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### **Governor's Appointment to the Ohioana Library Board**

**Columbus, OH** – Four members of the Ohioana Library's Board of Trustees are appointed by the Governor. Recently, Governor Strickland filled two open positions and reappointed Frances Ott Allen to serve another term on the board.

The new board appointees are as follows:

**Louise S. Musser** of **Delaware** will fill a term, which will expire in 2010. Dr. Musser is a Professor Emeritus at Ohio Wesleyan University. From 1992 to 2006, she was an Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of English at Ohio Wesleyan.

**Kathleen Simon** of **Lucasville** will fill a term that will expire in 2011. Dr. Simon is retired from Shawnee State University where she served as Professor of English from 1971 to 2007. She taught writing and literature at Shawnee State.

**France Ott Allen** of **Cincinnati** was appointed to fill a full four year term from 2008 to 2012. Ms. Allen is an Associate Librarian and German Cataloger at the University of Cincinnati and as a current board member has chaired or served on numerous Ohioana committees.

The mission of the Ohioana Library, established in 1929 by First Lady Martha Kinney Cooper, is to recognize and encourage the creative accomplishments of Ohioans; preserve and expand a permanent collection 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.

Individuals can visit the library at 274 E. First Ave., Columbus, OH, or online at [www.ohioana.org](http://www.ohioana.org). Ohioana is funded through a subsidy from the State of Ohio, individual memberships, organizations and library subscriptions, and in-kind support and grants from various organizations, corporations, foundations, publishers, and individuals.

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