

State Librarian's Report

Visiting Every Schoolchild in Metamora



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Schools and public libraries in Ohio have forged a number of successful, collaborative relationships to provide K-12 students with improved access to resources that support their information, knowledge, and learning needs. These collaborative efforts come in a variety of forms, including assignment alert programs, book collections or kits for classroom use, library card campaigns, special cards and/or loan periods for educators, public library visits to schools, reading programs, school visits to public libraries, teacher and librarian training, and in some cases, joint-use facilities. [more...](#)



Every Thursday morning, I rise early to greet the children at the Evergreen Elementary, the local private Catholic school, and the local daycares. As the Children's Librarian at the Evergreen Community Library in rural Metamora, Ohio, I have had the privilege of reading to every child in the district that attends school. This outreach is an opportunity that I take very seriously while being a wacky, outrageous kind of reader. [more...](#)

It Takes Two: Medina County District Library

As a public library stationed directly across the street from our local school district, we find the relationship we have with the schools to be an invaluable one. After all, the students in the Buckeye School district attend our programs, visit our library daily after school, check out our books for their summer reading needs, and require our help to complete their school projects. [more...](#)



Mansfield/Richland County Public Library Books and Brunch

Books and Brunch began at the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library in 1999 in order to introduce new books, electronic databases and other useful information. We have continued with the program every year since. It is a joint project of the Outreach Librarian and the Teen Librarian with lots of help from other staff. Our primary audience is school librarians, but we also encourage teachers and administrators to come. The usual time for the program is a Friday morning in late September or early October 8:30-12:00. Our community room is decorated and lined with tables of books, free items and food. [more...](#)



Patrick Henry School District Public Library



The Patrick Henry School District Public Library (PHSDPL) is unique in that it serves both as a public library and as a school library. This has not always been the case. The PHSDPL was formed in 1964 when the Patrick Henry School District was created by the consolidation of the towns of Deshler, Hamler and Malinta.

Each of these towns had a public library that then became a public and school library. [more...](#)

Paulding County Carnegie Library: Battle of the Books



The Battle of the Books program is a literary competition between fifth and sixth graders from Paulding County schools and home-schooled children sponsored by the Paulding County Carnegie Library (PCCL) system. Teams made up of fifth or sixth graders compete by answering questions about books on the Battle of the Books list. This list is made available at the beginning of each school year with the competition held in the spring. The winning school houses a traveling trophy for a year. This program encourages reading for pleasure and rewards the development of comprehension skills. Schools participating have included: Antwerp Elementary, Divine Mercy Catholic School, Grover Hill Elementary, Oakwood Elementary, Payne Elementary, and Paulding Elementary. Home-schooled students have also formed winning teams. [more...](#)

Wadsworth Public Library: Library/School Partnership Worthy of an A+

"A+" has come to mean quality, the very best, the top-of-the-line, the cream-of-the-crop. It's also an apt designation for the partnership between the Wadsworth Public Library and the Wadsworth City School District, two institutions with a commitment to quality. In September 2003, representatives from the library and the school district signed the "A+ Partners in Education" SM agreement, formalizing a collaboration with an emphasis on enhanced academic achievement for students. [more...](#)

Wornstaff Public Library and Homeschooling

Homeschooling, not too long ago a rare, often challenged option for families, has become an acceptable alternative to the public school classroom. Public libraries are the traditional source of supplemental materials for school reports and extra help in specific subjects for students, GED studies, and adult learners. These resources are a particularly important asset for home schoolers. [more...](#)



School and Public Library Collaboration in Washington Court House

The public school librarians in Washington Court House are fabulous! I work with two school districts, Miami Trace Local School District and Washington Court House City Schools. Beth Keller, of Washington City Schools, and I have collaborated for seven years. The very first project that we worked on together was Irish Fest, a spectacular program with more than 400 kids and families attending. [more...](#)

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