

State Library of Ohio

2008 Annual Report



State Librarian Report

2008 was filled with many exciting initiatives and successes in the programs and services provided by the State Library. However, like the rest of the country, the State Library faced hardship as the need for our programs and services increased and our funding decreased.

Budget cuts (10% in February 08; 4.75% in September 08; and projected 10% for the new biennium) were challenging to say the least. Yet, I would be remiss if I did not commend State Library staff who continue to provide the best possible library service.

Within this report you will read about new initiatives like WebJunction Ohio, WorldCat Local and Statewide Resource Sharing. Projects in 2008 included the development of new software for KnowItNow, expansion of the LearningExpress Library database and increasing access to material in the State Library Rare Book Room. The READ posters project began with posters featuring Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and First Lady Mrs. Frances Strickland and continues to include other public officials.



My library visits have been great; I have completed visits to 109 public libraries and a couple of academic libraries! I am planning more for the year to come. I learn so much during my visits. This really does help the State Library as we plan and prioritize, especially at times like these when funds are being cut and it is not possible for us to do all that we wish to do. But the work, the challenges and the fun don't stop there. The partnerships are many – Ohio Ready to Read, Libraries Connect Ohio, and our newest initiative – a take-off on the One Book, One Community – *Choose to Read Ohio*. We look forward to more of this in our future!

Jo Budler

2008 State Library of Ohio Board



George Paulson, M. D.
Board President
Term Ends: 12/31/2010



Mary Vesper Schwetschenau
Board Vice President
Term Ends: 12/31/2011

The State Library is governed by a five member board. The Board members are appointed by the State Board of Education and each member serves a five year term of office. Under the Ohio Revised Code, section 3375.01, the State Library Board is responsible for the State Library of Ohio and a statewide program of development and coordination of library services.



Lynn Grimshaw
Member
Term Ends: 12/31/2009



Lucille Hastings
Member
Term Ended: 12/31/2008



Ward Murrey
Member
Term Ends: 12/31/2012

Vision

The State Library of Ohio will lead in ensuring the delivery of all information and library services to all Ohio residents, anywhere, anytime

Mission

Lead and partner in the development of library services throughout Ohio
Promote and enable resource sharing among libraries and library networks
Provide access to information for Ohio's state government
Provide specialized services to Ohio's residents

WebJunction Ohio



The State Library of Ohio launched WebJunction Ohio (WJOH) in 2008. The Ohio site launch occurred in conjunction with a new WebJunction platform release. This collaboration provides new and exciting opportunities including: online courses provided at no cost to all library staff in Ohio, content rich resources, social networking through groups and discussions, and the ability for library members to post documents and add comments. In addition, library members can attend live online interactive trainings or meetings using Wimba, track statewide events through the E*vents calendar system, and keep up to date with news and information through BlogJunction Ohio.



WorldCat Local

Find Books and Other Resources

Libraries Worldwide
Search

Advanced Search
Search with WorldCat®

On April 28, 2008, the State Library of Ohio became the first state library in the country to implement WorldCat Local. WorldCat Local has improved service by expanding the number of resources located from a single search and making it easier to request selected materials.

WorldCat Local logged 6,723 visitors who have entered over 15,000 searches for library resources in 2008. Book reviews are available under the Review Tab. These reviews include Amazon reviews as well as user contributed reviews. In addition, users may refine searches by limiting by Author, Format, Year, Content, Audience, Language, and Topic.

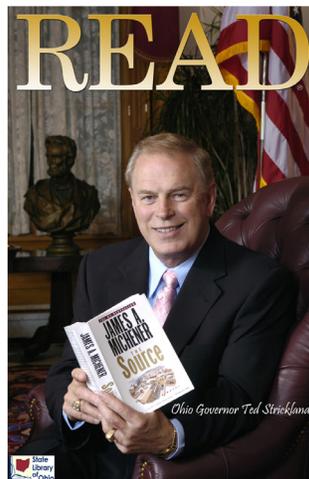
Ohio Web Library

At its April 24, 2008 meeting, the State Library of Ohio Board approved a \$1,467,414 federal Institute of Museum and Library Services LSTA grant request from the Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO) partners to fund the purchase of the Ohio Web Library databases. The Libraries Connect Ohio partners include OPLIN, OhioLINK, INFOhio, and the State Library.



