About the Ohio Literary Map

We are proud to present the 2016 updated edition of the Ohio Literary Map, a guide to the rich literary legacy of the Buckeye State. Thousands of Ohioans have made substantial and lasting contributions to America’s literary heritage. Since it is impossible to list all the many notable writers who have called Ohio home, we have included the most prominent authors who have written about Ohio or who resided for five or more years in the state. A selection of authors have been placed on the map itself in their respective counties in an effort to represent various corners of the state.

There are several criteria for inclusion on the map:

• Authors recognized as “classics,” whose works continue to be read, studied, and cited
• Authors who have won major literary awards
• Authors of books very popular with readers

Every effort has been made to create an accurate representation of Ohio writers who have met the above criteria. With a project of such a large scope, regretfully there may be omissions or errors.

This edition of the Ohio Literary Map also includes a section of Literary Ohio Destinations such as literary landmarks, sites, and festivals.

Additional information about individual authors and events across the state may be found on the Ohio Center for the Book website: www.ohiocenterforthebook.org, and the Ohioans Library Association website: www.ohioana.org. The Choose to Read Ohio program supports Ohio authors and their works and is sponsored by the State Library of Ohio: www.library.ohio.gov/ciro.

Enjoy your journey through the literary landscape of Ohio. Learn, discover, and celebrate the outstanding literary contributions of individuals from the Buckeye State.

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Northwest Ohio

Clyde

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http://www.clydeheritagelibrary.org
Sherwood Anderson grew up in Clyde, Ohio, and made it the setting for his classics, Winesburg, Ohio.

Northeast Ohio

Bucceke Book Fair (Wooster)
http://www.buckeyebookfair.com
The annual Buckeye Book Fair is a full-day event featuring nearly 100 Ohio authors and illustrators. They meet with readers, autograph and sell copies of their latest works, and celebrate the joys of reading and writing with thousands of attendees.

Malaabar Farm (Lucas)
http://www.malaabarfarm.org
Home of novelist, screenwriter and conservationist Louis Bromfield, an Ohio author.

Oak Hill Cottage (Manfield)
http://www.oakhillcottage.org
A meticulously restored and preserved Gothic house, where Louis Bromfield played as a child and wrote about it, The Green Bay Tree.

Ohio Center for the Book at Cleveland Public Library (Cleveland)
http://ohiocenterforthebook.org
We are dedicated to promoting and celebrating books, reading, literacy, and libraries to Ohio’s citizens and the book community at large.

Southwest Ohio

Books by the Banks (Cincinnati)
http://booksbythebanks.org
Books by the Banks is an annual celebration of books and reading that takes place every October in downtown Cincinnati. The day-long festival, which is free and open to the public, features national, regional, and local authors and illustrators; book signings; panel discussions; and activities for the entire family to enjoy.

Harriet Beecher Stowe House (Cincinnati)
http://www.stoweresecurity.org
In this house, Harriet Beecher Stowe saw firsthand the evils of slavery that inspired her to write Uncle Tom’s Cabin.

Literary Ohio Destinations

The Rankin House State Memorial (Plyley)
http://www.plyley.org/htm/rankln.htm
The Rankin House was the home of John Rankin, who wrote letters on American Slavery in 1826 and founded the Ohio Anti-Slavery Society in Zanesville in 1834. The Rankin House is a National Historical Landmark and former stop on the Underground Railroad.

Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial (Dayton)
http://www.daytonhistory.org/destinations/paul-laurence-dunbar-house
The home of Paul Laurence Dunbar, the first African-American poet to earn international acclaim.

McGuffey Museum (Oxford)
http://miamis.edu/cca/mcguflffey-museum
Celebrates the life of William Holmes McGuffey, author of the McGuffey Readers, a series of books that educated generations of Americans.

Southeast Ohio

Dard Hunter Studies and Mountain House Press (Chillicothe)
http://www.dardhunter.com
Dard Hunter lived in the Mountain House where he printed his books on papermaking. The site also includes the Dard Hunter Studios and the Mountain House Library and Archives.

National Road and Zane Grey Museum (Norwich)
An extensive exhibit on Zane Grey, including a re-creation of his writing studio, and original manuscripts from his novels.

Central Ohio

Thurber House (Columbus)
http://thurberhouse.org
A library center for readers and writers located in the restored home of James Thurber. The house contains a museum, which includes Thurber’s typewriter and many photographs, letters, and drawings.

Ohioana Book Festival (Columbus)
http://www.ohioana.org
An annual spring event celebrating Ohio’s literature.

Poetry Out Loud (Columbus)
http://www.oac.ohio.gov/poetryoutloud
A contest that encourages the nation’s youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation.