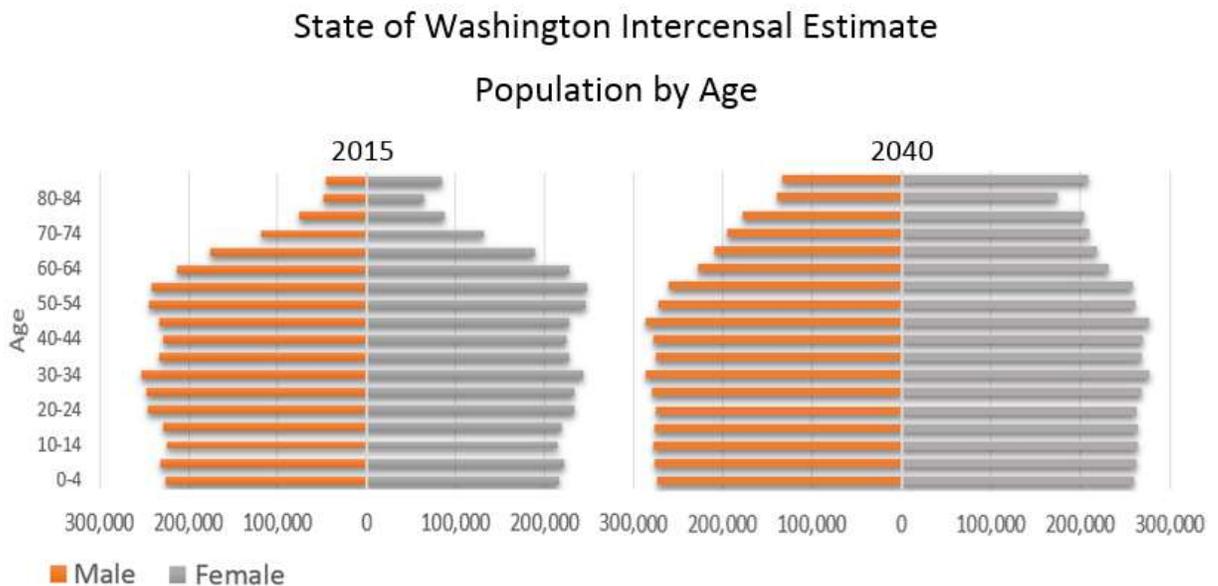


Services to Libraries Report

September 2015 – November 2015

Libraries in a Changing Environment

In 2020, five years from now the population of Washington State is projected to be over 7,450,000. In 2030, fifteen years from now, the total population is projected to be over 8,190,000. Ten years after that the total population in 2040 is projected to be over 8,830,000 or approximately 25% more than it was in 2015.



The number of dependents is expected to shift but also to grow through 2040. The total number of children as a percentage of working age population will stay about the same but the percentage of seniors will steadily increase until 2030 and then level off.

The senior population (65 - 85) will increase by over 80% between 2015 and 2040. Those over age 85 will increase by 162%. Children age 5 to 17 will also continue to increase but only by 20%.

Summary of Activities

September to November 2015

2014-15 Digital Literacy and Washington Rural Heritage Grant Cycles Activity

Jeff Martin
Maura Walsh
Elizabeth Laukea
Evan Robb

2014 Grant Cycles:

Both cycles were completed and evaluations are being prepared for LSTA annual report.

Update on 2015 grant cycles:

2015 Digital Literacy: The applications were fully executed, with the exception of Seattle World (Seattle Public Schools). The others are just starting out on their various projects. They include: Asotin County Library, Ellensburg Public Library, Garfield (Seattle Public Schools), Garry (Spokane Public Schools), Lakeside (Nine Mile Falls School District), Nooksack Indian Tribe, Pierce County Library System, Wenatchee Valley College, and Whitman County Rural Library District.

2015 Washington Rural Heritage: Held kickoff webinar meeting for new sub-grantees and arranged first face-to-face meetings with same (6 projects total for 2015-2016).

