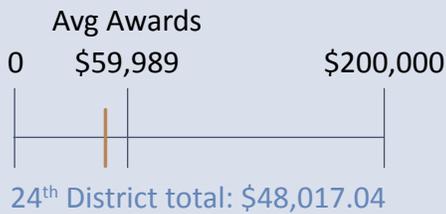


Services to Libraries: 24th Legislative District

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 industry-recognized 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.

Awards & Subsidies



- Library grants
- Databases
- Digital services

Training Opportunities

57
individuals trained

LEGO® Mindstorms®

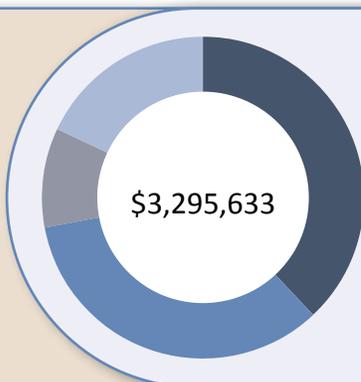
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Total Federal Funding



- Statewide Projects
- Awards & Subsidies
- Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL)
- Prison & Hospital Libraries



Approximately \$1.37 of federal LSTA funding is received to support libraries for each dollar of state funding.

Data from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

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Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 24th District



WSL has invested in several STEM kits, with technologies ranging from programmable robots to Lego building kits. The kits are designed to engage children with technology. One of these kits, called Ozobots, visited several libraries in this district last year. At the Hoquiam Library the librarian reported, “I heard lots of problem solving going on when the kids couldn’t get their Ozobot to do what they wanted them to do.” The kits also stopped at the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal Library where the librarian also reported a successful program for her community. “We believe the Ozobot programs were very successful. Adults were impressed that such a great program was made available through the Washington State Library.”



Nine schools in this district received a Refreshing School Libraries grant, which allowed each library to select \$1,000 worth of nonfiction books for their library. One librarian told us the following story: The band teacher requested a fairly expensive text to use with some of his advanced jazz students. He reports that the students are coming in on their own time to practice and delve into the material. The seniors that have been accessing the new materials have started a group outside of school using the information gleaned from the new book as inspiration.