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DISTRICT FIFTEEN

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 15th District:

The State Library of Ohio

Columbus, Ohio
Phone: (614) 644-6895
Counties Served - Franklin, Madison

Marysville Public Library

Marysville, Ohio
Phone: (937) 642-1876
Counties Served - Union

Southwest Public Libraries

Grove City, Ohio
Phone: (614) 875-6716
Counties Served - Southern Franklin

2009 LSTA Grants in District 15

Columbus Metropolitan Library, \$55,700 to establish a digital museum of Columbus, entitled the Columbus Memory Project. The library will be digitizing materials from their collection as well as from the collection at the Columbus Historical Society. Once the project is fully established, ether

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.

Dublin City Schools, 23,861, to purchase a variety of hardware and software designed to improve access for those with disabilities. Purchases included: Kurzweil 3000 Learn Station, Intellikeys keyboards, Magic Touch Add-On Converter monitor, Co:Writer Software, Stat to Finish Literacy Starters, Zoom Caps, and a variety of Playaway Audio/Digital Books. This project will help provide support for libraries services to provide access to informational resources to persons within the school community. To accomplish the goals of the project, DCS is partnering with the Dublin Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

The Ohio State University, \$14,943 for the “What is Your Hilltop?” project. The OSU library partnered with the Hilltop Branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library, the University’s Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing and the Goldberg Center. A community class was conducted at the public library to teach audio production, photo manipulation, and video editing as well as story planning procedures and interview techniques. Participants will use their skills to collect and document local history interviews and important community events.

Columbus City Schools/Indian Springs Elementary, \$2,214 for a Choose to Read Ohio grant featuring: *Trouble Don't Last* by Shelley Pearsall. Fourth and fifth grade students will read the book and complete a variety of projects on the book itself, the history within the book and the author. The unit will culminate with a visit to Kelton House and an author visit.



knowitnow.org received **11,810 visits from residents of the counties in the 15th 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 15th District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

Library	City	Total E-Rate Funding Commitment
Columbus Metropolitan Library	Columbus	\$253,542.56
Grandview Heights Public Library	Grandview Heights	\$5,462.64
London Public Library	London	\$1,158.00
Marysville Public Library	Marysville	\$4,829.16
Mt Sterling Public Library	Mt. Sterling	\$2,122.37
Southwest Public Libraries	Grove City	\$16,473.31
Upper Arlington Public Library	Upper Arlington	\$7,056.00
TOTAL		\$290,644.04