



Robert E. Latta **DISTRICT FIVE**

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 5th District:

Bucyrus Public Library

Bucyrus, Ohio
Phone: (419) 562-7327
Counties Served - Crawford

Mercer County District Public Library

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

Williams County Public Library

Bryan, Ohio
Phone: (419) 636-6735
Counties Served - Williams

Defiance Public Library

Defiance, Ohio
Phone: (419) 782-1456
Counties Served - Defiance

Birchard Public Library of Sandusky County

Fremont, Ohio
Phone: (419) 334-7101 ext.232
Counties Served - Sandusky

Napoleon Public Library

Napoleon, Ohio
Phone: (419) 592-2531
Counties Served - Henry

Norwalk Public Library

Norwalk, Ohio
Phone: (419) 668-6063
Counties Served - Huron

Paulding County Carnegie Library

Paulding, Ohio
Phone: (419) 399-2032
Counties Served - Paulding

Tiffin-Seneca Public Library

Tiffin, Ohio
Phone: (419) 447-3751
Counties Served - Seneca

Wauseon Public Library

Tiffin, Ohio
Phone: (419) 336-6626
Counties Served - Fulton

Wood County District Public Library

Bowling Green, Ohio
Phone: (419) 352-5104
Counties Served - Wood

The State Library of Ohio

Columbus, Ohio
Phone: (614) 644-6895
Counties Served - Lucas, Putnam, Van Wert, Wyandot

2009 LSTA Grants in District 5

North Central Ohio Computer Cooperative (NCOCC), \$141,587 to automate 35 school media centers in nine districts across the state. Six Instructional Technology Centers (ITC) are collaborating on this project. All libraries participating will be joining the INFOhio SirsiDynix automation system.

Instructional Technology Services of Central Ohio (ITSCO), \$24,000 and \$103,164 respectively for the development of the Literature Lounge Phase II and Phase III. These projects broaden a pilot

project originally undertaken between ITSCO, Worthington Libraries and Worthington School District. Library staff created and broadcast content to teachers who wanted more age-appropriate language arts content. Phase II expanded the project by creating a professional development model to provide outreach to additional schools and public libraries. Book Talks introduce and review noteworthy books for students and provide teachers with the skills to incorporate emerging technologies into the creation of fun and interesting book studies. The project is now reaching additional areas of the state and is being further expanded through phase III to other public libraries and school districts in the ITSCO region and eventually to an even broader audience.

Northwest Regional Library System (NORWELD), \$39,033 for a regional digitization project. Twelve member libraries of NORWELD will be scanning and making accessible an array of important and deteriorating local history resources. Participating libraries will be responsible for scanning and metadata entries. The files will then be uploaded to the Ohio Historical Society where they will be made available through the Ohio Memory Project.

Rossford Exempted Village School District, \$38,575, to train Rossford staff as well as public library personnel and Bowling Green State University library and college of education personnel on safe Internet use and how to effectively evaluate quality content and authority of information.

Way Public Library, \$2,470 for a Choose to Read Ohio grant featuring: *Beyond the River* by Anne Hagedorn. The library will offer seven book discussions on the book and the Underground Railroad, culminating with an author visit. Book lists for further reading will be developed and distributed and special library displays created.

Birchard Public Library, \$1,665, for the purchase of 6 VictorReader Stream machines. The Library plans to partner with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities. SCBofDD will use the VictorReader Streams with their Next Chapter Book Club. SCBofDD and the Library's Outreach Department will market the machines directly to patrons.

Pettisville School Library, \$1,127 for a Choose to Read Ohio grant featuring: *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey and *Trouble Don't Last* by Shelley Pearsall. K-3 students will be read *Make Way for Ducklings* and see a video about the author. They will then learn about artists/illustrators and the Caldecott Medal and this will be used to as a means to learn library location skills. Eighth grade students will read *Trouble Don't Last* as part of their social studies class. A minimum of seven discussion sessions will be held and students will also be asked to do library research on Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.



knowitnow.org

received 9,785 visits from residents of the counties in the 5th 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 5th District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

Library	City	Total E-Rate Funding Commitment
Birchard Public Library	Fremont	\$16,158.00
Defiance Public Library	Defiance	\$12,668.40
Delphos Public Library	Delphos	\$1,057.18
Delta Public Library	Delta	\$1,704.00
Evergreen Community Library	Metamora	\$2,520.00
Kaubisch Memorial Public Library	Fostoria	\$3,619.20
Liberty Center Public Library	Liberty Center	\$1,728.00
Mercer County District Public Library	Celina	\$10,260.00
Montpelier Public Library	Montpelier	\$1,739.64
New London Public Library	New London	\$1,941.55
Normal Memorial Library	Fayette	\$844.20
North Baltimore Public Library	North Baltimore	\$484.80
Norwalk Public Library	Norwalk	\$2,462.90
NORWELD	Bowling Green	\$617.81
Patrick Henry School District Public Libraries	Deshler	\$2,880.00
Paulding County Carnegie Library	Paulding	\$4,327.38
Pemberville Public Library	Pemberville	\$1,857.60
Putnam County District Library	Ottawa	\$5,355.19
Rockford Carnegie Library	Rockford	\$252.00
Seneca East Public Library	Attica	\$1,066.75
Upper Sandusky Community Library	Upper Sandusky	\$1,166.40
Wauseon Public Library	Wauseon	\$824.94
Way Public Library	Perrysburg	\$2,155.20
Williams County Public Library	Bryan	\$6,370.20
TOTAL		\$84,061.34