

Ohio Library Organizations

ALAO (Academic Library Association of Ohio)

- Membership organization for private and public colleges and universities including higher-education libraries like medical and law school libraries
- Provides support, encouragement, and continuing education opportunities for academic library staff from all over Ohio through workshops, annual conference and other programs

INFOhio (Information Network for Ohio's Schools)

- Represents school libraries statewide
- Provides electronic resources for schools, instructional development for teachers, library automation, media booking, and a statewide union catalog

KSU – SLIS (Kent State University – School of Library and Information Science)

- Only ALA accredited Master of Library and Information Science program in Ohio
- Consists of students, faculty, and computer labs at two locations: Kent and Columbus, as well as offering distance learning programs throughout the state

OCLIS (Ohio Council of Library Information Service Organizations)

- Membership organization for Ohio library groups and larger associations with Ohio-based chapters
- Purpose is to foster closer cooperation among and understanding of the statewide member groups

OELMA (Ohio Educational Library Media Association)

- Membership organization for school librarians and teachers
- Provides advocacy, support, and continuing education opportunities

OhioLINK (Ohio Library Information Network)

- Consortium of Ohio's college and university libraries and the State Library of Ohio
- Provides electronic services: a library catalog, research databases, a multi-publisher electronic journal center, a digital media center, a growing collection of e-books, and an electronic theses and dissertations center

OHIONET

- Membership organization for academic, public, school and special libraries in Ohio, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania
- Provides support, training and consultation on OCLC products and services as well as discount programs on electronic resources and equipment and supplies, hosted technology solutions, continuing education opportunities, and web design services

OHSLA (Ohio Health Sciences Library Association)

- Membership organization for Ohio health information professionals in academic, hospital, and other environments



- Provides statewide networking with other health information professionals and opportunities for cooperative ventures with other Ohio health sciences libraries, CE programs, and promotes the views and concerns of Ohio health sciences librarians to the state, region, and nation

OLC (Ohio Library Council)

- Membership organization for Ohio's public libraries, trustees, Friends, and public library staff.
- Provides advocacy and continuing education opportunities

OPLIN (Ohio Public Library Information Network)

- Serves all Ohio public libraries
- Provides free fast public Internet access throughout the state, electronic research databases, free email accounts to public library staff, and technical support

Regional Libraries for the Blind & Physically Handicapped

- Cleveland Public Library and The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
- Provides library service to eligible individuals and institutions

Regional Library Systems

- NEO –RLS, NORWELD, SERLS, SWON Libraries
- Member-driven, multi-type library organizations
- Coordinates and facilitates the development of innovative services for all types of libraries and offer these services to the entire library community. Provides broad-based continuing education for library staff and significant vendor discounts for library members

SLA (Special Libraries Association)

- Membership organization for those who reside or work within the geographic boundaries of the local Chapters
- Provides continuing education, and networking

State Library of Ohio

- Serves State government and all Ohio libraries
- Research library for state agencies and legislators, provides consultation services to public libraries, administers federal grant program for libraries, facilitates statewide resource sharing for all types of Ohio libraries