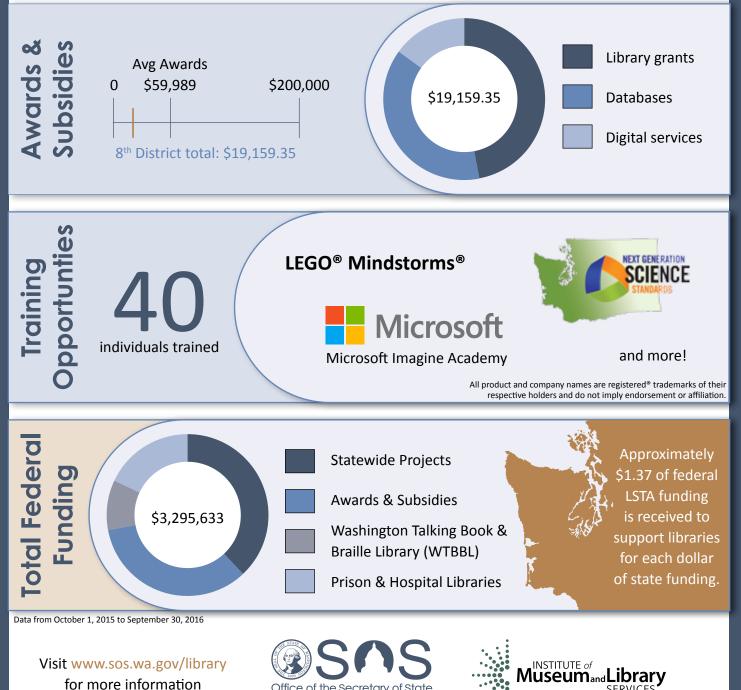
Services to Libraries: 8th Legislative District

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.



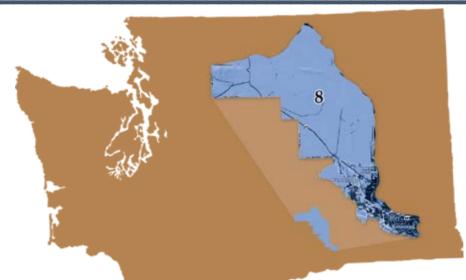
Office of the Secretary of State

Washington State Library

Mar 2017

SERVICE

Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 8th District



Seven schools in this district received a Refreshing School Libraries grant for \$1,000 to purchase nonfiction books for their library. One librarian reported that "The students are loving the 'cool new books' and are choosing them for research projects, book reports, and even their free reading time." Some of the books chosen were High Interest Publication (HIP) Books that are designed for struggling readers. These books are very popular with the special services students.

In 2016, the State Library took its Supercharged Storytime training on the road. The training is based on research by University of Washington researchers in how best to foster early literacy development in young children. Comments from librarians who attended these trainings tell it all:

- "Lots of concrete examples of how to incorporate early literacy skills into storytime"
- "This was an awesome training!"



"The services our rural library receives from WSL is vital! Our customers need and depend on online databases, staff training and support, Overdrive e-book collections, Rural Heritage, LSTA grants, and much more."

"Speaking as a librarian at a rural public library, the services of the State Library are invaluable. They provide opportunities for training that wouldn't otherwise be available in our area, help cover the cost of statewide databases, and provide grants that increase our capacity to serve our patrons."