The Ohio Web Library website launched on July 1, 2008. Libraries Connect Ohio partner OPLIN developed and manages the site. The site provides a fast and easy to use federated search tool for retrieving information from the entire collection of information databases purchased through LCO.

READ Posters



The State Library of Ohio created READ posters of Ohio Governor Ted Strickland, First Lady Mrs. Frances Strickland, and Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner in 2008. The posters were sent to public, academic, and state agency libraries for display. The posters were created using the ALA trademark READ CD.

Additional READ posters will be created throughout 2009. All posters are on display in the lobby of the State Library and available for download from our website.



Library Visits

State Librarian Jo Budler hit the road to visit 27 libraries in 2008. Of special note was her trip to Portsmouth Public Library which marked her 100th Ohio public library visit since coming to Ohio in 2004. The visits provide Jo the opportunity to talk with librarians, staff, and administrators; tour the libraries; and to engage in dialogue about ways



to work together to ensure quality library service for all Ohio residents. After her visits, Jo writes a summary of her trip and posts it to the visits journal pages on the State Library website.

Kent State University Columbus Library Science Program

Kent State University School of Library and Information Science Columbus program moved to the State Library of Ohio in 2008.

The relocation is a historical event as it is the first Library Science School within a state library since Melvil Dewey's School of Library Economy at the State Library of New York opened in 1889.

Classes began with the 2008 summer term in the newly renovated 6,100 square foot space featuring state of the art classroom facilities, conference and meeting areas, offices, and a technology laboratory.



*Pictured: Front Row L-R: Laura Cheng, Jo Budler, Dr. Rick Rubin, Mary Vesper-Schwetschenau, Lucille Hastings, Miriam Matteson
Back Row L-R: Dr. Greg Byerly, Ward Murrey, Lynn Grimshaw, Dr. George Paulson, Dr. Carolyn Brodie, Dr. Belinda Boon*

State Library Staff Moves Stacks

As a result of mandatory budget cuts in 2008, the State Library reviewed its space needs. After brainstorming how to meet the State Library's recent budget reductions, the office and book stacks areas in the northeast corner of our rented space were vacated and returned to the landlord. Approximately 16,000 square feet of space housing offices, cubicles, metal shelving and 65,000 books were shifted by State Library staff themselves. The Research Services staff was integrated into other available office space within the State Library. Library visitors have reacted positively to the new location of the book stacks, which are now much closer to the Library's entrance, meeting rooms, and reference desk.



Stacks donated to Putnam County District Library



In August of 2007, the Putnam County District Library (PCDL) was devastated by a flood that destroyed over 1/3 of the collection and the majority of the contents of the building, including all of the oak

shelving units. That fall, the library temporarily moved to the Educational Service Center of Putnam County. Community members and staff pitched in to donate books and the Kalida school system loaned a circulation desk and some shelving units with the understanding that they would have to be returned by the end of the school year. As the date approached, it looked like they were going to have to purchase shelving to hold the library's 14,000 materials.

