Established in 1817, the [State Library of Ohio](http://library.ohio.gov) is a state agency that serves state government and all types of libraries. The vision for the State Library is a Smarter Ohio where every Ohioan can access the necessary resources to be engaged citizens, excel at their jobs, participate in the workforce, and pursue their passions and interests. The State Library of Ohio ensures a smarter Ohio by managing the delivery of services through three channels: Directly, by building and managing quality collections and providing hands-on service to state government; Cooperatively, through collaborative efforts and information sharing networks within the library community; Virtually, through online and on-the-go access to expert assistance, digitized resources, and a vast selection of electronic materials.

The [Ohio Public Library Information Network](https://www.oplin.ohio.gov) (OPLIN) provides broadband Internet connections and related information services to Ohio public libraries. Their primary mission is to ensure that all Ohio residents have fast, free public Internet access through the 251 independent local public library systems in Ohio, as well as the use of high-quality research databases not freely available on the World Wide Web. Though the eventual consumers of their services are often members of the general public, their actual customers are in fact limited to the public library systems of Ohio.

Established in 1992, the [Ohio Library and Information Network](https://www.ohiolink.edu/) **(OhioLINK)**is Ohio’s statewide academic library consortium and serves more than 600,000 end users, with 121 libraries as full members. These libraries are distributed among 93 different Ohio colleges and universities. OhioLINK membership includes the State Library of Ohio, 16 public university libraries, 51 independent college libraries, 23 two-year college libraries, 16 regional campus libraries, 8 law school libraries and 5 medical school libraries. A member of the Ohio Technology Consortium of the Ohio Department of Higher Education*,*OhioLINK provides a competitive advantage for Ohio’s higher education community by cooperatively and cost-effectively acquiring, providing access to and preserving an expanding array of print and digital resources, and by centrally hosting digital content.

The [Ohio History Connection](https://www.ohiohistory.org/) is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio's stories. Embrace the present, share the past and transform the future. As a nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens focused on preserving and sharing the state’s history. This includes housing the state historic preservation office, the official state archives, local history office and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio.

Established in 2000, [Ohio Memory](http://www.ohiomemory.org/) is the collaborative statewide digital library program of the Ohio History Connection and the State Library of Ohio. On this free website, you can explore digital content from **over 360** cultural heritage institutions representing **all 88** of Ohio’s counties! Ohio Memory contains **over 700,000** digital images from a variety of primary source image types, including:

* Photographs, maps, drawings and paintings
* Manuscripts, letters, diaries and journals
* Archaeological, natural history and historical objects
* Newspapers, books and e-publications
* Videos and more!