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Ohioana Travels the Underground Railroad

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Several years ago, Ohioana developed two educational programs for 4th through 6th graders: the Ohioana Travels the Underground Railroad project and Inspiration Ohio. Through the years they have been used, but not to the extent that Ohioana had hoped. During the past year, the Ohioana Travels the Underground Railroad program was updated and all of the teacher resources were placed online. You can find the program on our website at <http://www.ohioana.org/features/ur/>. The following is a description of the program.



With the help of a grant from Honda of America, support from Ohioana's Virginia Hamilton & Arnold Adoff Endowment, and the generosity of several publishers, the Ohioana Library has been able to share some of the outstanding literature written by Ohioans with Ohio school children. It is Ohioana's belief that children will enjoy learning and will be inspired by writers and illustrators that share a similar background with them; the writers and artists also have made their homes in Ohio.

The Ohioana Library Travels the Underground Railroad project contains tools designed to provide resources for students, teachers, and librarians to augment and enhance the standard classroom curriculum.

The goal of this educational kit is to reach out to students and teachers throughout the state of Ohio. Educators will be able to use this kit to teach about the Underground Railroad and its significance in Ohio. Resources, information, documents, classroom book sets, videos, lesson plans, and other materials have been included to enable teachers to select appropriate materials and ideas in order to reach children of all learning styles in all disciplines of study, including math, geography, social studies, language arts, art, and music.

Ohioana does have copies of all of the books included in the program, which are available to be checked out by teachers and librarians. If you are interested in borrowing the traveling kit from Ohioana, please contact Ohioana's Program Coordinator, Beth Poley, via email at bpoley@ohioana.org or phone at (614) 466-3831.

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