



Steve Austria **DISTRICT SEVEN**

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 7th District:

Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library

Chillicothe, Ohio
Phone: (740) 702-4111
Counties Served – Jackson, Ross

Southeast Ohio Sight Center

Lancaster, Ohio
Phone: (740) 687-4785
Counties Served - Fairfield

Clark County Public Library

Springfield, Ohio
Phone: (937) 323-9751
Counties Served - Clark

Carnegie Public Library

Washington Court House, Ohio
Phone: (740) 335-2540
Counties Served - Fayette

Greene County District Library

Xenia, Ohio
Phone: (937) 376-2996
Counties Served - Greene

The State Library of Ohio

Columbus, Ohio
Phone: (614) 644-6895
Counties Served – Franklin, Madison, Pickaway

SEO Library Center

Caldwell, Ohio
Phone: (740) 783-5705
Counties Served - Perry

2009 LSTA Grants in District 7

Columbus Metropolitan Library, \$55,700 to establish a digital museum of Columbus, entitled the Columbus Memory Project. The library will be digitizing materials from their collection as well as from the collection at the Columbus Historical Society. Once the project is fully established, other local historical agencies will be able to add materials. The library also plans to work with Columbus City Schools to help support the 3rd grade social studies curriculum.

Clark State Community College, \$4,029 for a Choose to Read Ohio grant featuring: *The Death of Jayson Porter* by Jaime Adoff. Clark State Community College (CSCC) is partnering with Project Jericho (an arts outreach initiative) and the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center. Jaime Adoff will work with teens on a poetry slam and work with them on their original poetry. All participants will receive a bound volume of their individual poetry. Adoff will also hold a public reading for CSCC English students who have read the book *Teens in detention* and CSCC students will have pen pal discussions about the novel.

Wright State University, \$2,131, to initiate a digital fluency summer course for students in the Upward Bound Program. Students will create visuals for movies as well as complete digital storytelling assignments.

Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library, \$555, for the purchase of 2 VictorReader Stream

machines to be made available to patrons of the Library's Special Services Department.



knowitnow.org

received 17,799 visits from residents of the counties in the 7th 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 7th District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

| Library | City | Total E-Rate Funding Commitment |
|---|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Clark County Public Library | Springfield | \$44,966.02 |
| Columbus Metropolitan Library | Columbus | \$253,542.56 |
| Fairfield County District Library | Lancaster | \$6,967.20 |
| Greene County District Library | Xenia | \$52,926.29 |
| Perry County District Library | New Lexington | \$31,618.35 |
| Pickaway County District Public Library | Circleville | \$6,940.55 |
| Pickerington Public Library | Pickerington | \$3,683.09 |
| TOTAL | | \$400,644.06 |