



## Every Hero Has a Story / Unmask! / Escape the Ordinary 2015 SRP community partner prospects - Ohio organizations & institutions

This is a list of Ohio establishments that align well with the 2015 Collaborative Summer Library Program "heroes/superheroes" theme. If you are seeking partners to offer programs, provide incentives or prizes, or otherwise support your SRP, these may be worth a look.

You may also reach out to recruit program speakers/performers and incentives locally, including:

- American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other veterans' service organizations
- Animal Rescue Agencies
- Comic Book Stores
- Community Leadership Programs
- Fire Departments
- Fire Museums (see <http://www.firemuseumnetwork.org/directory/oh.html> for a list)
- Historical Museums
- Historical Sites
- Historical Societies
- Hospitals
- Movie theaters
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Organizers of local Memorial Day or Fourth of July parades
- Police departments
- Schools, colleges, and universities
- Social Workers
- Sports Teams, at all levels from children's to professional
- 2-1-1 Information and Referral Services
- United Way
- Volunteer Recruitment Organizations

The **Ohio History Connection** (formerly Ohio Historical Society) is the statewide organization supporting and preserving Ohio's history. It has a network of historical sites including homes and memorials associated with US presidents such as Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, and Warren G. Harding, as well as sites associated with other notable Ohioans and with the armed services in Ohio. Learn more and explore the OHC's online collections: <http://www.ohiohistory.org/>

**Ohio State Parks** support Ohio libraries' SRPs with a certificate for 50% off camping that may be distributed to all SRP participants. Contact [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) for a master copy of the certificate. Besides camping, Ohio's 74 State Parks also offer many additional opportunities, such as educational programs that are free and open to all. Check the calendar of events here: <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/calendar>. Some of the State Parks have excellent nature centers, and several have naturalists on staff.

The **Ohio State Fair** is open from July 29 – August 9, 2015, offering hundreds of performances and displays showcasing Ohio's many agricultural talents. Learn more here: <http://www.ohiostatefair.com/>. The Ohio State Fair also offers a discount voucher to libraries. This voucher may be distributed to summer readers ages 5-14. Contact [jdwyer@library.ohio.gov](mailto:jdwyer@library.ohio.gov) for a master copy of the voucher.

*Note: The following links are provided as a service to libraries planning summer programs. Inclusion does not constitute an endorsement or promotion by the State Library of Ohio.*

Akron Police Museum

<http://www.downtownakron.com/go/akron-police-museum>

Armstrong Air and Space Museum (Wapakoneta)

<http://www.armstrongmuseum.org/>

Ashtabula Maritime Museum

<http://www.ashtabulamarinemuseum.org/>

Cleveland Police Museum

<http://www.clevelandpolicemuseum.org/>

Comic Cons in Ohio

Comic Cons are comic book fan conventions. Only some of these events take place in the summer, but organizers may be interested in knowing about superhero-themed summer programs at area libraries. Try a web search for your city and the phrase "comic con" to learn whether there is one planned near you.

Akron/Canton Comic Con: <http://www.harpercomics.com>

The Akron Comicon: <http://akroncomicon.com/>

Buckeye Comic Con (Columbus): <http://www.harpercomics.com>

Cleveland Comic Con: <http://clevelandcomiccon.com>

Gem City Comic Con (Dayton): <http://gemcitycomiccon.com/>

Glass City Con (Toledo): <http://glasscitycon.com/>

Ratha Con (Athens): <http://rathacon.blogspot.com/>

Wizard World Ohio Comic Con (Columbus): <http://www.wizardworld.com/home-ohio.html>

Costume Specialists (Columbus)

<http://costumespecialists.com/>

Costumes are provided free of charge by publishers for promotional use at libraries. The only cost to you is second-day air shipping to send the costume to its next event. If you can hand-return costumes to Costume Specialists' downtown Columbus location, there is no monetary cost at all.

Dittrick Medical History Center (Cleveland)

<http://artsci.case.edu/Dittrick/>

Greater Cincinnati Police Museum

<http://www.gcphs.com/>

International Women's Air & Space Museum (Cleveland)

<http://iwasm.org/>

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage (Beachwood)

<http://www.maltzmuseum.org/>

Melnick Medical Museum (Youngstown)

<http://melnick.yzu.edu/>

Mentor Safety Village

<http://www.mentorsafetyvillage.com/>

Miami Valley Military History Museum (Dayton)

<http://www.mvmhm.com/>

Motts Military Museum (Groveport)  
<http://www.mottsmilitarymuseum.org/>

NASA Glenn Research Center (Cleveland)  
<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/glenn/home/>

National Afro American Museum and Cultural Center (Xenia)  
<http://www.ohiohistory.org/museums-and-historic-sites/museum--historic-sites-by-name/national-afro-american-museum--cultural-center>

National Aviation Hall of Fame (Dayton)  
<http://www.nationalaviation.org/>

National First Ladies' Library (Canton)  
<http://www.firstladies.org/>

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (Cincinnati)  
<http://www.freedomcenter.org/>

Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial (Sunbury)  
<http://www.ohiofallenheroes.org/>

Ohio Military Hall of Fame (Columbus/Groveport)  
<http://www.ohioheroes.org/>

Ohio Police and Fire Memorial Park (Columbus)  
<http://www.op-f.org/Information/MemorialPark.aspx>

Ohio Society of Military History / Ohio Military Museum (Massillon)  
<http://www.ohiomilitarymuseum.com/>

Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park (Clinton)  
<http://www.ovmp.org/park-overview.htm>

Pro Football Hall of Fame (Canton)  
<http://www.profootballhof.com/>

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum (Cleveland)  
<http://www.rockhall.com/>

Toledo Police Museum  
<http://www.toledopolicemuseum.com/>

War Vet Museum (Canfield)  
<http://warvetmuseum.org/>

Please note: I have not contacted these institutions and cannot guarantee that any of them have the capacity to offer speakers, incentives, or other collaborations. If you contact any and get feedback that may be useful to other libraries, or if you know of additional establishments of interest, please email me and I'll add the info to this list.

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