

From the Executive Director

A major portion of the fall issue of the *Ohioana Quarterly* has been devoted to celebrating the accomplishments of the annual Ohioana Award recipients, and that tradition continues in this issue. Beginning on page eighty-four is the program for the eightieth annual Ohioana Day program, followed by profiles of the 2009 award winners. This issue also features our annual report.

Thanks to every individual, organization, foundation, company, partner, and sponsor who has given so generously. A special thank you goes to the publishers and authors who have donated books to Ohioana as well as to reviewers who gave their time and talent to provide readers with information about new books added to our collection.

This year, 2009, marks the eightieth anniversary of the Ohioana Library Association. Several pieces in this issue tell some of our story. Please take a few minutes to read them and learn more about our proud history. This has been an amazing eighty years—filled with myriad challenges, and this year is no different. We are now a staff of three—one half the size that we were six months ago. Each of us now wears multiple hats, and volunteers have assumed an ever-increasing role in Ohioana programming. We apologize for the lateness of this issue while thanking the many people who have made it possible and trusting that all of you understand why it is so.

Over the coming months, we will be reviewing our programs and asking for your input on how we can continue to serve you, our authors, publishers, and the citizens of Ohio. We know that you will help us.

The winter issue will celebrate the History of Mystery in Ohio.

