



**Library Services and Technology Act Fiscal Year 2008 State Program Report Overview**

As part of the FY08 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) State Program Report which the State Library submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the following data was compiled.

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**Table 1**

An overview of grant activity in Ohio for FY08. This table provides information on grant requests received and awarded between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008. Federal allotment: \$5,643,980

<b>Public Library Grants</b>			
Number of Libraries Submitting	21	Total Libraries Receiving Grants	12
Number of Applications	25	Total Number Grants Funded	15
Total Requested	\$1,628,659	Total Awarded	\$1,333,776
<b>School Library Grants</b>			
Number of Libraries Submitting	10	Total Libraries Receiving Grants	6
Number of Applications	10	Total Number Grants Funded	6
Total Requested	\$392,603	Total Awarded	\$287,796
<b>Academic Library Grants</b>			
Number of Libraries Submitting	5	Total Libraries Receiving Grants	4
Number of Applications	5	Total Number Grants Funded	4
Total Requested	\$493,266	Total Awarded	\$468,898
<b>Special Library Grants</b>			
Number of Libraries Submitting	1	Total Libraries Receiving Grants	1
Number of Applications	1	Total Number Grants Funded	1
Total Requested	\$125,002	Total Awarded	\$112,720
<b>Multi-Type Library Grants</b>			

Number of Libraries Submitting	5	Total Libraries Receiving Grants	5
Number of Applications	11	Total Number Grants Funded	10
Total Requested	\$1,406,650	Total Awarded	\$1,404,519
<b>SLAA Library Grants*</b>			
Number of Libraries Submitting	1	Total Libraries Receiving Grants	1
Number of Applications	9	Total Number Grants Funded	9
Total Requested	\$2,029,836	Total Awarded	\$2,029,836

\*SLAA Library Grants: IMLS requires states to report on programs administered by the State Library Administering Agency. For FY08, the State Library of Ohio funded 9 major programs all or in part with federal LSTA funds.

**Table 2 -- Number of Grants awarded by type in FY08**

Shows the number of grants awarded in FY08 each of the 6 grant categories, plus State Library administration

Automation	3
Innovative Technology	6
Resource Sharing	9
State Library of Ohio	9
Staff Development and Training	6
Services to Targeted Populations	9
Services to Youth	3

**Exemplary Projects**

The State Library was asked to submit summaries of one to six exemplary projects which were active during FY06. Criteria for selection included furthering the goals of the LSTA five year plan, impact of the project on the targeted audience and an ability to be replicated or serve as a model for other areas of the state.

**Clermont County Public Library** for the Every Child Ready to Read at Your Library project. The CCPL was in a unique position to aid parents by instructing them on developing early literacy skills in their children and also to assist childcare providers in incorporating these skills into their classrooms. Staff are also aligning the Library’s storytimes (babytime, toddler, preschool, and all-age) to address early literacy skill building. Library staff are becoming more active with other community organizations that support children, including early literacy activities. This project dovetails with the governor’s initiatives and with the State Library’s “Ohio Ready to Read” initiative and illustrates how a library can customize the state initiative to meet the local need.

**Cleveland Public Library** for the KnowItNow 24x7 Virtual Reference Project. This was the first full year that the KnowItNow project was administered and coordinated by CPL. The transition in administration was accomplished seamlessly and the project continues to be highly successful. A statewide coordinator has been hired to coordinate all aspects of the service as well as promoting the service at the library level. A significant development occurred in the spring when OhioLINK became a permanent KnowItNow partner. Additionally, CPL continues to work with L-Net (the Oregon statewide virtual reference service) on the implementation of an open-source platform for virtual reference. (This platform was successfully implemented in FFY09).

**Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County** to initiate a digitization project at the library. The focus of the project was to provide greater access to print materials with local significance, beginning with the City Directories for Hamilton County for the years 1819 through 1940. The project began as a collaboration between PLCHC and the Cincinnati Museum Center but led to the development of other organizational partnerships. Material is being loaned to PLCHC and digitized, thus expanding access to other library and historical society's materials. The PLCHC continues to make its equipment and expertise available to other libraries and institutions across the state.

**Southwestern Ohio Consortium on Higher Education (SOCHE)** to increase access to digitized textbooks for qualified students with disabilities. Institutional collaboration among the 13 SOCHE institutions participating in the project was the foundation of the project. SOCHE worked with OhioLINK who agreed to create a virtual library repository of electronic textbooks which will allow any disability provider to access textbooks already converted by participant institutions. Discussions are now underway between SOCHE, OhioLINK, and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission to secure funding to expand the project statewide to include all Ohio postsecondary institutions with OhioLINK membership.