



## *Steven C. LaTourette* DISTRICT FOURTEEN

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> District:

#### **Akron Blind Center and Workshop**

Akron, Ohio  
Phone: (330) 253-2555  
Counties Served - Summit

#### **Geauga County Public Library**

Chardon, Ohio  
Phone: (440) 286-6811  
Counties Served - Geauga

#### **Reed Memorial Library**

Ravenna, Ohio  
Phone: (330) 296-2827  
Counties Served - Portage

#### **Ashtabula County District Library**

Ashtabula, Ohio  
Phone: (440) 997-9341  
Counties Served - Ashtabula

### **Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library**

Willowick, Ohio  
Phone: (440) 944-6900  
Counties Served – Lake

### 2009 LSTA Grants in District 14

**Jefferson Area Local School District, \$3,348**, to initiate a literacy project at the Junior/Senior High School using Playaway audio books. This project targets students with Individualized Educational Plans and those on individualized educational intervention plans. It is anticipated that using Playaways will encourage these students to read, follow along with the book and help them with words they are struggling to learn. Quizzes and book reports will be used to assess increased understanding.

**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](http://knowitnow.org)

received **40,737** visits from residents of the counties in the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

<b>Library</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Total E-Rate Funding Commitment</b>
Ashtabula County District Library	Ashtabula	<b>\$2,104.97</b>
Conneaut Carnegie Library	Conneaut	<b>\$2,380.80</b>
Harbor-Topky Memorial Library	Ashtabula Harbor	<b>\$2,832.00</b>
Henderson Memorial Library Association	Jefferson	<b>\$1,346.40</b>
Madison Public Library	Madison	<b>\$3,135.88</b>
Perry Public Library	Perry	<b>\$1,296.00</b>
Portage County District Library	Garrettsville	<b>\$20,074.08</b>
Rock Creek Public Library	Rock Creek	<b>\$885.60</b>
Twinsburg Public Library	Twinsburg	<b>\$3,160.32</b>
Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library	Willoughby	<b>\$12,252.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$49,468.05</b>