

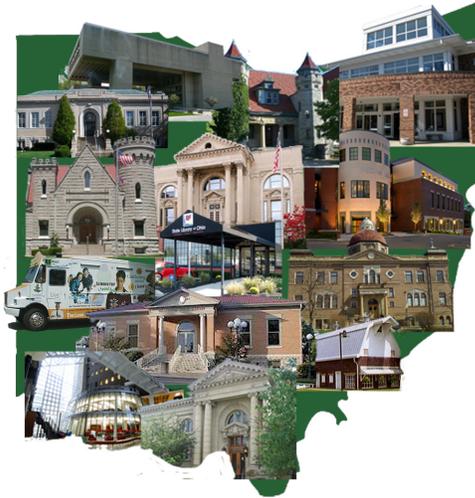


FEDERAL FUNDS HELP OHIO LIBRARIES

Federal funds are used to help ensure that Ohioans have access to library service and information anytime, anywhere. Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds assist Ohio libraries and their patrons in a variety of ways from funding a statewide collection of authoritative online resources available to all Ohioans to helping the disabled gain access to library resources.

Libraries Connect Ohio

Libraries Connect Ohio is a strong partnership between the **State Library of Ohio**, the **Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN)**, the **Information Network for Schools (INFOhio)**, and the higher education network (**OhioLINK**). Approximately \$1.37 million in LSTA funds were used for **a core collection of online resources** to support quality education, a skilled workforce, business growth, and lifelong learning for all Ohioans.



An additional \$75,000 in LSTA funds were used this past year to add the **Job and Career Accelerator** to the LearningExpress Library to assist Ohioans with finding employment during these tough economic times.

LSTA Competitive Grants

39 competitive LSTA grants were awarded in 2009 to libraries around the state for a total of \$864,895 in federal funds.

A total of 7 full grants, 13 minigrants and a disability grant were awarded to all types of libraries for a variety of projects including digitization projects, library automation and Ready to Read projects to ensure children are ready to read when they enter school. A \$60,300 full grant was awarded to Kent State University Libraries for expansion of the statewide TRAILS project. TRAILS is a Web-based system developed to provide an easily accessible and flexible tool for library media specialists and teachers to identify strengths and weaknesses in the information-seeking skills of their students.

In addition, 13 Choose to Read Ohio grants were awarded to libraries around the state to spotlight Ohio authors and promote reading across Ohio.

Online Reference Service



\$548,632 was used for KnowItNow 24/7, the online reference service for all Ohioans. Professional librarians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer reference questions and assist people in finding information.

Ohio Libraries Share



\$382,672 was used to fund Ohio Libraries Share MORE. Nearly 100 libraries around the state with nearly **17 million volumes** serving 2.5 million Ohioans participate in this project to share library resources.

Talking Books



This program provides free recorded books, magazines and playback equipment to approximately **15,000** eligible blind, visually impaired, physically disabled, and reading disabled Ohio residents.

\$223,892 was used by the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled in Cleveland to circulate the talking books.

\$138,388 allowed the State Library of Ohio to coordinate the Ohio program and serve as the machine lending agency for the state in conjunction with 61 sub-lending agencies around the state.

Ohio's Cultural Heritage



\$40,000 for Ohio Heritage Partnership: A Statewide Initiative.

In partnership with the Ohio Historical Society the State Library received an IMLS Connecting to Collections Planning Grant to focus on the lack of care and preservation of Ohio's cultural heritage which has reached a crisis point and must be addressed if our heritage is to be saved.



Federal Funds are awarded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and administered by the State Library of Ohio.