 education system. Angela Maxwell and her colleague Jen Flaherty are presenting information on the Common Core to public librarians through OLC and NEO-RLS. The ORTR task force is working on more opportunities for public librarians to learn about education policy and practice and to share their wealth of resources with schools, school librarians, students and parents.

Columbus Metropolitan Library receives IMLS grant for early literacy program

Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) is excited to announce that it has been awarded a $249,727 National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to invest in the SPARK program. SPARK (which stands for Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) is a highly effective home-visitation program that aims to prepare at-risk children for kindergarten by working collaboratively with families, schools and the community.

The grant was one of 42 awarded on Thursday, Sept. 26 by IMLS for library projects around the country (totaling $14.6 million). Those awarded were selected out of nearly 300 applications seeking almost $38 million in funding.

The money will enable CML, in partnership with Learn4Life and Columbus City Schools, to engage 375 4-year-olds and their families through SPARK over the next three years. The program will be delivered through the library's Ready to Read Corps and involve developing learning activities for parents and their children, administering progress assessments and screenings and linking parents to physical and behavioral health intervention when needed. The focus will be on the development of children's reading, language and social skills so that they can enter school ready to learn.

"At Columbus Metropolitan Library, helping children prepare for school is our number-one goal," said CML CEO Patrick Losinski. "This grant represents a significant boost as we continue to solidify our partnership with Columbus City Schools and deepen our focus on readying our youngest minds for a lifetime of learning."

The project's service area includes the west Columbus neighborhoods of Franklinton and Hilltop, which have some of the highest poverty rates and lowest standardized test scores in central Ohio.

CML, which launched a SPARK program in the Linden neighborhood this past summer, is the first public library system to deliver the program, further embedding the organization in the central Ohio community. CML anticipates that successful completion of the program will create a replicable and scalable model for public libraries nationwide to provide early literacy training that impacts kindergarten readiness.

The Franklinton and Hilltop program consists of three year-long sessions – each one accommodating 125 children – and will begin next summer.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Its mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning and cultural and civic engagement. Its grant making, policy development and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. For more information, visit www.imls.gov.

Columbus Metropolitan Library has served the people of Franklin County, Ohio for more than 125 years. Consisting of Main Library and 20 branches, CML is well-known for its signature programs such as Homework Help Centers, Job Help Centers, Summer Reading Club and the Ready to Read Corps. The library's Strategic Plan supports the vision of "a thriving community where wisdom prevails", which positions CML to respond to areas of urgent need: kids unprepared for kindergarten (Ready to Read); high school graduation rates (Homework Help Centers); and, adults in need of employment resources (Job Help Centers). CML was named a 2011 National Medal Winner by the Institute for Museum and Library Services for work in community service, the highest honor for libraries and museums. In 2012, Columbus Metropolitan Library became the only large public library in the country to be rated a 5-Star Library for all five years of Library Journal's industry standards rating program.

—CML Press Release

Ready to Read continued

Through its growing partnerships, Ohio Ready to Read now supports library-based activities that contribute to the reading readiness of 0-5 year olds, that contribute to the developing reading proficiency of K-3rd graders, that promote student success from kindergarten through college and career, and that encourage the love of reading at all ages. Learn more and get involved at http://www.ohreadytoread.org/.

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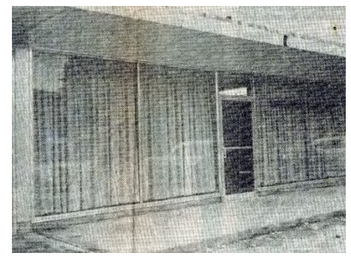

The Ohio State Library (now known as the State Library of Ohio) originally established the State Library Service Center to enhance the services of 12 libraries in eight of Ohio's most impoverished counties. These counties included Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry and Washington. The Center was located in Caldwell because it was centrally located in the region and opened in January 1961.

The center was one of four field units established by the State Library. The other units included the Central Ohio Bookmobile in Columbus, serving Ross, Champaign, Madison, Marion and Union Counties; Regional Library Center in Napoleon serving Fulton, Henry, Defiance and Wood Counties; and Regional Library Service Center in Winchester, serving Adam and Brown Counties.

The State Library Service Center was on two floors in a 2,400 square feet storefront on Olive Shopping Lane. The space held about 15,000 volumes, and included several offices, work space, and meeting space for 30 people. The center also had two bookmobiles.

It remained at this location until 1980 when the State Library of Ohio leased a 13,252 square feet of office and warehouse space located on South State Route 821. Then in 1991 the State Library purchased the property.