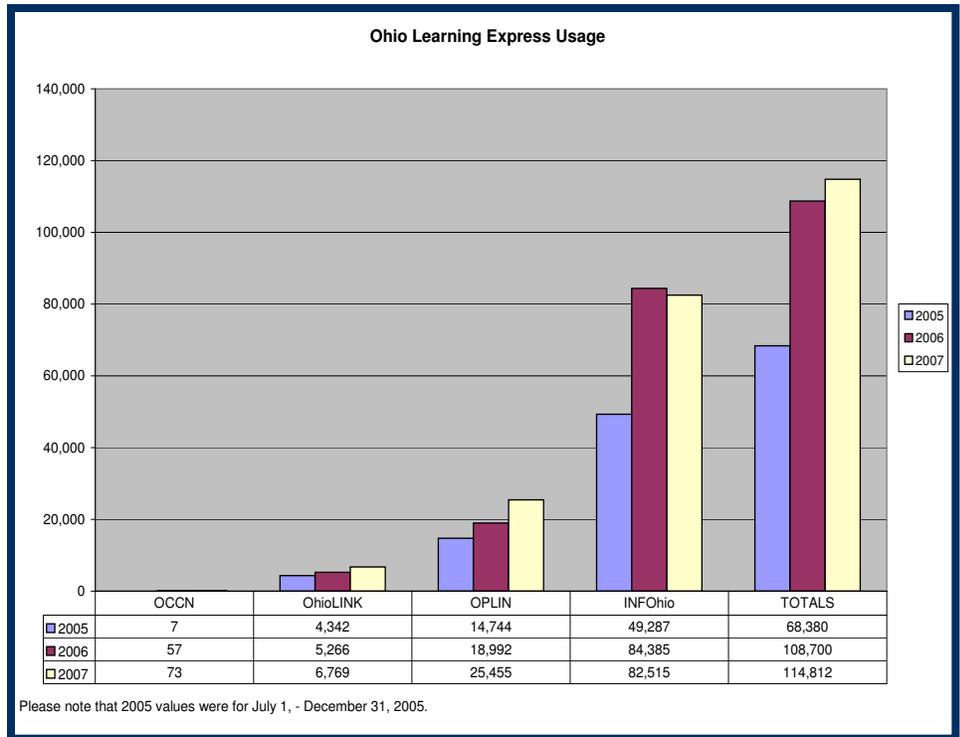


In March of 2008, the State Library of Ohio was in the process of reducing space in order to save money. Shelving units were donated to PCDL along with office furniture and a patron computer desk system. In April of 2008, staff and community members helped to remove the borrowed bookcases and replace them with the new shelving from the State Library.

LearningExpress Library

LearningExpress Library entered its fourth year as a database available to all Ohio residents through the Libraries Connect Ohio core set of databases. The service is a comprehensive, interactive online learning platform of practice tests and tutorial course series designed to help patrons—students and adult learners—succeed on the academic or licensing tests they must pass. Users get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis of their results.

On July 1, LearningExpress Library was renewed with additional courses including Adobe Acrobat and the following Microsoft products: Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Word, Explorer, and Windows Vista. Whether it's helping a student master the SAT test or improve his/her writing skills or helping a job seeker prepare for the firefighters' exam or nursing test, LearningExpress Library continues to be a valuable tool for Ohioans.



Serving Every Ohioan (SEO)



In 2008, SEO launched the SEO MediaNet News and SEO Expo newsletters for improved awareness of the die-cut patterns collection and the media collection with Public Performance Rights for group showings in the Ohio Library community.

A collection project where the Dewey collection was evaluated for withdrawal or inclusion into the Library of Congress collection was completed. Enhancements were made to the member libraries' catalogs through the public access 'HIP' for a more user friendly experience. A fresh look and increase of indexes available were based on comments from a Customer Survey conducted last April with over 1,400 responding. SEO purchased ebook MP3s and Blu-rays for its collection.

A Help Desk Software package was implemented to assist the IT staff with providing more efficient and consistent Horizon support to membership.

A PC management and print management group purchase was negotiated with EnvisionWare for membership libraries.

The wireless access point was upgraded in the SEO Library Center.

Mobile Technology Lab

In 2008 the State Library's Mobile Computer Training Lab celebrated its sixth year of serving the residents of Ohio. This year was a very rewarding year for the Lab with 29 library visits across Ohio and 2,027 residents participating. Of the 29, five of the libraries were using the lab for the first time and five other libraries were scheduling multiple visits. The Libraries are each asked to complete an evaluation of their experience at the



end of their scheduled visit and they all remark on the ease that the mobile classroom allows them when offering training to their residents that otherwise would not be available. They believe this is a phenomenal service the State Library offers. Each asks the same question—how soon can we schedule the lab to return?

PowerPoint, Introduction to Personal Computers, Digital Camera, Internet for Seniors, eBay Searching, E-mail



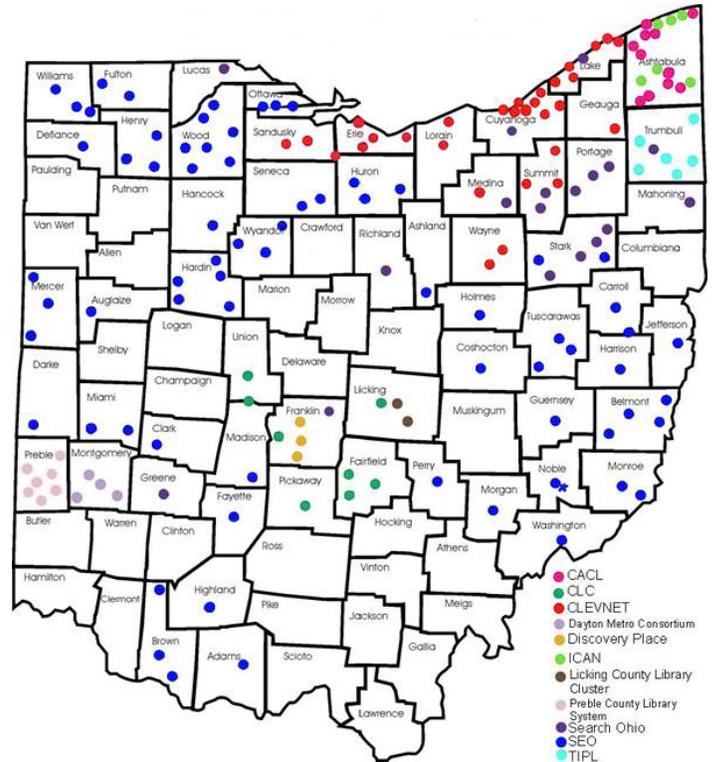
Basics, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Publisher, Hotmail, Genealogy, and Introduction to Vista are a sample of the 357 classes taught.

