Services to Libraries: 10th 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: 10th District



The La Conner Library received a Washington Rural Heritage grant to digitize the art and archives of three influential figures who defined the Northwest School—a 20th Century art movement based in and around Skagit County. In partnership with the Museum of Northwest Art and Western Washington University Libraries, a varied collection of paintings, drawings, sculptural works and correspondence is now freely available online.

As more and more people are accessing the Internet on a mobile device, WSL saw a need for a transitional technology to help libraries provide mobile access to library resources. To rectify the problem, WSL developed the LibraryNow app that was offered free to public libraries for the first year. Because of the app, the San Juan and Orcas Island libraries are able to provide mobile access to their users.



"As a public school librarian, WSL brings my students affordable database access, CCSS training for teacher librarians, and a state-level partner in serving the students and families in our communities."

"I rely on the WSL for CE opportunities and grants, informative e-mails, early learning program research and guidance, summer reading materials, and so much more."