

State Action Plan for Ohio

Access Initiative: All libraries

Initiative 1: Ohio Federal Depository Libraries will review and improve their web presence in order to better serve Ohio library users.

1. The Regional Librarian will work with a task force of Ohio depository librarians to develop best practices for library government document web sites. Best practices may include:
 - Ensure that text and links are current
 - Content describes the collection
 - Content describes free and subscription resources available
 - Content describes services provided
 - Content describes public access
2. A list of notable tools that meet the needs of Ohio libraries will be developed and accessible from the State Library of Ohio document website and the Ohio GODORT website in order to promote sharing of tools such as instruction guides, finding aids, and other resources.

Marketing Initiative: All libraries

Initiative 2: Ohio Federal Depository Libraries will create a marketing toolkit to position federal depository libraries in Ohio to reach out to the public as well as other libraries, institutions, government entities, and businesses within their respective Congressional districts.

1. A task force of Ohio depository librarians will be created with the charge of developing recommendations and support for creating marketing materials and using marketing materials to be provided by GPO.
2. The task force will provide guidance for outreach using tools such as public service announcements, partnerships with non-FDLs, and special events to highlight collections and services.
3. The task force will designate representatives to attend and participate in consortium-related planning meetings in order to advocate for the needs of government information. These representatives will report back to the Ohio government documents listserv after each meeting.
4. The task force will develop and distribute a suggested process for contacting the offices of United States Representatives and Senators to request inclusion of a link on their site to their local Federal Depository Library Program participant.
5. This group will share information with GPO on specific needs related to marketing and promotion.

Resource Sharing Initiative: All libraries

Initiative 3: OhioLINK and other consortial libraries should catalog tangible resources in their collections in order to build a strong retrospective collection within the state and set the groundwork for cooperative collection development.

1. The Regional Coordinator will gather and share plans for cataloging historical and retrospective materials based on information provided by depository coordinators.
2. Consortial libraries will report to the Regional Librarian on their local practices for making records available in OhioLINK or other consortial discovery tools.
3. Libraries participating in the Ohio Regional Depository System (ORDS) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with ORDS and OhioLINK if they have FDLP materials in the ORDS depository; those participating in the shared ORDS catalog will contribute records for those government resources in the ORDS depositories.
4. Libraries should work toward retrospective cataloging of their tangible resources.

Collection Development Initiative: All libraries

Initiative 4: Ohio Federal Depository Libraries will explore the adoption of a database-style solution for the more effective processing of needs and offers.

1. A task force of Ohio depository librarians will explore the adoption of a database needs and offers tool to determine if it can be adapted to meet Ohio's needs.
2. The adoption of this tool will be in consultation with the State Library of Ohio and dependent on approval by the State Library of Ohio.
3. This group will also share information with GPO on specific needs related to the disposition of materials process.

Preservation Initiative: Ohio GODORT members

Initiative 5: Members of Ohio GODORT will build a sustainable digital collection in the OhioLINK's Digital Resource Commons (DRC) representing historical materials of particular interest to users within Ohio.

1. Every library that participates in the Digital Collections Working Group (DCWG) will commit to supporting the project with resources that match its institutional strengths and needs. In return, participating libraries will select collections and materials for inclusion.
2. The DRC site administrator and/or DCWG chair will actively participate in the decision-making process of the OhioLINK Digital Resources Management Committee in order to ensure the future operation of the DRC.

3. The DCWG will explore opportunities to incorporate these digitized collections into other repositories and to accept digital collections from other repositories in order to improve the availability of these materials.
4. The DCWG will explore the possibility of ingesting digitized documents from Ohio Federal Depository Libraries on an item-by-item basis.
5. This group will share information with GPO on specific needs related to the management of digital content.

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