



To the members of the Ohioana Library Association Community,

In the last few months, the Ohioana Library has experienced a series of challenges that have required rapid action and adjustment from both the Board and the Staff. First, Dr. Kimberly Kiehl, our executive director, resigned effective December 31, 2025 in order to relocate to Pennsylvania with her family. While the Board and the Staff were taking appropriate actions to deal with the immediate needs related to Dr Kiehl's departure, we learned in early 2026 that we need to vacate our current location no later than mid-July.

A Relocation Committee has been formed to explore our various options. The committee is currently reviewing several locations for the collection. However, given the short time frame by which we must leave our current location, it is possible that the collection will need to be placed into storage for a brief time. We hope to avoid that possibility.

In addition, the Board appointed Dr. Amelia Adams to serve as Interim Director from April 1 through June 30 2026. Dr. Adams has been a Board Member since 2022 and Treasurer of the Board since 2024. As Interim Director, Dr. Adams will work with the staff to facilitate the Ohioana's relocation to either a temporary or permanent space and maintain daily operations of the organization.

A job announcement seeking a permanent Executive Director has been posted on ZipRecruiter <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/jobs/ohioana-library-e2e55b80/executive-director-cbdeacb9>. We encourage all qualified applicants to apply.

During these last five months, the Ohioana Library has continued to offer regular programs such as the 100 years of Ohio Authors series and to keep the collection available for public use. However, we did need to cancel the Ohioana Book Festival and to place further publication of the Quarterly on hiatus. We will hold the 2026 Ohio Book Awards this fall. The selection process is well underway and we look forward to announcing the winners later this summer.

As of Monday, April 6, 2026, the library has been closed to the public in order to begin preparing for our relocation. Although we do not yet have a specific destination, there is much to do in terms of organizing, sorting, and preparing for this move. We can still be reached by phone (614-466-3831) or email (Ohioana@Ohioana.org); and we may have a special event or two before we say goodbye to our current home.

We hope that all of you will stay with us during this time of transition. As always, your encouragement, support, and financial contributions are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Ohioana Library Association