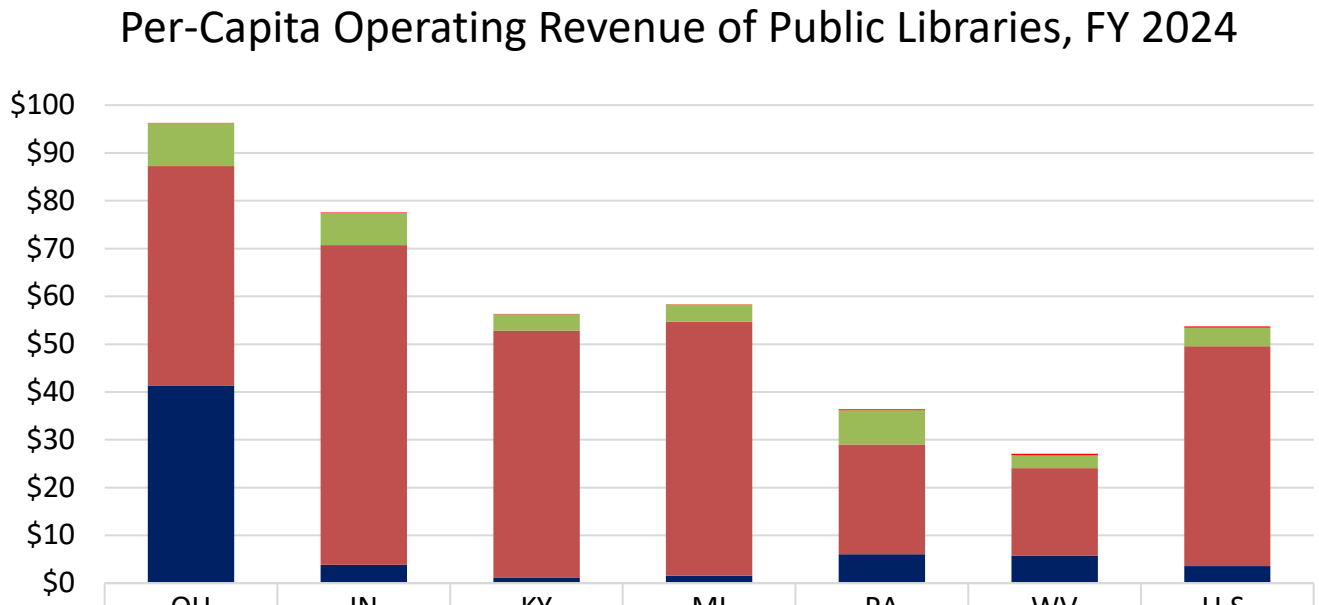
Ohio leads country in state funding for public libraries



	OH	IN	KY	MI	PA	WV	U.S.
Total	$96.28	$77.53	$56.33	$58.30	$36.38	$27.08	$53.75
Federal	$0.07	$0.12	$0.08	$0.04	$0.17	$0.37	$0.27
Other	$8.97	$6.72	$3.41	$3.56	$7.20	$2.68	$3.92
Local	$45.96	$66.85	$51.75	$53.12	$22.93	$18.25	$46.00
State	$41.28	$3.85	$1.09	$1.58	$6.08	$5.79	$3.56

Source: Institute of Museum and Library Services

- In FY 2024, Ohio led the nation in per-capita state funding of public libraries ($41.28) and ranked third in total library funding per capita ($96.28) behind Colorado ($113.59) and the District of Columbia ($110.62).
- Ohio libraries' state funding of $41.28 per capita far exceeds that of neighboring states and is nearly 12 times the national average of $3.56.
- Ohio's local library funding of $45.96 per capita is on par with the national average of $46.00.
- Shares of FY 2024 Ohio per-capita total:
  - 47.7% Local;
  - 42.9% State;
  - 9.4% Other and Federal.
- Ohio's public libraries consist of:
  - 251 public library systems;
  - 790 individual library locations (including 722 central and branch locations and 68 bookmobiles).