



Jean Schmidt **DISTRICT TWO**

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 2nd District:

Cincinnati Association for the Blind

Cincinnati, Ohio

Phone: (513) 487-4214

Counties Served - Clermont, Hamilton

Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike Co.

Waverly, Ohio

Phone: (740) 947-4921

Counties Served - Pike

Middletown Free Public Library

Middletown, Ohio

Phone: (513) 424-4918

Counties Served – Butler, Warren

Portsmouth Public Library

Portsmouth OH

Phone: (740) 353-6320

Counties Served - Scioto

2009 LSTA Grants in District 2

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).

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.

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.

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.

Shawnee State University, Clark Memorial Library, \$278, for the purchase of one VictorReader Stream machine to be made available through the Student Success Center Special Needs Services.



knowitnow.org received **11,010** visits from residents of the counties in the 2nd 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 2nd District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

Library	City	Total E-Rate Funding Commitment
Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County	Cincinnati	\$570,694.80
Adams County Public Library	West Union	\$34,656.00
Blanchester Public Library	Blanchester	\$1,512.00
Brown County Public Library	Georgetown	\$16,525.20
Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County	Waverly	\$14,379.00
Portsmouth Public Library	Portsmouth	\$36,146.91
Union Township Public Library	Ripley	\$9,698.40
TOTAL		\$683,612.31