All Aboard for Kindergarten

Diane Hutchins

Held second advisory committee meeting at Airway Heights Library on September 23, 2015. Attendees included representatives from the Department of Early Learning; OSPI; researchers; Washington tribal communities; Reach Out and Read; Thrive Washington; nonprofits, and libraries; including Saroj Ghoting and Kathleen Reif, both recognized by ALA as national leaders in early literacy and known for their involvement in Every Child Ready to Read. Presentations and discussions made attendees more aware of research-based initiatives and programs taking place in libraries and generated ideas that could form the basis of work for project teams.

Spoke about All Aboard for Kindergarten in a WLMA Hangout Chat.

Ask WA

Nono Burling

Negotiated successfully with QuestionPoint to adjust next year's pricing to compensate for libraries that dropped out. Then worked to bring all member libraries into the new QuestionPoint Shift planning tool. We also had an Advisory Committee meeting and a Virtual Reference Conference planning committee meeting.

Site visits:

- Asotin County Library
- Clarkston and Pomeroy to introduce High School students to Ask WA
- Spokane Falls Community College
- Spokane Community College
- Eastern Washington University (Training at EWU)

<p>Digital Literacy Grant Cycle.</p> <p>Elizabeth Iaukea Maura Walsh</p>	<p>10 libraries have been awarded a total of \$72,882.00 in our 2015 Digital Literacy grants. Grantees include 7 public libraries, one community college library, and 2 school libraries. We are working with them as they begin their projects, advising and refining when needed. The first quarter reports were just received.</p>
<p>Digitization, collection, management & administration, website design</p> <p>Evan Robb</p>	<p>Worked with current sub-grantees to add approximately 1,200 newly digitized items to the WRH repository.</p> <p>Finalized the WRH Archival Information Package (AIP) model and created accompanying documentation. Consulted with Washington State Archives staff and Nisqually Tribal Archives staff regarding the WRH AIP structure and associated technical workflows.</p> <p>Worked with staff at Deming Library to create interactive timeline for their Mount Baker Foothills Heritage Collection.</p>
<p>E-rate</p> <p>Gary Bortel</p>	<p>Site visit to and consultations with Walla Walla County Rural Library District.</p> <p>Work has begun on the annual K-20 transportation and ISP consortium E-rate applications.</p>
<p>Exploring Technology: ET Kits</p> <p>Carolyn Petersen Joe Olayvar</p>	<p>Thirteen applicants vied for the four Exploring Technology grants: two Lego Mindstorm Robotics kits and two EggBot kits. The four successful applicant programs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spokane Public Library's EggBot Draw-A-Lot program will use the EggBot kit to further their STEM outreach in Spokane's south hill neighborhoods. • Longview Public Library's Snow Ball Winter program's goal is to use the EggBot to generate further interest in Longview Library's maker program which provides opportunities for youth to explore STEM concepts while having fun. • The Yakama Nation Library Lego Mindstorm Robotics project's goal is to help youth of the Yakama Lower Valley tribal community explore and increase their awareness of careers in science, technology engineering and mathematics fields through programs based on using the Lego Mindstorms robotics kit. • The Columbia County Rural Library District's (CCRLD) intention is to recruit high school students concurrently enrolled in a robotics class to mentor middle school students in robotics and programming. CCRLD's goals are to stimulate interest for STEM subjects in mentees, reinforce STEM content in mentors, and foster community involvement.

