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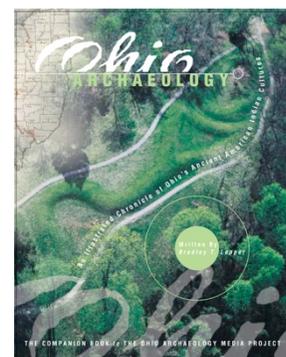
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Ohio Archaeology book
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Publication of *Ohio Archaeology* ends after five editions

Voyageur Media Group, Inc., author Dr. Bradley Lepper and publisher Orange Frazer Press have decided to close out publication of the award-winning book *Ohio Archaeology: An Illustrated Chronicle of Ohio's Ancient American Indian Cultures*. Over 10,000 copies of *Ohio Archaeology* were sold since the book was released in 2005, according to Tom Law, Project Director, Voyageur Media Group, Inc. "It was a great run," says Law. "However, after five editions the time has come end publication due to printing and licensing costs and significant advances in archaeological research over the past sixteen years."

The *Ohio Archaeology* book was a collaborative effort among dozens of archaeologists, archives, photographers and academic institutions. The main text, written by Dr. Bradley Lepper, Curator of Archaeology Ohio History Connection, was accompanied by 28 feature articles contributed by top regional scholars, and over 340 color illustrations, including original artworks, maps and photographs. *Ohio Archaeology* earned critical accolades and numerous awards, including the Public Audience Book Award of the Society for American Archaeology in 2007. "Most importantly," says Law, "*Ohio Archaeology* became an important resource for teachers and students learning about the American Indian cultures that flourished in the state for over 12,000 years." Original illustrations created for the book have also been used with permission by hundreds of educational organizations from international media and *National Geographic* to local schools and teachers.



Dr. Bradley Lepper, author, says, "Being a part of this collaborative endeavor has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my career. Making Ohio's ancient American Indian past accessible to a wide audience always has been one of my highest priorities and I am immensely grateful to everyone who contributed to producing this wonderful resource."

Ohio Archaeology was published by Orange Frazer Press, Wilmington, Ohio. Tom Law says, "Orange Frazer Press was a vital partner, providing stunning design services, and the marketing and distribution expertise needed to reach readers and bookstores across Ohio and throughout the world." Marcy Hawley, publisher, Orange Frazer Press, says, "There are no great books without great authors and editors. Voyageur and Bradley Leppers' vision and expertise recognized an Ohio educational void and made all the right choices when envisioning and writing a book on Ohio's ancient cultures for use in schools and libraries, as well as for the general public." The last copies of *Ohio Archaeology* are being sold on Orange Frazer's website (see store/nature): <https://www.orangefrazer.com/>

Ohio Archaeology: An Illustrated Chronicle of Ohio's Ancient American Indian Cultures is available in the collections of many regional libraries and academic archives. Content and images from the book may continue to be used for research and educational purposes. Voyageur will field requests to use original images created for the book. Ohio History Connection handles image requests for *The Ancient Ohio Art Series*, six original artworks by Susan Walton. The production team is considering options for a new book, documentary and/or educational materials.

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