



# Dig Into READING



## **Dig Into Reading / Beneath the Surface / Groundbreaking Reads 2013 SRP community partner prospects - Ohio caves and caverns (and other ideas for "Underground" programs)**

This is a list of Ohio establishments that align well with the 2013 Collaborative Summer Library Program "underground" 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:

- Caving clubs (see a list here: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/21480/default.aspx>)
- College and university geology, earth science, and archaeology departments
- Garden clubs, master gardeners, county extension agencies
- Family farms, farmers' markets
- Underground Railroad sites
- Historical societies
- Literary organizations (underground literature, "groundbreaking reads")
- Museums of all types – science, art, history, natural history...
- Dive clubs (yes, Ohio has scuba diving clubs! See a list here: <http://www.ocssdi.org/members.htm>).

Check out these recommendations from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for fossil hunting in state parks (southwest and northwest Ohio): <http://ohiodnr.com/tabid/22049/default.aspx>

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.*

The Archaeological Society of Ohio (statewide)

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

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium (Powell)

[http://www.colzoo.org/the\\_zoo\\_to\\_you/distance\\_learning/default.aspx](http://www.colzoo.org/the_zoo_to_you/distance_learning/default.aspx)

Underwater Expedition and other distance programs available anywhere by videoconference.

Crystal Cave (Put-in-Bay)

[http://www.heinemanswinery.com/crystal\\_cave.cfm](http://www.heinemanswinery.com/crystal_cave.cfm)

Note: this link goes to a winery that offers cave tours.

Dry Dredgers: An Association of Amateur Geologists and Fossil Collectors (Cincinnati)

<http://drydredgers.org/>

Fossil Park (Sylvania)

<http://www.olanderpark.com/pages/Fossil.htm>

Hocking Hills State Park (Logan)

<http://www.1800hocking.com/ohiostateparkhockinghills>

Natural caves, gorges, and rock formations including Old Man's Cave, Ash Cave, and Rock House.

Indian Trail Caverns (Vanlue, near Findlay)

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

Museum of Classical Archaeology, Ohio State University (Columbus)

<http://moca.osu.edu/>

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (Cincinnati)

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

North Coast Fossil Club (Cleveland)

<http://ncfclub.org/>

Ohio Caverns (West Liberty)

<http://www.ohiocaverns.com/index.html>

Ohio Nature Education (Johnstown)

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

Offers Backyard Mammals programs for children and adults.

Ohio Wildlife Center (Columbus)

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

Offers a Wildlife Encounters outreach program.

Olentangy Indian Caverns (Delaware)

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

Orton Geological Museum, Ohio State University (Columbus)

[http://www.earthsciences.osu.edu/facilities\\_orton\\_museum.php](http://www.earthsciences.osu.edu/facilities_orton_museum.php)

Perry's Cave Family Fun Center (Put-in-Bay)

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

Seneca Caverns (Bellevue)

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

Zane Shawnee Caverns (Bellefontaine)

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

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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