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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 agency serves the 1st District:

Cincinnati Association for the Blind

Cincinnati, Ohio

Phone: (513) 487-4214

Counties Served - Clermont, Hamilton

2009 LSTA Grants in District 1

University of Cincinnati Libraries, \$140,437, to digitize the birth and death records of the City of Cincinnati from 1865-1908. Approximately 340,000 records will be made available on the Web. All records will be available through UC's catalog, OhioLINK and WorldCat (the later two will be a record for the entire collection which will then take the user to the UC database).

Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton Co., \$24,000, to purchase a digital camera that will be used to digitize large format materials as well as equipment to secure the materials and the camera. This equipment will be used to expand the existing and successful digitization program of the library. One thousand maps and prints in the Library's collection will be the first items digitized.

University of Cincinnati, \$24,000, to digitize early volumes of the University of Cincinnati yearbook, *The Cincinnati*. Currently these volumes are used by researchers and the public for genealogy purposes, documenting urban history, and tracing the growth of higher education. The University contracted with the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County to digitize 56 volumes, 16,000 pages. The digital files are available through the University of Cincinnati's website, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Virtual Library, and the OhioLINK Digital Resource Commons.

LaSalle High School, \$22,305 to purchase interactive videoconferencing equipment for distance learning opportunities. The high school is in process of implementing a project based curriculum. The library will use the videoconferencing equipment to assist classes in identifying and utilizing primary source information. The librarian will work with teachers to develop problem and project centered assignments which will utilize virtual field trips.

Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, \$8,325, for the purchase of 30 VictorReader Stream machines to complement and enhance the services and adaptive equipment designed to meet the needs of PLCHC blind and visually impaired users. Users will be able to download a variety of material and are compatible with the National Library Services' digital talking books.

Cincinnati Public Schools/Rothenberg Preparatory Academy, \$1,556 for a Choose to Read Ohio grant featuring: *Where the Steps Were* by Andrea Chang. All third and fourth grade students will read and discuss the book over a four week period and participate in the following activities: making a timeline of the book, studying and writing free verse poems, and presenting fables. They will also do a Reader's Theater performance of the book.



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received 5,425 visits from residents of the counties in the 1st 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 library in the 1st District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

<i>Library</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Total E-Rate Funding Commitment</i>
Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County	Cincinnati	\$570,694.80