

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

March 18, 2010

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT LSTA GRANT FOR MOBILE TECHNOLOGY TOOLBOX

- WHEREAS, Desktop and wireless Internet access in public libraries has become a highly desirable and popular basic service; and
- WHEREAS, With mobile devices becoming more powerful and sophisticated, more Americans are choosing to employ mobile devices for their information needs, making "technology on the go" as important as the desktop workstation; and
- WHEREAS, Due to cost, many Clevelanders are at a loss when seeking to use many of the mobile devices on the market because their exposure to the items has been limited or non-existent, increasing the digital divide in our community; and
- WHEREAS, A Strategic Priority of the Library is to address Cleveland's digital divide by offering a wide array of technologies, through various projects, including the creation of a traveling "Tech Toybox" to demonstrate new technologies to patrons throughout the library system; and
- WHEREAS, The Library has applied to the State Library of Ohio for a grant totaling \$4,998.00 to form a collection of mobile technology items such as eBook readers, MP3 players, digital cameras, video cameras, and audio recorders; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, The Cleveland Public Library Board of Trustees accepts the LSTA grant in the amount of \$4,998.00 from the State Library of Ohio to purchase equipment to create a Mobile Technology Toolbox collection.