



Title III

Strengthening Central State University through Library Resource Enhancement

Message from the Director

Change takes time. For over a year, the library has been transitioning from an integrated library system (ILS) that is over 30 years old to a modern library services platform. This new system will be more user-focused and better support 21st-century teaching and research for Central State University faculty, staff, and students.

As a charter member of the OhioLINK consortium, the library benefits from the shared services and resources this membership provides. Current affordable learning initiatives include Open Educational Resources (OER), which offers students low-cost or free course materials. Spring 2025 OER course redesign mini-grants are available for instructors to apply for until April.

Funding is crucial for maintaining resources and providing services; Title III plays an essential role in the library's budget. Although the library remains understaffed, Title III has funded the hiring of a new staff member for fiscal year 2025 and provided additional resources to support the University's academic programs. The library is committed to delivering the necessary support and resources to meet the academic demands of the University's course offerings. It is grateful for the continued support from the administration and Title III.





Highlights

Library Services Platform Upgrade

Central State University will launch a new integrated library services (ILS) platform this summer. As a member of the OhioLINK consortium, the Hallie Q. Brown Memorial Library plans to enhance its library services by implementing Ex Libris Alma/Primo in June 2025. This innovative cloud-based system serves as the foundation for daily library operations, including the acquisitions, cataloging, and circulation/fulfillment of library materials to our students, faculty, and staff. Additionally, the system will generate valuable insights to empower the library to make informed decisions and streamline our reporting processes to enhance our overall services. The new system will simplify the management of everyday library service operations while improving the discovery and accessibility of both online and print resources for students, faculty, and staff.

Open Access Publishing with OhioLINK for Faculty

OhioLINK has negotiated five read and publish agreements to enable authors at Central State University the opportunity to publish open access articles at no cost to the author and at no additional cost to Central State. In addition, these agreements allow our students and faculty expanded access to a broad range of high-quality research articles from these publishers. The publishers include:

- Cambridge (2025-2027)
- Elsevier (2024-2027)
- Institute of Physics (2023-2025)
- Springer (2024-2026)
- Wiley (2024-2026)

OhioLINK Course Redesign Mini-Grants

OhioLINK Affordable Learning has dedicated funding to help faculty learn more about using openly licensed or other affordable course content for their courses. Full-time and part-time faculty are eligible to apply for the grant, and selected applications will receive a \$650 stipend for participating after all the requirements have been met.

New OhioLINK Library Resources

- Sage Skills: Business
- Sage Skills: Student Success

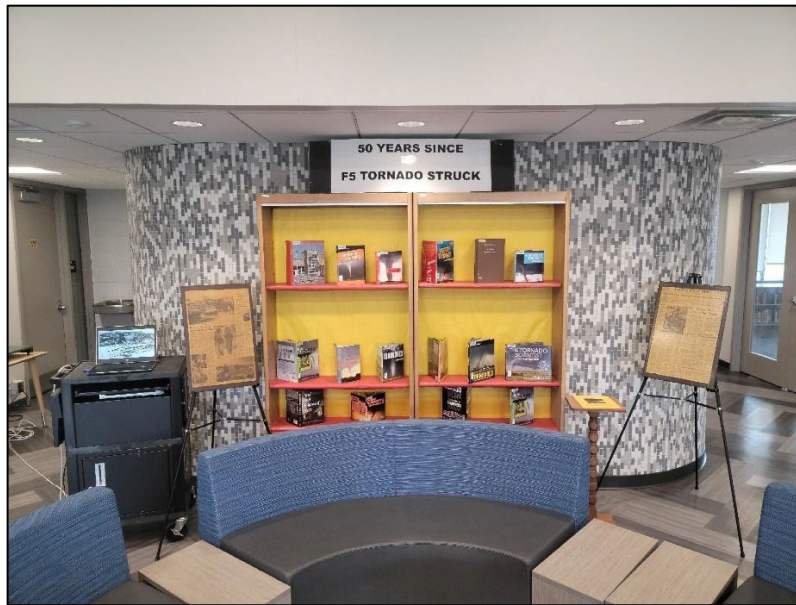
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- International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) Source

- JSTOR Arts & Sciences XIII and XIV
- JSTOR eBooks (Engineering, Sustainability, Agriculture, Business)
- ABC-CLIO Databases
 - American History
 - Issues: Understanding Controversy and Society
 - Modern Genocide: Understanding Causes and Consequences
 - American Indian Experience: The American Mosaic
 - Asian American Experience: The American Mosaic
 - Latino American Experience: The American Mosaic
 - World at War: Understanding Conflict and Society
 - World Geography: Understanding a Changing World

Library Exhibits

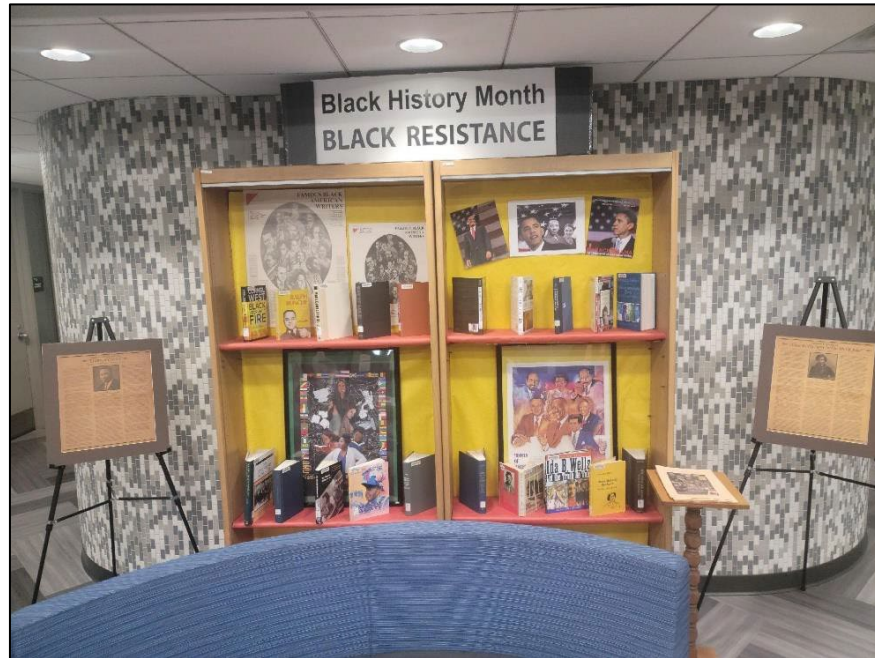
- Constitution Day
- Hispanic Heritage
- Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Black History Month
- Women's History Month
- International Black Women's History Month
- 1974 Tornado 50th Anniversary



Hallie Q. Brown Memorial Library Xenia tornado 50-year anniversary display



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Hallie Q. Brown Memorial Library Black History Month display



National Women's History Month display



Hallie Q. Brown Memorial Library Constitution Day display