



John Bocchieri **DISTRICT SIXTEEN**

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 16th District:

Wadsworth Public Library

Wadsworth, Ohio
Phone: (330) 334-5761
Counties Served - S.E. Medina

Medina County District Library

Medina, Ohio
Phone: (330) 722-2590
Counties Served - Medina

Philomatheon Society of the Blind

Canton, Ohio
Phone: (330) 453-9157
Counties Served – Carroll, Stark, Tuscarawas, Holmes

Wayne County Public Library

Wooster, Ohio
Phone: (330) 262-0916
Counties Served - Wayne

Loudonville Public Library

Loudonville, Ohio
Phone: (419) 994-5531
Counties Served - Ashland

2009 LSTA Grants in District 16

Stark County District Library, \$21,003 to expand the library's Born 2 Read program to all 11 locations of the Library system. Additionally, outreach locations will include Even Start, community services of Stark County, a local school, and the Mother Mentor program. An emphasis will be placed on reaching those who are not currently library users.



knowitnow.org

received 6,292 visits from residents of the counties in the 16th 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 16th District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

Library	City	Total E-Rate Funding Commitment
Geauga County Public Library	Chardon	\$34,553.15
Loudonville Public Library	Loudonville	\$2,100.00
Massillon Public Library	Massillon	\$10,043.89
Medina County District Library	Medina	\$47,971.34
North Canton Public Library	North Canton	\$1,992.00
Rodman Public Library	Alliance	\$7,815.40
Stark County District Library	Canton	\$120,630.24
Wadsworth Public Library	Wadsworth	\$3,459.12
Wayne County Public Library	Wooster	\$36,837.96
TOTAL		\$265,403.10