



FIZZ BOOM READ



Fizz Boom Read / Spark a Reaction / Literary Elements 2014 SRP community partner prospects - Ohio science/technology institutions

This is a list of Ohio establishments that align well with the 2014 Collaborative Summer Library Program "science" 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:

- College and University science, computer science, math, pre-med, and related departments
- Conservatories and Botanic Gardens
- Observatories and Planetaria
- Farms, Orchards, and Farmers' Markets
- Factories and Manufacturing Plants
- Parks & Recreation Departments
- Nature Centers
- Garden Clubs and Master Gardeners Programs
- Law Enforcement Forensics Departments
- Fire Departments
- Meteorologists
- Clubs and DIY Groups
- Literary Organizations
- Museums of all types – science, art, history, natural history...

Each Ohio county has a **Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)**, many of which offer educational programs, materials, and experiences on conserving and promoting stewardship of land and water resources. Contact your county SWCD: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/9093/default.aspx>

Ohio State University Extension offices in every county provide practical education and resources about family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, community development, and agriculture and natural resources. Its Ohioline information database is available through the Ohio Web Library or directly at <http://ohioline.osu.edu/>. Find your county extension office: <http://extension.osu.edu/>

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 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 **Natural Resources Park** at the Ohio State Fair is open from July 23 – August 3, 2014, offering dozens of hands-on activities and displays about Ohio's natural resources and recreation opportunities. Learn more here: <http://www2.ohiodnr.gov/state-fair>. 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 for a master copy of the voucher.

The **Ohio Division of Wildlife** has one or more Wildlife Officers in each county: <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/about-contacts/contact-information>. The Division also publishes a low-cost magazine, *Wild Ohio*: <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/stay-informed/wild-ohio-magazine>.

Other Ohio Department of Natural Resources divisions also offer a range of opportunities. The ODNR works with wildlife, parks, boating, nature preserves, forests, soil and water, recycling, mineral resources, and geology. Browse the Divisions' websites at <http://www2.ohiodnr.gov/> or contact Jason Fallon, Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator, at Jason.fallon@dnr.state.oh.us.

Ohio's five zoos (Akron, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo) offer on-site and outreach education programs: <http://consumer.discoverohio.com/campaigns/zoos.aspx>

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

Akron Fossils and Science Center (Akron/Copley)
<http://www.akronfossils.com/>

The Archaeological Society of Ohio (statewide)
<http://www.ohioarch.org/>

Armstrong Air and Space Museum (Wapakoneta)
<http://www.armstrongmuseum.org/>

Auman Museum of Radio & Television (Dover)
<http://www.aumantvmuseum.com/>

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery (Dayton)
<http://www.boonshoftmuseum.org/>

Buckeye Furnace State Memorial (Jackson County)
<http://www.buckeyefurnace.com/>

Carillon Historical Park (Dayton)
<http://www.daytonhistory.org/>

Center for Environmental Education and Hefner Museum of Natural History (Oxford)
<http://www.environmentaleducationohio.org/>

Cincinnati Museum Center: Museum of Natural History & Science (Cincinnati)
<http://www.cincymuseum.org/sciencemuseum>

COSI: Center of Science and Industry (Columbus)
<http://www.cosi.org/>

Dittrick Museum of Medical History at Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland)
<http://artsci.case.edu/dittrick/>

Drake Planetarium and Science Center (Cincinnati)
<http://www.drakeplanetarium.org/>

Early Television Foundation and Museum (Hilliard)
<http://earlytelevision.org/>

Great Lakes Science Center (Cleveland)
<http://www.greatscience.com/>

Historical Construction Equipment Museum (Bowling Green)

<http://www.hcea.net/>

Imagination Station (Toledo)

<https://imaginationstationtoledo.org/>

International Women's Air & Space Museum (Cleveland)

<http://iwasm.org/>

Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center (Put-in-Bay)

<http://lakeerieislandswildlife.com/>

NASA Glenn Research Center (Cleveland)

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/glenn/home/>

National Wildlife Federation Backyard Ohio (Columbus area)

<http://www.backyardhabitat.info/>

OH WOW! The Roger & Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science & Technology (Youngstown)

<http://ohwowkids.org/>

Ohio Nature Education (Johnstown)

<http://www.ohionature.org/program.html>

Ohio Wildlife Center (Columbus)

<http://www.ohiowildlifecenter.org/outreach.cfm>

Orton Geological Museum at the Ohio State University (Columbus)

http://www.earthsciences.osu.edu/facilities_orton_museum.php

SPI Science Play-Space Initiative (Mount Vernon)

<https://sites.google.com/site/scienceplayspaceinitiative/home>

Stratford Ecological Center (Delaware)

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

The Wilds (Cumberland)

<http://www.thewilds.org/default.aspx>

The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art and Technology (Newark)

<http://www.attheworks.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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