<p>Koha ILS Proof of Concept Project</p> <p>Gary Bortel</p>	<p>Bortel consulted with Kalama, Davenport & Sprague libraries on their installations. He made site visits to Davenport Public Library and Sprague Public Library.</p>
<p>Libraries as Open Education Leaders</p> <p>Shirley Lewis</p>	<p>Lewis is working with the OSOS Contracts Specialist, Tacoma Community College Library Director, and LOEL Project Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement for the project's second year.</p>
<p>LSTA Annual Report</p> <p>Jeff Martin</p>	<p>After some delay, the LSTA State Programs Report (SPR), aka the LSTA Annual Report, opened on October 29, 2015. The Financial Status report continues with a deadline of December 30, 2015. The narrative report deadline is 90 days after the opening of the SPR. The deadline for the narrative report is January 29, 2015.</p>
<p>Microsoft IT Academy</p> <p>Elizabeth Laukea</p>	<p>Big news in the world of IT Academy this quarter is all to do with Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification! In this quarter, we will have done a total of 21 days of testing at King County Libraries (Auburn, Snoqualmie, Fairwood, Redmond), Seattle Central Library, Tacoma Main Library, Yakima Valley Libraries (Yakima), and Spokane County Library, Argonne Branch. 313 MOS exams were attempted by 154 individuals. 120 certifications were earned, or a 41.5% pass rate, which is higher than the 30% rate generally seen by Certiport, the MOS test vendor. We are currently working on how to increase the pass rate by working with test registrants earlier on with suggestions for how to prepare, and communicating our goal of passing any single exam in 2 attempts. Testing will also be offered less frequently at each site, hoping that will encourage test candidates to see the opportunity as more valuable.</p> <p>Statewide our MOS Partners are also off to a great start. Of the 14 site licenses purchased this year, 8 have already been assigned. To date statewide we have given 662 exams, 229 of these resulted in certification.</p> <p>At the end of September, the Microsoft IT Academy had just under 19,000 users statewide. The 5 most popular courses to date are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Excel 2013 Essentials • Microsoft Word 2013 Essentials • Microsoft Outlook 2013 Essentials • Microsoft Access 2013 Essentials • Beginner Skills in Microsoft Excel 2010

**Off the Page:
Downloadable
Audiobooks and
eBooks for
Washington
Libraries**

Will Stuivenga

Coordinated \$50,000 in LSTA FFY 2014 variance spending, with half going to purchases on the Recorded Books OneClick digital platform, and half to the Overdrive-powered Washington Anytime Library. On OneClickdigital, purchased additional copies of existing one copy/one user titles with multiple holds. Also purchased popular titles (both audio and eBook) released since the previous variance purchase 2 years ago. On the Anytime Library, purchased substantial Spanish language collections in both audio and eBook formats for adults, teens, and children, as well as filling in missing series titles, etc.

Created 4 “curated” collections of the newly purchased Spanish language collections, and incorporated them into the Washington Anytime Library Interface as follows:

- Fiction Books in Spanish (Libros de Ficción en Español)
- Nonfiction Books in Spanish (Libros de No-Ficción en Español)
- Teen Books in Spanish (Libros en Español para Adolescentes)
- Kids Books in Spanish (Libros en Español para Niños)

Presented with Beth Farley, Bellingham Public Library, OverDrive Digipalooza Conference highlights webinar to WA libraries. 4 attendees for the live presentation, with others having requested access to the recording.

Worked to renew at least two schools’ OneClickdigital subscriptions after inadvertent lapses; also worked to sign up a couple of new schools, one private.

10/28/2015 Presented on SDL at the WALE Conference; presentation title: SDL Crystal Ball: Looking Back, Looking Ahead

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Meetings

Martin attended two library conferences and exhibited services of the Washington State Library to those attending:

- WLMA – Yakima, Washington, October 16, 2015
- WALE – Chelan, Washington, October 26 – 28, 2015

Lewis attended ARSL conference in Little Rock, AK from September 29 through October Among many excellent programs about the variety of programs and services happening in public libraries. The final speaker of the conference, architect Zachary Benedict, gave a thought-provoking and enlightening presentation with ideas about the role of the public library.

Hutchins represented Washington State Library at the ELPLP Annual Symposium held on 10/23.

WTBBL hosted the United Blind of Seattle Friends and Family Day and the Washington Council of the Blind Board Meeting.

Publications

Stuivenga solicited and edited member profiles for WLA Connect online newsletter.

Stuivenga is the editor of WLA WLFFTA (Washington Library Friends, Foundations, Trustees, and Advocates) Interest Group Newsletter.

Robb published the following:

- New Digital Collection: Medical Lake Heritage:
<http://blogs.sos.wa.gov/library/index.php/2015/09/new-digital-collection-medical-lake-heritage/>
- Washington Rural Heritage Volunteer Recognized for Excellence:
<http://blogs.sos.wa.gov/library/index.php/2015/09/washington-rural-heritage-volunteer-recognized-for-excellence/>

Lewis produced WSL Updates emailed weekly on Wednesday or Thursday.

