As one of the larger urban libraries in the country, Cleveland Public Library provides convenient access to all programs and resources it offers. There is a branch within walking distance of nearly every Cleveland resident. But the Library reaches far beyond its branches into the local community and beyond. In 2009, our reach extended in a number of ways:

**CLEVNET**

As a founding member of CLEVNET, a library resource sharing network of 31 area libraries across nine counties, Cleveland Public Library is at the forefront of promoting regional collaboration. In 2009, CLEVNET expanded with the addition of Barberton Public Library. Julianne Bedel, director of the Barberton library, said she and the library’s trustees decided to join CLEVNET to provide their patrons with access to a wider pool of resources, including print, AV, eMedia and databases.

“I would recommend CLEVNET to any library of our size or smaller, especially if it has limited technical staff,” said Bedel. “Our experience in migration, staff training, initial implementation and ongoing operations for our first year has been 100 percent positive.”

The addition of the Barberton library followed a major hardware upgrade throughout the CLEVNET system in April. As a result, users experienced faster catalog searches and more reliable access.

**Mobile Services**

The Bookmobile at Cleveland Public Library, also known as the “People’s University on Wheels,” continued its work out in the field through visits to a large array of senior centers, day care centers and other community locations. The Mobile Service Department unit spent much of 2009 under construction as the staff prepared to move to a new building attached to the garage of the Woodland Branch. Although the change of location will have no effect on the general public, internal efficiency is expected to improve drastically with all staff members now housed in one location using updated equipment.

**National Library Card Sign-up Month**

Consider photo of Slider during card signup event

During the month of September, Cleveland Public Library took to the streets to put library cards in more people’s hands. Working with the local schools, the Library signed up more than 4,600 school-age children to become cardholders. Thanks to a special demonstration event at Progressive Field, in addition to support from both the Cleveland Cavaliers and Wendy’s, hundreds of adults also signed up for new cards.