Services to Libraries: 5th Legislative District

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only agency in Washington that is specifically designated by law to assist libraries and to ensure that residents of the entire state have access to library and information services. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, offering projects to improve libraries, consulting services, grants, subsidies and training to libraries.

Examples of services include support for digital literacy programming, Microsoft Office training and industryrecognized certification, early literacy programming, professional grants, specialized training for library administration, circulating STEM kits, group cost-sharing for online databases, and 24/7 online reference support for college students and Washington residents.



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Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 5th District



"The braille and large print materials are wonderful for my students to use. The summer activities and braille events are educational and a way to bring students with visual impairments and their families together. Thank you WTBBL!"

"As an educator and amateur historian I regularly use the State Library. I am very concerned about maintaining its important reference services to hospitals and prisons, educators and historians, digital subscribers, and sight-impaired residents of our state. "

"The patients at the state hospital need, want, and enjoy the library services offered. Staff also use the services to educate themselves and offer materials to patients for active treatment at the hospitals."



Six schools in this district received a Refreshing School Libraries grant, which provided \$1,000 to the library to update their nonfiction sections. The librarians report great excitement about the new books. "The books have definitely created a buzz about reading nonfiction and STEM in our school." And "By having new nonfiction materials on our shelves, students will learn about everything from people to new geographical areas that have changed over the course of the last 20 years. All their reports will be current and not antiquated."