“Staff Training Reimagined,” Aliko, Vol. 31, #5, pg. 26-27, November 2015, by Gerie Ventura, Darlene Pearsall and Carolyn Petersen

WTBBL has a facebook page, www.facebook.com/wtbbl that features people and events directly related to the library, articles relating to disabilities and services for disabilities, highlights books in the WTBBL collection, and much more. Posts are made approximately three times a day.

WTBBL publishes a quarterly newsletter called “Reading Matters” that is mailed twice a year in large print and every quarter distributed by email, audio, web-braille, and text formats on our website, and posts to facebook. “Reading Matters” focuses on service updates, new services, recently produced books, recommended reads, a note from the director and a note from the State Librarian or the Secretary of State, a fundraising and donor article, and more.

An article by Miller was contributed to the Washington Council of the Blind quarterly newsletter, “Newline” which is posted at wcbinfo.org and mailed in large print and audio.

Olayvar oversaw all WALE IG functions and conference planning while affirming its interest during the restructuring of WLA. He was also the technical and lead support for planning the 2015 WALE Conference

Trainings

Martin attended the Future of Government presentation sponsored by Municipal Research and Services Center, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, October 06, 2015. This session stressed that strategic planning is not enough in an era of uncertainty and change. Strategic foresight which includes futuring, and scenario

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planning is needed to examine the likelihood of change and create plans to address those changes that occur.

Burling and Robb were chose to participate in PNLA Leads training and attended it October 25-30, 2015. Robb was chosen as one of four "writers" who composed a vision statement for the entire group.

Lewis participated in the Leadership from Any Position: Creating Learning Libraries in Five Easy Lessons training at the Vancouver Community Library on October 22. Presenters were John Shannon and Becky Schreiber of Schreiber Shannon Associates.

Stuivenga attended LJ Digital Shift online conference.

Olayvar and Lindberg co-presented a Pre-Conference session titled "LEGO My EggBot" at the WALE Conference that focused on STEAM components of robotics using Lego EV3 Mindstorm robots and EggBot drawing robots. This session provided hands on experience with basic robotics and programming.

Olayvar and Lindberg co-presented a Breakout Session titled "Robots In Your Library" that highlighted our STEAM outreach program "Gaining STEAM". This outreach program, which is based on circulation kits of laptops, EggBots, and Lego EV3 Mindstorm sets, will also include in person regional trainings for the Lego EV3 Mindstorm robotic sets, due to the higher learning curve. Our goal is to facilitate quicker implementation of the Lego sets by library staff to their communities.

WTBBL began a 9 month braille transcription course with 26 students.

Services

Martin and Iaukea attended the County Leaders Conference, Stevenson, Washington, November 18 – 19, 2015 exhibiting services of the Washington State Library and talking about the importance of libraries in general.

Olayvar provides technical assistance to libraries across the state in person, via phone, and via email.

Hutchins provided feedback to Project VIEWS2 researchers on the final draft of their IMLS National Leadership Grant proposal.

The WTBBL Youth Services Program does a pen pal program that had approximately 30 participants and a Summer Reading Program with approximately 52 participants.

WTBBL hosted an exhibit through international collaboration with the China Braille Press and the China Library for the Blind. The exhibit was called "China Braille Exhibition Activity" and ran from 9/21-9/27/15 with an opening ribbon cutting ceremony with 70+ attendees, Chinese media, and Chinese dignitaries. The exhibit had approximately 40 visitors per day, which was very good especially considering our area was very blocked

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off due to President Xi's visit. This was the beginning of an ongoing exchange and collaboration between WTBBL and the China Braille Press.

Lindberg enhanced the design of an existing Access Database, Library Database Application, WA Auditor Reports, to include greatly improved search functionality.

Schollmeyer completed in-house scanning projects: Tacoma Evening Telegraph, 1886-1887; Spokane Den Danske Kronike Danish-English newspaper, 1917-1917; and Seattle Dat Moi (New Land) Vietnamese-English newspaper, 1974-1986, totaling 3142 newspaper pages. Also completed files for the Seattle Greek-American newspaper Hellenic Review, 1924-1936 with 924 pages.

