

State Librarian's Report



During the month of November we are often called upon to reflect on and share what we are thankful for in our lives and the lives of others. As library funding has become more challenging, we can still be thankful that the Ohio public library system is among the best supported library systems in the

country. This support comes from our residents, students, schools and universities, local communities, and state and federal government. [more...](#)

ITSCO Literature Lounge: Book Talks

We were excited to receive one of the 2009 LSTA Minigrants for the development of the *Literature Lounge: Book Talks*, a collaborative partnership with Worthington Public Library and Worthington School District.



The Literature Lounge: Book Talks is a professional development series designed for K-12 educators made up of librarian led Book Talks on a variety of timely subjects. The Book Talks are offered live via video conferencing technology to all schools and will be made available on *Ohio on iTunes U* for future viewing. [more...](#)

Books of Our Own: A Ready to Read Caring & Sharing of Resources

Applying for an LSTA grant was a new experience for me. With Missy Lodge's invaluable feedback, advice, and encouragement, I began the process of writing the narrative, marshalling my facts and showing a need, and obtaining the necessary support information. As a small library in rural Morgan County, we depend almost totally on Public Library Funds, money that would not stretch to expand our children's outreach programs. [more...](#)



Other news & updates from the State Library

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Exploring Our Shared History

On October 30, 2009, Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) and the Delaware County Historical Society (DCHS) completed their first collaborative digital collection. Funded by an Institute of Museum and Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant awarded by the State Library of Ohio, *Our Shared History: Delaware, Methodism, and Ohio Wesleyan University* uses images and text to explore how the city, the church, and the university grew and changed together. [more...](#)

Malabar Farm Automation

Malabar Farm State Park is the former home of Pulitzer Prize winning author and world-famous farmer Louis Bromfield. Bromfield died in the late 1950s and his 914 acre farm eventually was given to the State of Ohio to become the only state park in the country that is also a diversified working farm. He was an internationally celebrated man of letters and the book titles in his personal library read like a history of the first half of the Twentieth Century. [more...](#)



Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

The Ohio LSTA Competitive Grant Program



The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant program is open to all types of libraries in Ohio. Grant funds may be used to purchase items which will assist a library in meeting one of the two broad based purposes of LSTA: 1) technological innovation and electronic linkages and 2) services to the underserved. Eligible public, school, academic, research, or special libraries may initiate grant proposals. Three types of competitive grants are available: **minigrants**, **disability grants**, and **full grants**. [more...](#)

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