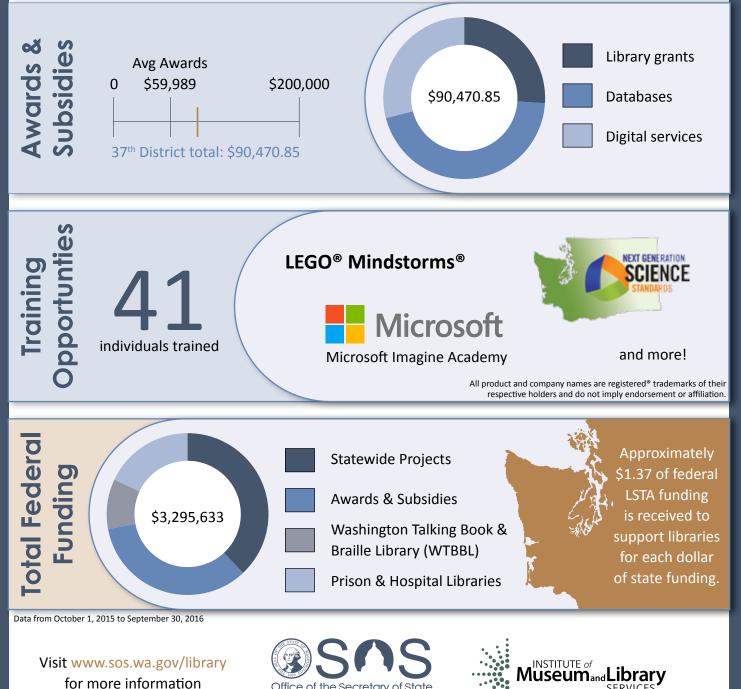
## Services to Libraries: 37<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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.



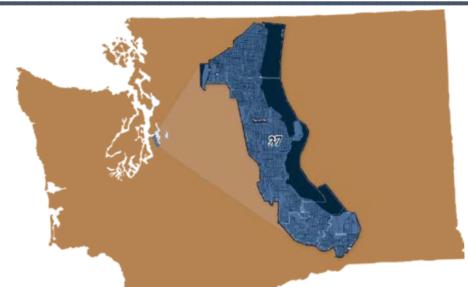
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## Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 37th District



Garfield High School used a Digital Literacy grant to train its librarian and five staff members on using a 3-D printer. They combined their new skills with a grant from the Experience Music Project to develop lesson plans with a guest artist. The students created stamps to use in ceramic sculptures. This project is an example of how collaboration among different community groups helps to enrich the overall experience for the students. This was a successful and enjoyable project that gave students STEM skills and a window into what work in the field could be like.

Seven schools in this district received Refreshing School Library grants, each receiving \$1,000 to purchase nonfiction books for their school libraries. Here are a few comments from the happy librarians:

- "Students and teachers are using the new nonfiction books all the time. In fact, I can't keep some of them on the shelves!!!"
- "The books are treated like royalty."



"There is no substitute for the services provided by the Washington State Library. We need educated citizens for a democracy and there are few resources other than institutions such as the Washington State Library that provide the resources we need to participate in an informed way in our democracy."

"The Washington State Library is a priceless resource for our state's educational system and for historians and other researchers."