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DISTRICT TEN**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> District:

**Cleveland Sight Center**

Cleveland, Ohio  
Phone: (216) 791-8118 Ext. 250  
Counties Served - Cuyahoga

**2009 LSTA Grants in District 10**

**Cuyahoga County Public Library, \$9,375** for a Choose to Read Ohio grant featuring: *After Tupac and D Foster* by Jacqueline Woodson. Entitled R3O: Read, Rap, Record Ohio! This project will provide educators and other adults in the community with the tools to encourage literacy in the tween community by providing them with interactive, multimedia ways to bring the book to life. Activities include an introduction to hip hop culture, book discussions, book trailer creation and an author visit.



**knowitnow.org** received **20,725 visits from Cuyahoga County residents 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 10<sup>th</sup> District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

Library	City	Total E-Rate Funding Commitment
Cleveland Public Library	Cleveland	<b>\$384,808.15</b>
Cuyahoga County Public Library	Parma	<b>\$203,759.72</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$588,567.87</b>