



John A. Boehner DISTRICT EIGHT

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 8th District:

Mercer County District Public Library

Celina, Ohio
Phone: (419) 586-4442
Counties Served - Mercer

Preble County District Library

Eaton, Ohio
Phone: (937) 456-4250
Counties Served - Preble

Greenville Public Library

Greenville, Ohio
Phone: (937) 548-3915
Counties Served - Darke

Middletown Free Public Library

Middletown, Ohio
Phone: (513) 424-4918
Counties Served – Butler, Warren

2009 LSTA Grants in District 8

Lane Public Library/Cleveland Elementary School, \$4,462 for a Choose to Read Ohio grant featuring: *Where the Steps Are* by Andrea Chang. Students at Cleveland Elementary School will read the book in preparation for the demolition of their school. Students will participate in a poetry writing project and in a printmaking project coordinated by Andrea Chang. Student poetry and prints will be bound into booklets. A podcast of the author visit will be posted on the Lane Public Library website.



knowitnow.org

received 9,618 visits from residents of the counties in the 8th 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 8th District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

Library	City	Total E-Rate Funding Commitment
Coldwater Public Library	Coldwater	\$787.02
Greenville Public Library	Greenville	\$2,016.00
J.R. Clarke Public Library	Covington	\$384.00
Lane Public Library	Hamilton	\$34,212.00
Middletown Public Library	Middletown	\$32,486.30
Milton Union Public Library	West Milton	\$1,566.00
New Madison Public Library	New Madison	\$1,891.68
Preble County District Library	Eaton	\$13,842.43
Tipp City Public Library	Tipp City	\$1,056.00
Troy-Miami County Public Library	Troy	\$1,675.92
TOTAL		\$89,917.35