OhioNet
Connect Communicate Collaborate

Annual Snapshot
Fiscal Year 2023-24

Connecting Libraries to Valued Resources

1.1 Million Dollars
In negotiated savings on e-resources for OhioNet member institutions

432 Products
Available to OhioNet members, including LinkedIn Learning, our newest group subscription

61 Vendors
Including EBSCO, McGraw-Hill, Clarivate (ProQuest), and more

Optimizing Operations for Greater Impact

OhioNet's technology services team provided vital support services to member institutions, reducing operational burdens for libraries and their teams and preventing service disruptions, especially during staffing transitions.

43 **ILS/LSP SUPPORT + MANAGEMENT**
for members' individual & shared systems

31 **METADATA MANAGEMENT**
electronic resource & cataloging support to ease administrative burden on member libraries

68 **PROXY SERVERS**
providing off-campus access to electronic resources

Supporting Our Partners

We were deeply grateful to continue collaboration with partner organizations to help Ohio libraries support each other and sustain operations.

Enhancing Access to Resources

Consortium of Ohio Libraries (COOL): Partnered with COOL to redevelop their budget model and implement and optimize COOL Aspen Discovery – improving resource accessibility for library users.

Increasing Efficiency & Savings

Ohio Industrial Resource Cooperative (OIRC) - Utilized group negotiation to facilitate savings for corporate libraries.

Ohio Private Academic Libraries (OPAL) Consortium: Collaborated with OPAL to reimagine their membership model and continued working to transition to Alma.

Portage Library Consortium (PLC): Re-aligned and automated data loading and export processes to save time and reduce manual efforts.

Organizational Development

OhioNet's human-centered consulting services launched in 2021. Examples of the work we facilitated with members last year included:

- Strengths-Based Strategic Planning
- Boosting Workplace Wellbeing
- Igniting High-Quality Connections
- Defining Excellent Customer Service
- Improving the Student Experience through Human-Centered Design

Professional Development

783 Individual registrations coming from more than 200 institutions

48 In-person + virtual professional development events

75+ Trainings available to members in OhioNet's Training Archive

Connecting + Collaborating

146 Member visits (on-site + virtual)

144 Meetings directly in support of consortium functions

5 Virtual networking events for members to connect + exchange ideas

CONFERENCES

- *ALA Annual Conference* ✦
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- *CORE Forum* ✦
- *ICOLC North American Meeting* ✦
- *ILEAD Ohio* ✦
- *OELMA Annual Conference* ✦✦
- *OLC Annual Convention & Expo* ✦✦✦
- *OLSSI Annual Conference* ✦
- *PLA Conference* ✦
- *Society of Ohio Archivists* ✦

✦ Sponsored ✦ Exhibited ✦ Presented

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Wellbeing in Ohio Libraries

349 Individuals from libraries across Ohio completed the PERMAH workplace wellbeing survey.

- Facilitated six virtual exploration sessions on the individual PERMAH factors to discover what members are already doing in their library to support wellbeing.
- Assisted an OhioNet member library with administering the workplace wellbeing survey at their organization and interpreting survey results.

Key Programs & Initiatives

ADEI Assessment & Dream Summit

In 2023, OhioNet commissioned an Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ADEI) Assessment to address the underrepresentation of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) librarians in the state of Ohio — and the broader library and information science field.

The findings from this assessment and Dream Summit discussions (pictured above) will guide OhioNet in advancing antiracism practices through the development of new programs focused on improving BIPOC recruitment and retention in Ohio.

Library Leadership Ohio

In partnership with the State Library of Ohio, OhioNet planned and hosted Library Leadership Ohio (LLO), a biennial leadership program for Ohio libraries. This year's cohort included 34 leaders from libraries of all types across the state.