Services to Libraries: 23rd 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: 23rd District

"The resources provided by the Washington State Library play an important role in the success of our school. Students use the archives of historical books, maps, regional newspapers and other documents maintained by the Washington State Library in their research. The databases that we subscribe to through the State Library are used daily by our students and staff. As a librarian, I rely on the State Library's timely updates on professional development opportunities and news important to libraries."

"I have been a library patron since I was five years old. For more than half a century WTBBL has enabled me to read books that would otherwise have been unavailable to me."



In 2016, the State Library took its Supercharged Storytime training around Washington state. The training is based on research done by University of Washington researchers in how best to foster early literacy development in young children. One training was held at the Silverdale branch of Kitsap Regional Library. Comments from librarians who attended these trainings tell it all: "One of the best trainings I've ever attended!" "This was an awesome training! Very insightful and motivating. I learned some great tips, and was given resources that will help me intentionally plan my storytime programs to focus on early literacy."