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**DISTRICT NINE**

**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 subblending 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 subblending agency serves the 9<sup>th</sup> District:

**Huron Public Library**

Huron, Ohio  
Phone: (419) 433-5009  
County Served - Erie

**The State Library of Ohio**

Columbus, Ohio  
Phone: (614) 644-6895  
Counties Served -Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa

**2009 LSTA Grants in District 9**

**Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, \$11,778** to establish the Edrene Cole African American History Collection. Edrena Cole is a deceased educator and local historian. This project includes taping interviews of African Americans in the Toledo area and making the interviews as well as photographs and documents of historical significance available to the public in a variety of formats.

**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.



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

**received 5,652 visits from residents of the counties in the 9<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 9<sup>th</sup> District received a funding year 2009 commitment:

<b>Library</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Total E-Rate Funding Commitment</b>
Amherst Public Library	Amherst	<b>\$2,186.16</b>
Grafton-Midview Public Library	Grafton	<b>\$1,350.00</b>
Harris-Elmore Public Library	Elmore	<b>\$6,930.00</b>
Herrick Memorial Public Library	Wellington	<b>\$1,208.34</b>
Huron Public Library	Huron	<b>\$2,670.00</b>
Oak Harbor Public Library	Oak Harbor	<b>\$1,368.00</b>
Oberlin Public Library	Oberlin	<b>\$3,840.00</b>
Ritter Public Library	Vermilion	<b>\$2,128.18</b>
Sandusky Library	Sandusky	<b>\$9,947.76</b>
Toledo-Lucas County Public Library	Toledo	<b>\$82,128.04</b>
Westlake Porter Public Library	Westlake	<b>\$5,102.40</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$118,858.88</b>