## Services to Libraries: 9th 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: 9th District

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The Asotin County Library had a grant from the State Library to help run their Job & Career Catalyst Center. While they are sure there are more, they've had reports from 67 people that they have gotten jobs as a result of participating in the library's program. A favorite story was about a man who came in looking very scruffy. The library helped him with his resume and job searching and talked with him on how to present himself when looking for jobs. He came in the next week with a new haircut and new clothes, carrying himself with confidence. He had a three-hour interview that week with Schweitzer Engineering, one the region's best employers. He got the job and brought flowers to the library as a thank you.



Eleven Schools in this district received a Refreshing School Libraries grant of \$1,000 to purchase nonfiction books for their library. One librarian reported that the books were being used by many of the school clubs. "The High School Robotics Team built and improved on their 2016 "robot." The FFA (Future Farmers of America) Ag Issues Teams have been highly successful with their research and presentations. The Knowledge Bowl Team has greatly improved compared to the previous year. "