



LSTA 2007 Full Grants

Awarded: September 27, 2007

Grant Period: October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008

Cincinnati Art Museum, \$125,002, to automate the Mary R. Schiff library of visual arts resources many of which are unique, rare or hard to find. The Museum will partner with the University of Cincinnati to add its holdings to the UC online catalog and OhioLINK. Contact: Mona Chapin, 513.639.2976, mchapin@cincyart.org

Clermont County Public Library, \$41,638, to initiate an "Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library" program in all 10 branches of the library. All Youth Services staff will receive Ready to Read training which will be incorporated into all pre-school programming. Outreach programs for parents and child-care providers will also be initiated. Finally the Early Literacy Resource Collection will be expanded and circulating Early Literacy Kits added. Contact: Chris Wick, 513.732.2736 ext.1805, wickch@oplin.org

Geauga County Public Library, \$67,535, to implement Trading Spaces concepts at the Geauga West and Bainbridge branches. To enhance comfort and usability for customers, the library will refurbish the "living room", "family room", and "rec room" areas. Additionally, retail merchandising techniques will be employed to increase usage of audiovisual items and large print books. Contact: Donna Fried, 440.543.5611 drieddo@oplin.org or Rachel Hartman, 440.729.4250, hartmar1@oplin.org

Ohio Christian University, \$99,780, to automate the library collection and join OhioLINK. Automating through OhioLINK will provide more and better resources for students and faculty. Additionally, members of the community will benefit from these enhanced resources due to OCU's partnership with the Pickaway County Education Improvement Committee. Contact: David Tipton, 740.477.7736, dtipton@ohiochristian.edu

Perry County District Library, \$33,297, to reinvent the library as a more inviting, comfortable and vital place for everyone in the community. The Trading Spaces concept will be implemented in all seven of the library branches. Lounge and café style seating, wheeled display gondolas, and new internal signage will be added at all locations. Additionally staff will be trained in merchandising techniques. Contact: Mike Wantz, 740.342.4196, mwantz@pcdl.org

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, \$186,474, to initiate a digitization program at PLCHC to provide access to print materials that are in the public domain and have local significance. Digitization will eliminate access barriers to customers and will allow the library to share its collection with other libraries. PLCHC has selected 161 volumes of the City Directory as the initial collection for digitization. Contact: Jason Buydos, 513.369.3193, Jason.Buydos@cincinnatiilibrary.org

Southwestern Ohio Consortium on High Education, \$77,875, to increase access to academic print information for students with disabilities in 13 SOCHE institutions. The participating libraries will purchase equipment to convert textbooks to digital text for students. OhioLINK will create a virtual library repository of electronic texts which will allow for inter-institutional sharing among participants. There is potential for expanding the project statewide after the pilot year. Contact: Lisa Rhine, 937.327.7924, lrhine@wittenberg.edu