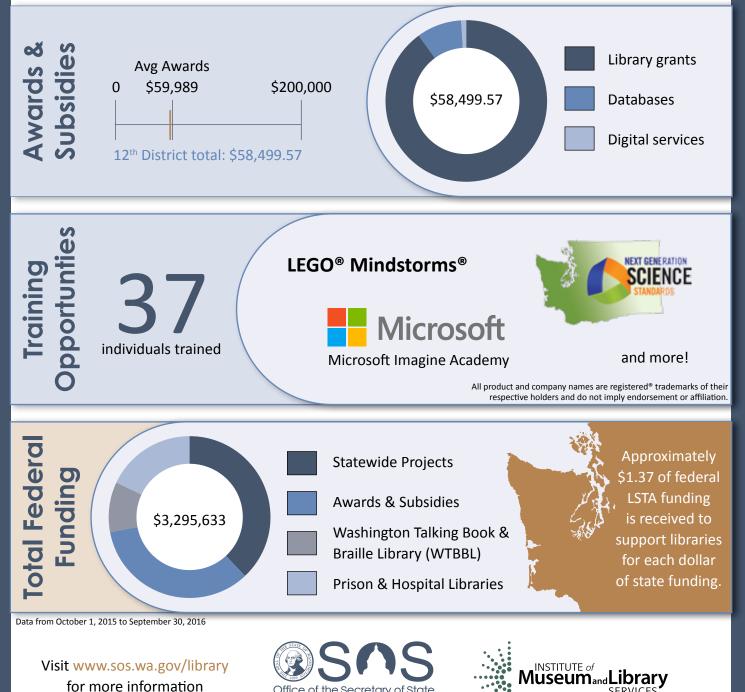
Services to Libraries: 12th Legislative District

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: 12th District



Grand Coulee Dam School District was given a grant, which provided a large collection of books with a Native American theme. Their librarian told us, "These titles helped to fill holes and update selections. Lake Roosevelt Schools' libraries strive to honor the culture that is a large part of our student population (about 60 percent claim Native American or mixed race) by providing literature that reflects our patrons. Your collection has helped us in that mission."

Eight schools in this district received a Refreshing School Libraries grant, which provided \$1,000 to each library to update their nonfiction collection. One librarian told us, "Most of our students have few books at home, so the new books are exciting to check out to take back to their classroom or home until they need to be returned. The books open new doors to them and the reading possibilities."



"The Washington State Library provides the state databases to schools, a great resource that everyone can afford and use. It is used every day by students and they learn a life-long skill."

"The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is a very valuable and necessary resource for my daughter to have access to books and audiobooks that she can understand."