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DISTRICT FOUR

Services to the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Through a combination of state and LSTA funding, the Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped located in Cleveland and Cincinnati provide talking book reading materials. The State Library of Ohio and 65 local libraries and social service agencies also provide essential services for the program. These subgranting agencies participate in the talking book program by signing up eligible citizens, providing them with equipment and teaching them how to use it, and by acting as a local source for information and assistance.

The following subgranting agencies serve the 4th District:

Champaign County Library

Urbana, Ohio
Phone: (937) 653-3811
Counties Served - Champaign

Findlay Hancock County District Public Library

Findlay, Ohio
Phone: (419) 422-1712
Counties Served - Hancock

Lima Public Library

Lima, Ohio
Phone: (419) 228-5113
Counties Served - Allen

Logan County District Library

Bellefontaine, Ohio
Phone: (937) 599-4189
Counties Served - Logan

Mansfield-Richland Co. Public Library

Mansfield, Ohio
Phone: (419) 521-3120
Counties Served - Richland

Marion Public Library

Marion, Ohio
Phone: (740) 387-0992
Counties Served - Marion

Mary Lou Johnson County District Library

Kenton, Ohio
Phone: (419) 673-2278
Counties Served - Hardin

Mt. Gilead Free Public Library

Mt. Gilead, Ohio
Phone: (419) 947-5866
Counties Served - Morrow

Community Public Library

St. Marys, Ohio
Phone: (419) 394-7471
Counties Served - Auglaize

The State Library of Ohio

Phone: (614) 644-6895
Counties Served – Miami, Shelby

2009 LSTA Grants in District 4

Instructional Technology Services of Central Ohio (ITSCO), \$24,000 and \$103,164 respectively for the development of the Literature Lounge Phase II and Phase III. These projects broaden a pilot project originally undertaken between ITSCO, Worthington Libraries and Worthington School District. Library staff created and broadcast content to teachers who wanted more age-appropriate language arts content. Phase II expanded the project by creating a professional development model to provide outreach to additional schools and public libraries. Book Talks introduce and review noteworthy books for students and provide teachers with the skills to incorporate emerging technologies into the creation of fun and interesting book studies. The project is now reaching additional areas of the state and is being further expanded through phase III to other public libraries and school districts in the ITSCO region and eventually to an even broader audience.

Northwest Regional Library System (NORWELD), \$39,033 for a regional digitization project. Twelve member libraries of NORWELD will be scanning and making accessible an array of important and deteriorating local history resources. Participating libraries will be responsible for scanning and metadata entries. The files will then be uploaded to the Ohio Historical Society where they will be made available through the Ohio Memory Project.

Cardington-Lincoln Public Library, \$2,984 for a Choose to Read Ohio grant featuring: *Trouble Don't Last*, *Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper and *Beyond the River* by Anne Hagedorn. This is a collaborative project between the public library and the school district. The titles selected support Ohio social studies content standards and programming will occur at both the public library and the schools. Students were introduced to background material in various subject areas, such as music of the Civil War and the art of quilt making. A six week reading and discussion period took place in Feb. and March and was reinforced by student performances, historical presentations, quilt and art displays.

Urbana University, \$9,980 for a Choose to Read Ohio grant featuring: *Trouble Don't Last* by Shelley Pearsall and *Beyond the River* by Anne Hagedorn. Six public events will be held to promote community discussions and two field trips to three museums will

be offered. Education majors will ready the book and create lesson plans to support teaching the book. These will then be used in partner classrooms at local schools. Parents will be encouraged to read the book with their children and participate in the public events. Associated activities will include presentations on the Underground Railroad in Champaign County, photography of Underground Railroad sites and the Champaign County Quilt/Barn Tour. Field trips to the Piatt Castles, Rankin House, and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center will be offered.



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received 7,866 visits from residents of the counties in the 4th district in 2009. KnowItNow is a live online information service provided free of charge for the citizens of Ohio by the State Library of Ohio and local public libraries through an LSTA grant. Professional librarians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer reference questions and assist people in finding information.

E-Rate Discounts

The tenth round of E-Rate funding under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, has provided substantial telecommunications discounts to many individual libraries across the state. In addition, the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN), connecting all 251 public libraries in Ohio, has received a funding year 2009 commitment of \$1,638,198.31. The following libraries in the 4th District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

Library	City	Total E-Rate Funding Commitment
Ada Public School District Library	Ada	\$1,758.96
Auglaize County District Public Library	Wapakoneta	\$4,747.28
Bluffton Public Library	Bluffton	\$1,560.00
Cardington-Lincoln Public Library	Cardington	\$1,728.00
Champaign County Library	Urbana	\$6,192.00
Delphos Public Library	Delphos	\$1,057.18
Findlay Hancock County District Public Library	Findlay	\$3,309.18

Library	City	Total E-Rate Funding Commitment
Lima Public Library	Lima	\$18,066.00
Logan County District Library	Bellefontaine	\$20,286.84
Marion Public Library	Marion	\$14,096.40
Marvin Memorial Library	Shelby	\$1,347.99
Mary Lou Johnson-Hardin County Public Library	Kenton	\$2,370.65
McComb Public Library	McComb	\$1,675.80
Mt Gilead Free Public Library	Mt. Gilead	\$3,993.27
Ridgemont Public Library	Mt. Victory	\$799.56
Shelby County Libraries	Sidney	\$13,812.90
Tiffin-Seneca Public Library	Tiffin	\$2,318.40
Upper Sandusky Community Library	Upper Sandusky	\$1,166.40
TOTAL		\$100,286.81