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The ORVILLE Project (Ohio River Valley Innovation Library and Learning Engagement) is pleased to announce the release of a new, free, open-access scholarly resource:

INNOVATION NATION: The Ohio River Watershed and the Making of America (2025)

Edited by **Paul A. Tenkotte, PhD**, and **Debra Meyers, PhD**

Developed in partnership with the **W. Frank Steely Library at Northern Kentucky University** and the international open-access publisher **Pressbooks** (Montreal, Canada), this publication reflects the ORVILLE Project's mission to provide high-quality, freely accessible educational materials for all learners—**K–12 teachers and students, university faculty and researchers, and the general public.**

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Featuring an introduction and **11 chapters** written by respected scholars and authors, the volume explores innovation across the Ohio River Watershed, a region home to nearly **30 million people**. The editors plan to continue expanding the collection with additional chapters and topics.

Scholars and educators interested in proposing a chapter are invited to contact **Paul A. Tenkotte** at tenkottep@nku.edu for more information.