

2007 Ohio Reading Program Evaluation Final Report

Following is a composite of data compiled from the 2007 Ohio Reading Program evaluations. Complete information, including comments can be accessed at:

<http://www.library.ohio.gov/services/LPD/2007OhioReadingProgrEvaFINALREPORT102507.pdf>

A total of 209 libraries completed the online survey. Of these libraries 170 or 82.5% used the 2007 State Library mystery theme, “Get a Clue @ Your Library” for their summer reading program while 36 libraries or 17.5% did not use the 2007 statewide summer reading theme.

- **197 libraries (97%) offered a children’s summer reading program, while 6 libraries (3%) did not.**
- **A total of 74,786 children enrolled in summer reading programs.**
- **32,572 children completed the programs.**
- **158 libraries (77.5%) offered a separate teen summer reading program, while 36 libraries (22.5%) did not.**
- **A total of 43,610 teens enrolled in the library programs.**
- **5,510 teens completed the programs.**
- **The majority of summer reading programs fell within the range of five to eight weeks.**
- **For tracking the summer reading program, 103 libraries (50%) counted the number of books read and 105 (50%) counted the number of hours or minutes read.**
- **The manuals were thought to be very good by 70 libraries (35.5%), 85 (43.2%) thought the manual was good and 20 (10.2%) thought the manual was acceptable.**
- **In regard to the CD ROM clip art, 81 (42.4%) thought the clip art was very good, 72 (37.7%) thought it was good, 12 (6.3%) thought it was acceptable and 2 (1.1%) felt it was poor.**
- **The incentives and products offered by Highsmith were considered very good by 53 libraries (28.3%), 91 (48.7%) thought they were good, 19 (10.2%) thought they were acceptable and 3 (1.6%) thought they were poor.**
- **116 libraries (61.1%) found the State Library’s website useful in their planning while 49 (25.8%) did not.**
- **The Ohio Resources provided on the State Library’s website was found to be very good by 20 (11.5%) of libraries while 79 (45.4%) found them to be good and 28 (16.1%) found them to be acceptable.**
- **The incentives provided by the State Library were thought to be very good by 13 libraries (7%) while 54 (29%) thought they were good, 60 (32.3%) thought they were acceptable, 14 (7.5%) thought they were poor and 4 (2.2%) thought they were very poor.**
- **The CSLP website was thought to be very good by 30 (17.1%) of respondents while 93 (52.5%) thought it was good and 16 (9.1%) thought the site was acceptable.**
- **The majority of respondents indicated they used the manual and not the website to plan their programs and activities.**
- **Only 61 librarians answered the question on attendance at a summer reading workshop. 31 (50.8%) chose not to attend and 3 indicated the workshop they wished to attend was filled.**
- **168 (83.4%) of librarians indicated they would be using the 2008 statewide theme, Catch the Reading Bug while 3 (1.5%) said they would not be using the statewide theme and 30 (15.1%) were undecided.**