Statewide Resource Sharing

The State Library contracted with RMG Consultants, Inc. in late 2007 to help determine the direction of the next-generation of statewide resource sharing (SWRS). After conducting focus groups around the state, gathering feedback from the library community, and releasing a needs assessment, RMG and the State Library released a Request for Information (RFI). The RFI was issued to vendors of resource sharing solutions of interest, in coordination with the State Library of Ohio. In 2008, based on the RFI responses, the vendor presentations, the Statewide Resource Sharing Executive Team meeting, and the cost analysis, RMG produced the report, "Plans and Recommendations for Enhanced Statewide Resource Sharing for the State Library of Ohio."

A SWRS Steering Committee, comprised of public library staff of Ohio consortia, met in March 2008 to discuss the report from RMG. The committee concluded that no product is currently available that would be significantly better than the current Ohio Libraries Share: MORE system and provided recommendations to enhance the current system. At a statewide videoconference, the library community was given the opportunity to react to the findings of the SWRS Steering Committee during break-out sessions. At the conclusion of the videoconference, the State Library determined it would not issue an RFP at that time but would continue monitoring the environment and explore open source possibilities.

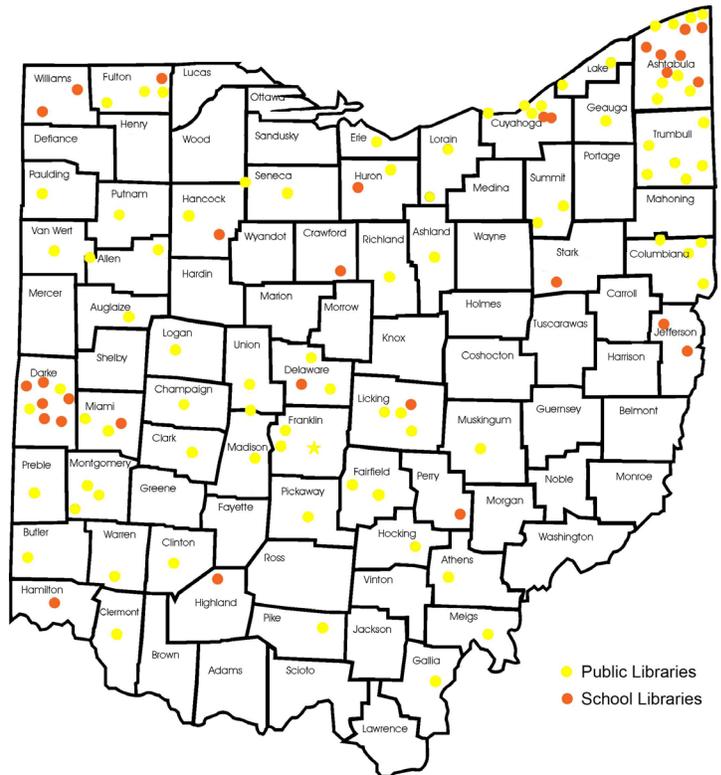
At the conclusion of 2008, the State Library continued to look into developing open source software that could use NCIP as well as alternate methods of communication between the many different ILS products being used by Ohio libraries today.