The center, now known as the Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) Library Center, has always been considered by area residents as strange or different because it is not a "walk-in" type of library. It is strictly a library for libraries. From its beginning it has been used for storage and distribution to regional libraries. The center exemplifies efforts in library collaboration in Ohio through resource sharing.

Today SEO supports a consortium of 89 Library systems at 201 physical locations throughout 46 counties across Ohio using the OPLIN network. The power of this consortium resides in resource sharing among members by enabling small and rural library systems to have access to millions of items for their patrons.

SEO Library Center houses, maintains and supports a centralized shared catalog database that includes over 7.8 million items with a patron database of 896,250+ borrowers.

The SEO staff provides technical support as well as software helpdesk support for all consortium members, alleviating the burden of specialized IT functions on small libraries.

SEO also provides and maintains training facilities through a mobile technology training center lab and the F. Ward Murrey Annex facility (located next to SEO library Center) to state agencies and public libraries across Ohio.

AUTOMATION MILESTONES

- 1986 - Four libraries out of the thirteen libraries joined to form a consortium using 'CLSI' through phone lines and multiplexors. Interest grew until all 13 libraries used a shared circulation system which is housed and maintained at SEO.
- 1993 - SEO changed vendors to Dynix, which was a text based circulation system.
- 2001 - SEO migrated 22 library systems bringing the total number of SEO libraries to 63 systems in over 150 locations.
- 2005 - SEO migrated from Dynix to Horizon a web based circulation system.
- 2008 - SEO has a total of 72 libraries in 156 locations representing 36 Ohio counties.
- 2009 – SEO has a total of 75 libraries in 166 locations representing 38 Ohio counties.
- 2010 – SEO has a total of 76 libraries in 174 locations representing 39 Ohio counties.
- 2011 – SEO has a total of 81 libraries in 178 locations representing 43 Ohio counties.
- 2012 – SEO migrated from Horizon to Symphony.
- 2012 – SEO has a total of 87 libraries in 198 locations representing 45 Ohio counties.
- 2013 – SEO has a total of 89 libraries in 201 locations representing 46 Ohio counties.

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Congratulations to the ILEAD USA Ohio Class of 2013

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Back row (L-R): Susan Paul, Interim Dean, Lorain County Community College Library; Terrence (Terry) Metter, Library Assistant, Cleveland Public Library; David Green, Technology Specialist, OhioNET; Derek Zoladz, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Columbus State Community College—Middle Row: Gillian Izor, Assistant Director, Germantown Public Library; Whitney Carr, Librarian, Bexley Public Library; Kirstin Krumsee, Electronic Resources Librarian, State Library of Ohio; Laura Ponikvar, Image & Instructional Services Librarian, Cleveland Institute of Art; Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz, Knowledge Manager, Cleveland Public Library—Front Row (seated, L-R) Jen Johnson, Librarian, State Library of Ohio; Jessica Crossfield McIntosh, Reference Services Coordinator & Assistant Professor, Otterbein University; Julie Zaveloff, Librarian, Columbus State Community College

Library staff members from all types of libraries across Ohio participated in this immersive continuing education program that develops library leaders through projects based on community needs using technology. Participants attended three day in-person sessions in March, June, and October as well as five intercessions.

The program concluded on October 24, 2013. Each team presented their projects to an audience of State Library of Ohio board members, administration and staff; ILEAD USA instructors and mentors; project related community members; and library community representatives.

The State Library of Ohio is a partner in a $470,000 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the State Library of Illinois. Partnering states are Illinois, Colorado, Iowa, Ohio and Utah .

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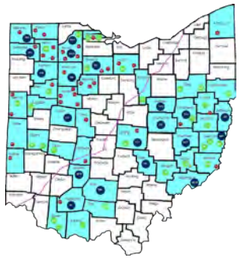

Membership Services
*Original bibliographic records – 1,168
*Member Catexpress bibliographic records – 54,957
*Copy Cataloging – 6,692
*Cataloging Support Questions – 1,880
*Circulation Support Questions – 907
*ILS Support Questions – 1,088
*IT Support Questions – 1,133

Annual Consortium Circulation
*Total SEO Automation Consortium – 16,292,73
*Resource Sharing to Non-Member Libraries:
•86 Public Libraries – 163,172
•16 Correctional Institutions – 22,414
*OCLC ILL filled – 9,725
*Periodical requests filled – 382
*Reference questions filled – 87

Digital Circulation – 353,128