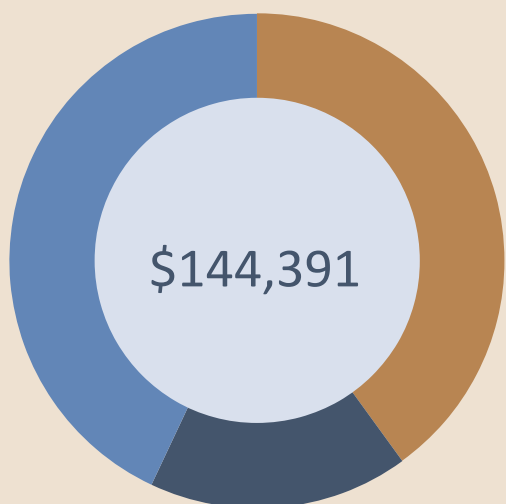





Services to Libraries: 9th Congressional District

The Washington State Library (WSL) ensures that residents of the entire state have access to educational materials, research capabilities, and resources that change lives. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, which are dependent on state matching funding, to offer consulting services, grants, subsidies, training, and other programs that improve libraries.

Awards & Subsidies

WSL provides funding to support local libraries through circulating STEM kits, professional development grants, digital literacy, early literacy programming, cost-sharing of online databases, and 24/7 online reference services.



Databases  Digital services 
Library grants 

Training Opportunities

WSL provides training opportunities for the library staff and the public including Microsoft Office training and industry-recognized certification, professional development, and specialized training for library administration.

26
trainings

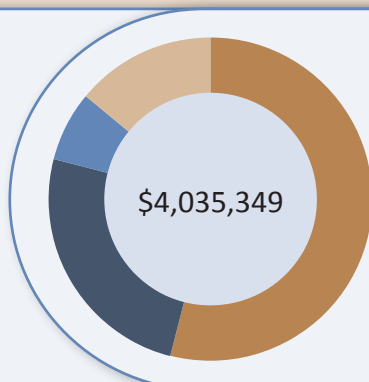
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


Training Programs & Partners



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Total Federal Funding



 Statewide Library Projects
 Awards & Subsidies
 Washington Talking Book & Braille Library
 Prison & Hospital Libraries



For every \$1 of state funding, the state receives approximately \$1.16 in additional federal LSTA funding to support libraries.

\$144,391 to 9th Congressional District libraries

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only state agency specifically designated by law to assist local and regional libraries with library and information services. Below is just one example of how WSL has helped libraries in this district connect with communities and improve the quality of life for their patrons. This project and more, such as our new Lynda.com partnership, continue to drive our public libraries into the future.

This year, WSL has worked with NewsBank, a large newspaper aggregator with an online database where researchers can easily find local news from around the country. Many libraries desire this service, but few can afford. Using the power of group purchasing, we have made the first year of access free to any library in the state. We heard this from a librarian in this district: “I wanted to share how much the Sound Transit staff appreciate the NewsBank newspaper collection. Our Communications Department (which consists of public information officers, writers, editors, and community outreach folks, among others) often relies on this database to research news stories from peer transit agencies and the NewsBank archives to authoritatively address public or front-line inquiries with transportation facts, data, and comparisons. Since our acquisitions budget in the Sound Transit Library is fairly small, I am thrilled to be able to offer NewsBank and the other database collections provided to me through WSL to my internal users. Without your support, I would not be able to provide this valuable resource to my patrons.”



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