Public Library Consortia in Ohio

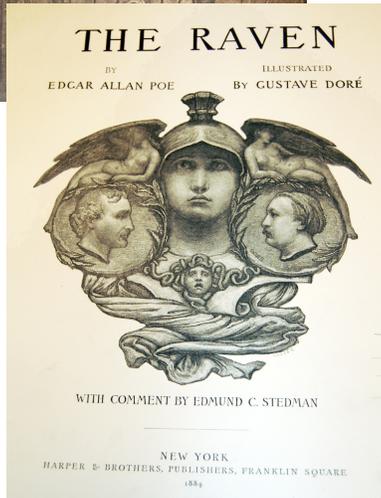


OhioLINK



Ohio Libraries Share: MORE Libraries

Rare Book Room



In late 2007, State Library staff embarked upon a project to organize and inventory the approximately 7,000 titles held in the Rare Book Room. This involved performing a shelf read and inventory, stabilizing fragile items, and cataloging the 700 unique titles residing in the Rare Book Room but not yet entered into the library's catalog. The project was completed on schedule in June 2008.

With such a large number of titles newly entered into the catalog, it is no surprise that many fascinating items were discovered as the project proceeded. For

example, a copy of Poe's *The Raven*, published in 1884 and illustrated by Gustav Doré, was found and added to the catalog. Two copies of Samuel Johnson's two-volume, 1784 publication of *A Dictionary of the English Language* were also added to the catalog, as were several wonderful atlases, some dating to the 17th century, and hundreds of other publications, many of them centuries-old.

Dec April 1839												
Days of the Month	Thermometer			Wind			Weather			Observations		
	Bar.	Th.	F.	Dir.	St.	Dir.	St.	Dir.	St.			
1st	30	62	58	S.E.	N.W.	N.W.	Dr.	Dr.	Dr.	Clear Shining Day		
2nd	30	70	60	N.W.	N.W.	N.W.	Dr.	Dr.	Dr.	Clear		

Also exciting for library staff was the discovery of a number of manuscript items. One interesting find was a ledger kept by Zachariah Mills, who served as State Librarian of Ohio from 1824-1842. From 1838-1844, Mr. Mills kept a record of the weather conditions in Columbus, including the temperature, wind direction, and his personal observations. Occasionally he would include additional notes, such as this comment from December 11, 1839: "Snow fell this morning to the depth of about 3 inches; sleighs in the street for the first time this winter." A number of 19th-century autograph books were also found in the Rare Book Room, one being a book of autographs of Federal soldiers held in Portsmouth, Virginia, during the Civil War. It contains not only signatures but pencil sketches of the surrounding area and even handwritten music and lyrics to a song entitled "Tattoo."

KnowItNow



In February, Don Boozer was hired as the Statewide Coordinator. Jo Budler, State Librarian of Ohio, and Jim Schepcke, Oregon State Librarian, joined forces and selected Spark, an open source product for KIN. In April, the State Library of Ohio Board approved an additional \$57,500 in funds to develop the product for use as a virtual reference tool.

Ohio switched to the new software on September

2. The Spark software opened up new possibilities for accessing KIN24x7 including leaving a message for email follow-ups and interacting through commercial instant messaging services like AOL or Yahoo!. Both of these avenues are being explored to provide all Ohio residents, including the visually-impaired, more complete access to the service.

After a successful pilot program from January through March, OhioLINK became an official partner in April 2008. A new portal was inaugurated, KnowItNow Academic, and librarians from over a dozen Ohio colleges and universities began answering questions along with the public and special librarians already staffing KIN24x7.

Meeting Rooms



The State Library Meeting Rooms were used over a thousand times in the fiscal year (July 2007 to June 2008). State of Ohio agencies used these rooms free of charge for work-related purposes. These rooms are available during regular Library business hours.

There are two small meeting rooms (capacity 16 or less), a medium sized room (capacity 30), a large boardroom (capacity 17 – 120) and training room (capacity 24) available for use.

Budget

2008 was a challenging year for the State Library's budget. On February 15, 2008, the State Library received notification of the results of the Budget Reduction Plan for FY 2008 and FY 2009. These reductions affected General Revenue Funds (GRF) and other funding sources within the State Library as some GRF obligations were met with other sources of funding. Budget line items that received a 10% reduction were given the flexibility of taking a different percentage reduction in each fiscal year as long as the total was still achieved.

There was a 10% reduction in the State Library internal operations budget. The reduction was achieved in FY 2008 and in FY 2009 through elimination of positions as well as reductions in maintenance, equipment and library materials. OPLIN and the Regional Library Systems also received a 10% reduction in their GRF funding.

