



## **Charles A. Wilson DISTRICT SIX**

### **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 subfunding 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 subfunding agencies serve the 6<sup>th</sup> District:

#### **Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library**

Gallipolis, Ohio  
Phone: (740) 446-7323  
Counties Served - Gallia

#### **Briggs Lawrence Co. Public Library**

Ironton, Ohio  
Phone: (740) 532-1124  
Counties Served - Lawrence

#### **Washington County Public Library**

Marietta, Ohio  
Phone: (740) 373-1057 Ext. 226  
Counties Served - Washington

#### **Wellsville Carnegie Public Library**

Wellsville, Ohio  
Phone: (330) 532-1526  
Counties Served - Columbiana

#### **Nelsonville Public Library**

Nelsonville, Ohio  
Phone: (740) 753-2118  
Counties Served - Athens

#### **Meigs County District Public Library**

Pomeroy, Ohio  
Phone: (740) 992-5813  
Counties Served - Meigs

#### **Portsmouth Public Library**

**Portsmouth OH**  
Phone: (740) 353-6320  
Counties Served - Scioto

#### **Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County**

Steubenville, Ohio  
Phone: (740) 282-9782  
Counties Served - Jefferson

#### **Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County**

Youngstown, Ohio  
Phone: (330) 792-3869  
Counties Served - Mahoning

#### **SEO Library Center**

Caldwell, Ohio  
Phone: (740) 783-5705  
Counties Served - Belmont, Monroe, Noble

### **2009 LSTA Grants in District 6**

**North Central Ohio Computer Cooperative (NCOCC), \$141,587** to automate 35 school media centers in nine districts across the state. Six Instructional Technology Centers (ITC) are collaborating on this project. All libraries participating will be joining the INFOhio SirsiDynix automation system.

**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.

**Salem Public Library, \$14,735** to establish satellite library branches in two city parks during the summer of 2009. The branches provided a series of early childhood literacy programs targeting families with children between the ages of three and five. Six story time events occurred at each location, based on the principles of Every Child Ready to Read as well as teach socialization skills necessary for children to succeed in a school environment. The parks selected are located close to economically challenged, residential populations. The collections at the satellite locations contain a mix of library materials.

**Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library, \$8,374** to initiate a countywide early literacy awareness campaign. Literacy packets will be developed and distributed at the local hospital's pediatric department to parents of newborns and at the WIC office. Additionally, library staff will provide Ready to Read seminars at various locations. The purchase of 2 AWE stations will allow the library to provide additional learning experiences to preschoolers visiting the library.



**knowitnow.org** received **6,250 visits from residents of the counties in the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

Library	City	Total E-Rate Funding Commitment
Athens County Public Libraries	Nelsonville	<b>\$3,329.78</b>
Briggs Lawrence County Public Library	Ironton	<b>\$34,783.06</b>
Carnegie Public Library - East Liverpool	East Liverpool	<b>\$3,552.00</b>
Columbiana Public Library	Columbiana	<b>\$1,560.00</b>
Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library	Gallipolis	<b>\$6,835.08</b>
Martins Ferry Public Library	Martins Ferry	<b>\$10,264.56</b>
Meigs County District Public Library	Pomeroy	<b>\$18,576.00</b>
Monroe County District Library	Woodfield	<b>\$2,496.00</b>
Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County	Steubenville	<b>\$38,907.99</b>
Salem Public Library	Salem	<b>\$1,406.88</b>
Washington County Public Library	Marietta	<b>\$14,172.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$135,883.35</b>