

# Ohioana Library Association

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- Ohioana is supported through a combination of memberships, subscriptions, contributions, and a state GRF subsidy
- Ohioana uses more than 200 volunteers per year

## OVERVIEW

### Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohioana Library Association encourages and recognizes the creative accomplishments of Ohioans; maintains and preserves a permanent collection of books and music by Ohioans or about Ohio; and disseminates information about the work of Ohio writers, musicians, and other artists. These goals are accomplished through the Ohioana collection, the *Ohioana Quarterly* and other educational resources, and the Ohioana Awards. Each of these three services relies upon and is dependent upon the others. The collection is at the core of Ohioana but depends upon both the *Quarterly* and the Awards to generate visibility and support for writers and, subsequently, further monetary and in-kind donations and services to the Collection. A 28-member board, including the Governor's spouse and four members appointed by the Governor, is responsible for overseeing the library.

The Ohioana collection consists of approximately 45,000 books, including a wide range of literature, fiction, history, biography, poetry, humor, children's literature, county atlases, and local, church, and family histories; 10,000 pieces of sheet music; scrapbooks; and biographical files on more than 23,000 Ohio writers, artists, musicians, and other notable Ohioans. In FY 2006, the market value of books donated to the Ohioana collection was \$14,646. Either the author or publisher donates most books added to the collection. Approximately 909 titles were added in FY 2005, and 604 in FY 2006. This reduced number reflects Ohioana's new policy of not collecting author assisted (self-published) books, which was adopted in part to cut Ohioana's costs for handling cataloguing, and listing these items in the *Ohioana Quarterly*.

In January 2000, Ohioana's book holdings began to be added to the State Library of Ohio's electronic catalog, and in March 2002 they were released to the 90 OhioLINK institutions. This makes information about the collection easily accessible to anyone who has access to the Internet. The public access to the Ohioana electronic catalog and the facility has increased the use of the Ohioana collection in recent years.

The Ohioana Library also offers publications and educational resources for members and the public. It has published the *Ohioana Quarterly* four times a year since 1958, containing reviews of new books received by the library. In calendar year 2005, approximately 10,000 copies of the *Quarterly* were distributed to members, subscribers, and friends. Ohioana also provides nine educational resource lists that detail information about Ohio authors, musicians, artists, and books about Ohio. In addition, Ohioana has published the book *Ohio Authors and Their Books* and the Ohioana Ohio Literary Map, works in partnership with public media and the Ohio Humanities Council to produce the weekly Ohioana Authors radio series and accompanying web site, continues to sponsor the Ohioana Ruth Mount Internship, and helps students add to their academic credentials by working as volunteers in a number of areas.

The Ohioana Library also provides recognition to Ohio writers, musicians, and other artists for their creative accomplishments through the annual Ohioana Awards. The Awards recognize excellence in the areas of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, juvenile literature, and "About Ohio or an Ohioan" as well as distinguished service in music or in other areas of the arts and humanities. Awards are also given to high school students and young writers under the age of 30 who have not yet published a book. Designated grants or endowments provide the funds for all of Ohioana's monetary awards. Some costs of the awards program, such as printing costs for the invitations and programs and luncheon costs for award winners and a guest are underwritten or are provided as in-kind services by local businesses.

### Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
6	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	Am. Sub. H.B. 119

\* Employee count obtained from the Ohioana Library Association for FY 2007. Please note that state funds are used to pay employee salaries, but Ohioana employees are not considered state employees. Ohioana Library Board members are not paid and are not included in this table.

## ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET

### Single Program Series

### Operating Expenses

**Purpose:** The mission of the Ohioana Library Association is to recognize and encourage the creative accomplishments of Ohioans; preserve and expand a permanent archive of books, sheet music, manuscripts, and other materials by Ohioans and about Ohio; and disseminate information about the work of Ohio writers, musicians, and other artists to researchers, schools, and the general public.

Ohioana receives all of its state funding through one GRF line item. The table below shows the enacted state subsidy funding for the Association for FYs 2008 and 2009.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>General Revenue Fund</b>				
GRF	355-501	Library Subsidy	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Total Funding: Ohioana Library Association</b>			<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

This state subsidy Ohioana receives covers about 43% of the Association's operating costs and supports the following three programs:

- **Program 01.01: Ohioana Collection**
- **Program 01.02: Ohioana Quarterly/Education**
- **Program 01.03: Ohioana Awards**

### Ohioana Collection

**Program Description:** The Ohioana Collection is the first service and the foundation upon which all of Ohioana's other services are built. This area includes the development, maintenance, and preservation of the collection, as well as the in-house use of the collection for responding to public inquiries and reference requests.

**Implication of the Budget:** Funding is \$64,000 for both FY 2008 and FY 2009 for the Ohioana Collection. Funding at this level will provide 52% of the cost of this program and give Ohioana the ability to retain its core staff, and to leverage additional funds and in-kind donations and services.

### Ohioana Quarterly/Education

**Program Description:** The *Ohioana Quarterly* is the main source from which Ohioana generates its independent funding. Nearly 400 books are reviewed in the *Quarterly* each year, and all books are listed and annotated as they are received, with the Ohio connection noted for all books. Ohioana also provides educational resources for Ohio schools, libraries, and the general public.

**Implication of the Budget:** Funding is \$66,000 for both FY 2008 and FY 2009. Funding at this level will provide 45% of the cost of this program and will give Ohioana the ability to leverage additional funds and in-kind donations and services.

## Ohioana Awards

**Program Description:** The Ohioana Awards program is a key factor in helping to recognize and promote Ohio's writers, artists, and musicians. The program honors Ohioans who have contributed to the literary and cultural life of the state and provides state and national recognition to these individuals, as well as for Ohio.

**Implication of the Budget:** Funding is \$70,000 for both FY 2008 and FY 2009. Funding at this level will provide 37% of the cost of this program and will give Ohioana the ability to secure additional funds and in-kind donations and services.

**FY 2008 - 2009 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Groups**

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>	<i>FY 2005:</i>	<i>FY 2006:</i>	<i>FY 2007 Adj. Appropriations:</i>	<i>FY 2008 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2007 to 2008:</i>	<i>FY 2009 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2008 to 2009:</i>	
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>		<b>Version: Enacted</b>						
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GRF 355-501 Library Subsidy	\$ 202,134	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	0.00%	\$ 200,000	0.00%	
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>	<b>\$ 202,134</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	
<b>Ohioana Library Association Total</b>	<b>\$ 202,134</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	