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## Ohio Public Librarian Certification

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Ohio Public Librarian Certification recognizes individual librarians who meet minimum standards for education, experience, and professional development. The Ohio Library Council (OLC) established Ohio Public Librarian Certification to enhance, expand, and improve public library services; publicly recognize and encourage librarians who, on a continuing basis, engage in professional development activities in the interest of providing better library services; and encourage and support the career development of librarians who want to prepare themselves as future library leaders.



The basic requirements for initial five-year Ohio Public Librarian Certification are:

1. A master's degree in library and information studies from a program accredited by the American Library Association (ALA).
2. Two years of experience working in a library.

Ohio Public Librarian Certification is renewed on the basis of documentation of sustained, purposeful continuing professional development. To be recertified, librarians must accumulate 75 continuing education contact hours during the five-year period immediately preceding certification renewal. These 75 contact hours can include credit continuing education activities, non-credit continuing education activities, and self-directed continuing education activities. Go to <http://www.olc.org/certification.asp> to learn more about Ohio Public Librarian Certification.

The OLC has several outstanding continuing education activities scheduled in the coming months.

### **Oct. 18 - Helping Customers with Legal Reference** (webinar)

Webinar attendees will learn how to use the Ohio Legal Services website as an online tool to assist customers in finding their local civil legal aid program as well as provide basic legal education about a variety of topics including bankruptcy, child custody, divorce, foreclosure, and utilities. PLEASE NOTE: This webinar is an OLC member event. Non-member registrations will not be processed. Visit <http://www.olc.org/WorkshopDescription.asp?ID=515> for more information.

### **Oct. 26-28 - OLC Convention and Expo**

This three-day event is packed with keynote speakers, programs, events, and exhibits. Each day has its own keynote session: futurist Thomas Frey on Wednesday, digital guru David Lee King on Thursday, and coach of all things creative Artie Isaac on Friday. Each day also features dozens of one-hour sessions centered around nine learning tracks designed to explore traditional services and emerging developments in librarianship. Visit <http://www.olc.org/conventionandexpo.asp> to learn more.

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