The State Library and Ohioana Library rental obligations at 274 East First Avenue were exempted from the 10% reduction. Since the State Library rental obligation consumes more than 25% of internal operations, approximately 16,000 square feet of space was released to the Landlord. The Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the Cleveland Public Library and the

Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County were also exempted from the 10% reduction.

On September 15, 2008, the State Library submitted the biennial budget for FY 2010 and FY 2011. The instructions for completion of this biennial budget given by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) were for funding levels at 90% of the already reduced FY 2009 levels for both years of the biennium. Additionally, the State Library was given the opportunity to submit a separate request for an additional 5% for each program within the budget.

The State Library's biennial budget is currently being reviewed by OBM and the Governor's office. Governor Strickland will introduce the Executive Budget for FY 2010-2011 in February of 2009. The budget then goes before the House and the Senate before ending at a Conference Committee sometime in June. The new operating budget begins on July 1, 2009.

As budget cuts continue, the State Library is reviewing all programs, services, and non-essential purchases and developing strategies to reduce spending and provide the best possible library service.

STATE FISCAL YEAR 2008 (7/1/2007-6/30/2008)

	General Revenue Funds (GRF)	LSTA Federal	Non-GRF Funds	Total Expended
Payroll/Personal Service	3,439,737	968,163	623,303	5,031,203
Maintenance	1,942,330	797,366	1,618,822	4,358,518
Equipment/Library Materials	356,272	267,615	0	623,887
OPLIN	3,897,000	0	1,432,545	5,329,545
Ohioana Rental	124,816	0	0	124,816
Grants	2,235,497	3,588,818	0	5,824,315
Refunds	0	0	4,813	4,813
Total	\$11,995,652	\$5,621,962	\$3,679,483	\$21,297,097
Sources of Funds				
Non-GRF Funds	3,679,483	17%		
LSTA Funds	5,621,962	27%		
GRF Funds	11,995,652	56%		
Total Source of Funds	\$21,297,097	100%		
Library Grants				
GRF Funds (a)	2,338,576	39%		
LSTA Funds	3,588,818	61%		
Total Library Grants (a)	\$5,927,394	100%		
Expenditures				
Operating	15,369,703	72%		
Grants	5,927,394	28%		
Total Expenditures	\$21,297,097	100%		

(a) Includes \$103,079 in OPLIN Filtering Grants



LSTA GRANTS AWARDED ~ STATE FISCAL YEAR 2008 JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

LSTA - 2006 FUNDS

Blind & Physically Handicapped	
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County	84,000
Cleveland Public Library	116,000
KnowItNow/Virtual Reference	
Cleveland Public Library	100,890
Training/Videoconferencing	
NEO Regional Library System	25,000
SERLS	25,000
SWON Libraries	25,000
NORWELD	25,000
TOTAL LSTA FUNDS - FFY 2006	\$400,890



LSTA - 2007 FUNDS

Automation	
Cincinnati Art Museum	125,002
Ohio Christian University	99,780
Pioneer Career & Technology Center	207,834
Blind & Physically Handicapped	
Cleveland Public Library	13,572
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County	10,320
Continuing Education	
NEO Regional Library System	19,067
SERLS	3,000
SWON Libraries	24,000
Innovative Technology	
Antwerp Local School District	18,514
East Guernsey Local School District	7,397
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County	186,474
Rocky River City Schools	23,845
Ross Local School District	18,500
West Branch Local School District	11,706
KnowItNow/Virtual Reference	
Cleveland Public Library	599,004
Libraries Connect Ohio	
Wright State University	981,730
Wright State University	200,000
Resource Sharing	
NetWellness	271,000
RLS Participation	
NEO Regional Library System	3,000
NORWELD	3,000
SERLS	3,000
SWON Libraries	3,000
Library Services for People with Disabilities	
Cleveland State University	23,440
Services to Targeted Populations	
Milan-Berlin Township Public Library	7,322
North Baltimore Public Library	15,794
Pemberville Public Library	17,738
Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education	77,875
Services to Youth	
Carnegie Public Library of East Liverpool	20,110
Clermont County Public Library	41,368
Marysville Public Library	10,849
Trading Spaces	
Geauga County Public Library	67,535
Perry County District Library	33,297
Training	
Massillon Public Library	23,580
Muskingum County Library System	16,275
TOTAL LSTA FUNDS - FFY 2007	\$3,187,928
TOTAL LSTA FUNDS - FFY 2006 & FFY 2007	\$3,588,818