Schollmeyer advised community leaders of heritage groups, university and public librarians from Jefferson County Historical Society, Western Washington University, University of Washington Libraries, Kettle Falls Public Library, Mount Vernon Public Library and more on the importance of national imaging and metadata standards for their digital newspaper projects.

Stuivenga serves as ALA ASCLA (Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies) board liaison to the ALA Digital Content Working Group (DCWG).

Lewis had site visits to Pend Oreille & Stevens counties: the Newport and Lone libraries in Pend Oreille County Library District. She was very impressed with the work done by Lori Slover, Director of Library Services at Pend Oreille County Library District in only one year in the position. Lori is making great progress in increasing the Library's visibility throughout the County.

She had a good meeting with Amanda Six, Library Director at Libraries of Stevens County and visited both the Colville and Chewelah Public Libraries. Amanda gave me some good ideas for topics for trustee training.

Stuivenga serves on two WLA committees: WLA Marketing/Communications Committee and WLA Member Services Committee.

Presentations

Stuivenga attended WALE (Washington Association of Library Employees) conference; presented on SDL.

Burling presented at ACRL WA/OR conference October 23, 2015 Program title: Reference in your pajamas, or working together to reach your students. +/- 60 in attendance.

Iaukea presented to Municipal Court of Seattle on Microsoft IT Academy to discuss a plan to use IT Academy courses and MOS certification as professional development for Court employees.

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laukea presented on Microsoft IT Academy to Clark College faculty about resources they can use to support student success.

Burling presented at ACRL: "Reference in your pajamas, or working together to reach your students"

laukea presented to King County Administrative Professionals' Academy on Microsoft IT Academy and other SPL and KCLS resources to support their computer learning.

WTTBL presentations and outreach are done frequently at retirement homes and care facilities throughout the state, as well as visits to schools, public and private, k-12, and ESDs. Visits to Lions, Rotary, and Kiwanis clubs in the I-5 corridor occur approximately 10 times per year.

WTBBL presents annually at the OWWLS conference in October to approximately 40 outreach workers from around the state.

Lewis presented on Collection Development Basics at 2015 WALE Conference (October 26-28) There were 27 people in attendance. I was pleased that the audience members asked and answered questions; it was a good exchange of information between the attendees.

laukea did a training for Idaho Public Libraries staff on Microsoft IT Academy online learning.

laukea presented to library staff at WALE on coding and how to start a coding camp at their library.

Miller presented at the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Western conference on staffing standards in Sacramento.

laukea presented to teacher librarians at WLMA on the Microsoft IT Academy

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Miller presented at the Washington Council of the Blind Convention (11/4-11/16/15) and also at the National Federation of the Blind of Washington convention (10/30-10/31/15) WTBBL also had exhibit tables at these events.

Petersen presented at the Association for Rural and Small Libraries national conference in Little Rock, AR: 40 books too good for kids alone.

Petersen presented at the Washington Library Media Association in Yakima: Programs for teacher librarians from the Washington State Library.

Petersen presented at the Washington Association for Library Employees conference: Sasquatch and William Towner Book awards: what are they and how do they relate to public libraries?

Walsh Presented about how to research, write and manage a grant at ARSL and WALE.

