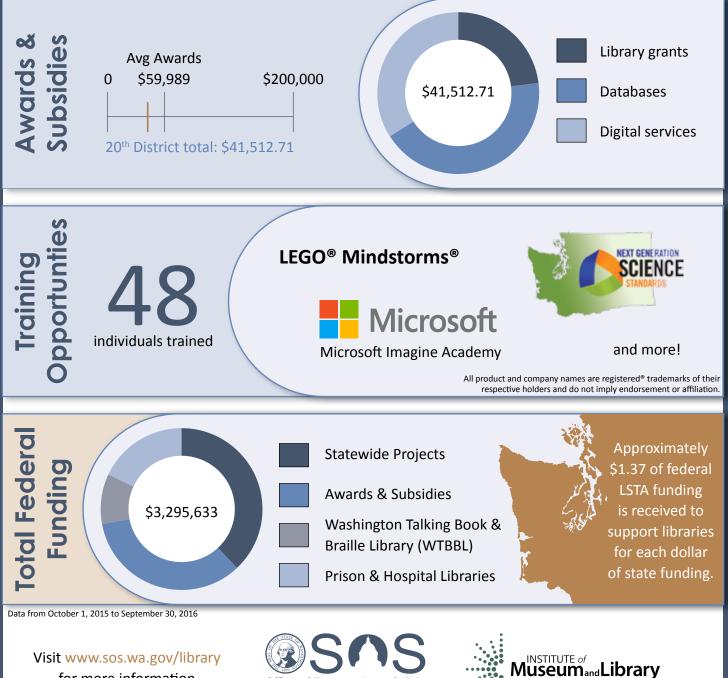
Services to Libraries: 20th Legislative District

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: 20th District

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"The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library has services that help to educate myself and enrich the lives of my senior residents. Having easy access to audio and large print books enables these seniors to enjoy literature that otherwise would be difficult or impossible for them to obtain!"

"[WSL's] help enables small rural libraries provide the services to their communities that larger library systems provide."

"As a researcher, historian and author, I find the State Library to be an invaluable resource in my work."



Ten schools in the 20th District received a Refreshing School Libraries grant of \$1,000 for each to buy new, nonfiction books for their collections. Here's what a librarian had to say: "The average publication date of nonfiction books in our library is in the late 1970s to early 1980s and they don't catch the eyes of students brought up with the Internet. The newer books the grant allowed us to buy are bright and clean with eye catching titles and covers. The topics are current and exciting and appeal to a younger audience."