



Marcia Fudge **DISTRICT ELEVEN**

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 11th District:

Cleveland Sight Center

Cleveland, Ohio

Phone: (216) 791-8118 Ext. 250

Counties Served - Cuyahoga

2009 LSTA Grants in District 11

Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library and Schools, \$5,211 for a Choose to Read Ohio grant featuring: *The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margaret and H.A. Rey* by Louise Borden and *You Remind Me of Me* by Dan Chaon. Two books have been selected to align with a school initiative to allow for varied reading levels. The Borden book was chosen because of the Jewish heritage of the area and the library will collaborate with the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage to assist with activities such as speakers and a display of materials focusing on immigration. A bike ride activity and scrapbooking will be used with younger children. Dan Chaon is a resident of Cleveland-Heights and

traditional book discussion activities will take place. Both authors will conduct writers' workshops at the high school.

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.

Cleveland State University, Michael Schwartz Library, \$2,775, for the purchase of 10 VictorReader Stream machines. The Library partners with the Occupational Therapy Department, and the Office of Disability Services to provide services to students through the Library's Adaptive Technology Lab. VictorReader Streams will be used to offer alternative formats of student textbooks.



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 11th District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

Library	City	Total E-Rate Funding Commitment
Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library	Cleveland Heights	\$16,805.29
Cleveland Public Library	Cleveland	\$384,808.15
Cuyahoga County Public Library	Parma	\$203,759.72
Euclid Public Library	Euclid	\$8,402.40
Shaker Heights Public Library	Shaker Heights	\$14,748.00
TOTAL		\$628,523.56