## Services to Libraries: 5th Congressional District

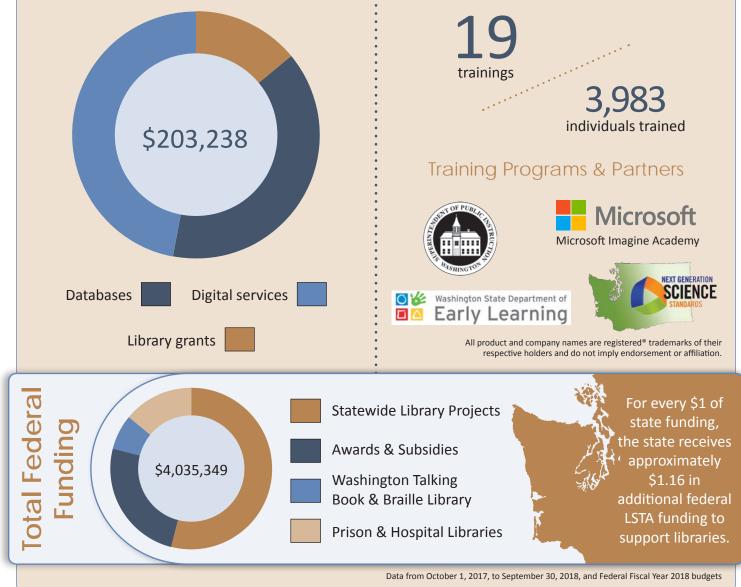
The Washington State Library (WSL) ensures that residents of the entire state have access to educational materials, research capabilities, and resources that change lives. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, which are dependent on state matching funding,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

## **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.



## \$203,238 to 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

A small but impactful project of the State Library is that we act as the hub for libraries to share book club sets with each other. Libraries around the state invest in sets of books to use for community reads programs or book club sets. Once these programs are completed, they often find they no longer have a need for hundreds of copies of a single book. We receive hundreds of books every year from libraries and make them available to any Washington library. This year several libraries in this district received boxes of free books because of this program.



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