OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: ANNUAL STATISTICS
(The following statistics are taken from OCPL’s 2019-2020 reports.)

GENERAL LIBRARY SERVICES:

Number of weeks Library is open ................. 52
Number hours open per week .................... 67
Number days open per week .................... 7

Population of Ohio County ............... 44,411
Library cards issued .................. over 36,000
Number of in-person visits to the Library
by patrons and guests .................... 153,225

Physical items in circulation ............ 163,540
Total circulation of physical items ....... 214,426
Total circulation of children’s materials ... 56,816
Home delivery circulation ............ 6,806

Downloadable collections available ........ 29
Databases available through WVInfoDepot ... 24
Total database searches .................... 116,920
Reference questions answered ............ 36,907
Use of public computer access stations .... 20,535
Access to public wi-fi .............. 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk
Wi-Fi sessions .................... 1,913
Library website views .................... 222,735

Free Notary services are available all hours the Library is open.

Interlibrary loan materials received ........ 397
Interlibrary loan materials sent out .......... 945

Community rooms available ............ 4
Community room use .................... 1,156

LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

CHILDREN

The Ohio County Public Library Children’s Department provides area children with two weekly Story Time programs for 3- to 5-year-olds and two weekly Toddler Times. For older children, OCPL conducts regular Step Into Stories programs geared to elementary school age children.

In addition, OCPL’s Children’s Specialist spends, on average, 42.5 hours per month in direct service to the students in the county, visiting classrooms to read to the children with a traveling Story Time. Programming has expanded to include Story Time programs to local preschools and day care facilities.

Number of Children’s programs ............ 911
Total attendance .................... 17,002
Average attendance .................... 18
Summer Reading participation ............ 308

ADULTS

The Library offers two regular programs for adults: Lunch With Books, which meets every Tuesday at noon, and the People’s University, which meets as a series of classes, typically four times a year.

Number Adult Programs .................... 127
Total attendance .................... 6,533
Average attendance .................... 51

ARCHIVES, LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

Wheeling Room researchers ................ 316
Note: This includes visitors from 23 states and 2 foreign countries.

Online historic photo database views ........ 1,047,672

The entire run of the Wheeling Intelligencer newspaper, 1852-present — with the exception of just three years, which will be added within two months— is available and word searchable.