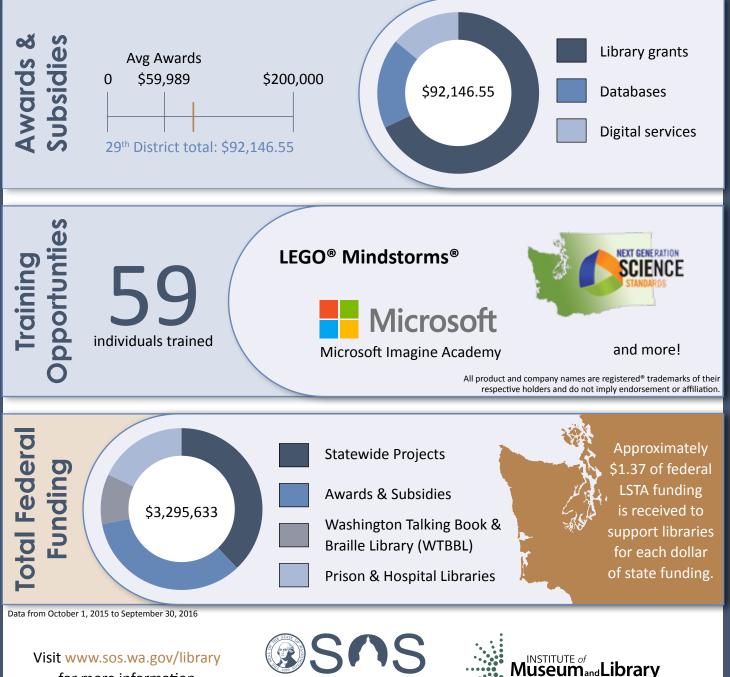
Services to Libraries: 29th Legislative District

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: 29th District

Ten schools in this district received a Refreshing Schools Libraries grant, which provided \$1,000 to each library to update their nonfiction collection. Each school librarian partnered with their teachers to get what each school needed and wanted. Selections ranged from books to support specific curriculum needs, materials for the Special Ed students, to titles in Spanish for both English and Spanish language learners. Here's some of the things we heard back from happy librarians.

- "As the children continue to read daily we are looking forward to data reflecting an increase in reading skills."
- "Thank you for the grant money for the books; they are in good hands. Literally, as many of them are checked out to students as we speak!"

"Here at the Western State Hospital, we use videos from the library for health and exercise groups and we take patients to the library as one of very few places on campus to visit. They listen to CDs and check out books, music and magazines to use on the wards. The library is extremely valuable to all of us."

"Libraries are absolutely necessary to the development and well-being of the staff and patients at Western Hospital. It allows them to stay connected to the world!"