<p>Professional Development Grants</p> <p>Maura Walsh</p>	<p>We have awarded eight additional Professional Development (PD) grants this quarter. These sub-recipients will participate in in-house training at their libraries or attend specialized training or conferences. We plan to make part of their reports available so other libraries can take advantage of the sub-recipient's experience. We also worked to publicize these grants at conferences (and in the ALKI, WLA quarterly) so that more libraries will take advantage of them.</p>
<p>Social Media and Library 21 Initiative</p> <p>Nono Burling Diane Hutchins Will Stuivenga Shirley Lewis Joe Olayvar Evan Robb et al.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between the lines Blog - Wrote and/or facilitated 15 blog posts (not including Clippings and WSL Updates) • Facebook –98 posts were made. New followers: 33 • Twitter –208 tweets were made. Average of one new follower a day. • Pinterest – One new board (Al Fresco Dining) added. Many boards have new pins. • Flickr – 68 pictures uploaded • Storymap – Completion of Storymap about The Future Remembered book and distribution. <p><i>These statistics do not include WTBBL social media</i></p>
<p>Statewide Database Licensing (SDL)</p> <p>Will Stuivenga</p>	<p>SDL RFP draft is currently in progress. Section drafts are submitted to the SDL Advisory Committee for review; comments are then incorporated into revisions. Accepted resignation of Benita Brown. Recruitment for a replacement is currently in progress.</p> <p>Worked with Gale Cengage Learning to promulgate the annual public library group purchase renewal information.</p> <p>9/3/15 attended Washington Public Libraries Cooperate! (WPLC) meeting held at the Tacoma Public Library's Lakewood branch.</p> <p>Vendor meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/16/15 Jennifer Maydole, Mackin. As a former ESD employee, Jennifer has strong views on SDL and the [high] value of the ProQuest resources for K-12 libraries, and lobbied strongly for continuing the project in its current form. • 9/21/15 Online meeting with Sage representatives, re Sage stats product, and statewide group purchase offer from the vendor. • 9/21/15 Corey Rosenbaum, ReferenceUSA. Discussed the upcoming RFP/procurement process. <p>Site visits at Spokane Community College and Spokane Falls Community College. Discussed ProQuest and upcoming RFP with professional staff; asked for their input.</p> <p>Attended Inland Collection Development Meeting (INCD) at Whitman County Library in Colfax. Met simultaneously with representatives of several area public libraries; again discussed ProQuest and RFP; asked for input; also provided more general report on WSL and SDL.</p>

<p>Supercharged Storytimes Diane Hutchins</p>	<p>Continued to serve as consultant for OCLC’s Supercharged Storytimes, the online orientation and community of practice that focuses on the tools and methodologies developed by Project VIEWS2 and helps library staff to provide more effective storytimes.</p> <p>Also continued to oversee the online Community of Practice, Supercharged Central – Washington, troubleshooting and providing feedback on web site to OCLC staff and fielding questions from participants.</p> <p>To promote Supercharged Storytimes in Washington, co-presented the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALE 2015 conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Supercharge this Guerrilla and Join the Parade” (3-hour pre-conference on 10/26/15) with 6 attending; ○ “Supercharged Storytimes meets Storytime Underground” (1.25 hour program session on 10/27/15) with 14 attending; <p>Storytime Face-to-Face Gathering following WALE preconference on 10/26/15 at the Chelan Library; group discussion provided valuable feedback on approaches to face-to-face mentoring for storytimes.</p>
<p>Trainings: Webinars/In-person Workshops and WebJunction Carolyn Petersen Shirley Lewis</p>	<p>Lewis covered remaining workshops & webinars arranged by Jennifer Fenton; the last was October 22. The evaluation, reporting and invoices should be completed for these workshops by November 30.</p> <p>Petersen is taking over the trainings portion for the foreseeable future. She is conducting outreach to help determine what the library community is interested in and what trainings are currently not being provided in other formats.</p>
<p>Tribal Librarians Carolyn Petersen</p>	<p>15 tribal librarians met at the new Northwest Indian college library on Lummi Island on August 28th. The highlight of the meeting was the opportunity to interact and learn directly from Mary Alice Ball, the IMLS Senior Program officer tasked with interacting with tribal libraries.</p> <p>At the biannual meeting of the Lincoln County and Ritzville libraries in September each of the 7 libraries agreed to go to their governing authorities to ask them to sign an intergovernmental agreement which will allow patrons of one library to borrow materials at another. The new interlibrary cooperative will be known as the Wheatland libraries. This is the first step in forging a stronger working relationship between the seven libraries.</p>

<p>Washington Digital Newspapers (WDN)</p> <p>Shawn Schollmeyer</p>	<p>In early August WDN selected a metadata processing vendor, Content Conversion Specialists (CCS) to prepare our newspapers with full-text searchable OCR and to meet national metadata standards as prescribed by the Library of Congress' National Digital Newspaper Program. CCS installed the latest version of their software program, docWorks, at the end of October and we will begin applying metadata & OCR to the 41,000 + image files we have ready and waiting.</p> <p>At the end of October we closed a joint survey conducted by WDN and the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association (WNPA) which was directed to newspaper publishers in Washington State regarding their current preservation practices. There were 36 respondents, but enough to give us some discussion material with WNPA about how to bring awareness of born-digital news preservation issues, physical archive storage best practices and begin a dialog between libraries and publishers on the importance of long term access and preservation for public good. In November we'll meet up with the WNPA preservation committee and analyze the results and next steps.</p>
<p>WaRP (the Washington ReadyWeb Project)</p> <p>Evelyn Lindberg</p>	<p>Lindberg updated the 83-page User Guide. Ongoing maintenance and incremental development of Drupal websites.</p>
<p>Washington State Public Library Statistics</p> <p>Evelyn Lindberg</p>	<p>Finalized 2014 Public Library Statistical Report and published to site: http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/libraries/libDev/publications.aspx#WASstats</p>
<p>Washington OCLC Group Services: Wayfinder</p> <p>Will Stuiivenga</p>	<p>Consulted with Bill Fieber, OSOS Contracts Officer, several time, on locating or identifying contracts for various WSL OCLC services. Many of these stretch so far into the past that no formal agreements or paperwork can be located. In some cases, the Washington Group Services agreement with OCLC may suffice.</p>
<p>Washington Rural Heritage</p> <p>Evan Robb Maura Walsh</p>	<p>Training and sub-grantee monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/12/2015: Site visit and brief training, Columbia County Rural Library District, Dayton, WA. • 10/13/2015: Digitization training, sub-grantee monitoring, grant project kickoff meeting, Asotin County Library, Clarkston, WA. • 11/5/2015: Grant project kickoff meeting at Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, Bellingham, WA. Met with representatives from WWU Libraries, La Conner Regional Library, and the Museum of Northwest Art. • Coordinated introductory copyright training for 5 individual library staffers getting underway with new grant projects.

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL).

Danielle Miller

WTBBL provides a free, comprehensive library service to underserved Washingtonians unable to read standard print material. Residents who are blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, physically disabled such that they cannot hold a book or turn a page, and reading disabled are eligible for service. Books in audio format, braille, large print, and necessary listening equipment and devices are available and are largely sent by mail free of charge. Books and magazines in audio or web-braille formats can also be downloaded using a national website (BARD) or via an app for iOS devices, Android platform devices, and most recently the Kindle. WTBBL also provides service through deposit collections and download accounts for schools, public libraries, care facilities, retirement homes, etc. In addition to circulation and readers advisory, WTBBL has a vibrant youth services program, computer instruction and training with assistive technology, production of audio books with over 75 narrators, 25 reviewers, and 9 recording booths, and production of braille books and an annual braille transcription course.

- Between 9/1-10/20, WTBBL circulated 42,701 books, had 7,939 downloads in September, and between 9/1-10/20/15 added 228 patrons.
- WTBBL was one of 4 libraries for the blind and physically handicapped participating in a pilot for uploading locally produced audio books to the National Library Service BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) website. WTBBL has uploaded over 40 locally produced audio books and is working on a retro project of getting another 300 books uploaded while simultaneously uploading newly produced books.
- WTBBL received a very positive review from the NLS site visit and evaluation based on standards and operations.
- All aspects of WTBBL circulation, collections, and reference and readers advisory are serving underserved populations birth to death throughout the State.

Youth Services/Teacher Librarians

Carolyn Petersen
Diane Hutchins
Joe Olayvar

Future STEMs from reading grants: Over 250 applications were received for the 230 STEM collections available. We'll award the collections to 120 elementary school libraries, 55 middle school libraries and 55 high school libraries. Each collection has 50 titles selected from award winning lists suggested by teacher librarians. The collections will probably be shipped in January, 2016.

Next Generation Science Standards trainings began on October 31st. Five trainings are scheduled throughout the state before November 10th. More are scheduled for Spring, 2016.

Olayvar planned, purchased, and assembled STEAM circulation kits comprised of laptops, LEGO EV3 Mindstorm sets with accessories, and EggBot sets with accessories. Modified industrial grade containers to safely house all the equipment during shipping. Will also implement regional trainings for the Lego EV3 Mindstorm robotic sets to facilitate quicker, more confident implementation by library staff to their communities. These trainings will precede the circulation of the Lego EV3 Mindstorm kits.