



## Services to Washington Libraries 2010

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only agency in Washington that is specifically designated to assist libraries and to ensure that residents of the entire state have access to library and information services. State Library staff work in partnership with statewide advisory committees to plan and implement programs, provide training, grants, and consulting services aimed at the development, improvement, and enhancement of all public and non-profit libraries in the state. These services are supported by Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

### Congressional District #2: Direct Services to Local Libraries

**Libraries in this district have received \$279,162 as a result of Washington State Library services and programs during the past year:**

#### Grants and Subsidies to Individual Libraries or Library Systems

**Renew Washington** grants provide support for libraries in addressing people's needs for access to employment-related information, resources, and services during this time of economic downturn. This grant cycle started with LSTA funding leveraged additional funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Washington State Library to award additional grants.

- Everett Public Library (LSTA and Gates)
- Sedro-Woolley Public Library (LSTA)
- Sno-Isle Libraries (Gates)
- Mount Vernon City Library (LSTA and Gates)
- Whatcom County Library System (LSTA and Gates)

**Supporting Student Success** grants support collaborative partnerships between the State's public libraries and school libraries. These grants are designed to improve students' information and research skills. They focus on the students' ability to effectively complete Social Studies Classroom Based Assessment (CBA) requirements.

- Monroe School District
- Stanwood Camano School District

**Washington Rural Heritage** grants and technical assistance help small and rural public libraries create online digital collections documenting their community's history. Participating libraries develop long-term sustainable digitization programs through ongoing training and support from the State Library. Collaborative partnerships with neighboring cultural institutions are encouraged.

- Lopez Island Library District
- Orcas Island Library District
- San Juan Island Library District
- Sedro-Woolley Public Library
- Whatcom County Library System

**Wayfinder: The Catalog of Washington Libraries** provides a single search for locating materials owned by many Washington libraries. The Wayfinder catalog contains information on the collections of over 250 Washington public, academic, government, law, medical, corporate, special and tribal libraries. holding over 17.8 million items in all formats.

- Anacortes Public Library
- Bellingham Public Library
- Bellingham Technical College
- Burlington Public Library
- Everett Community College
- Everett Public Library
- Mount Vernon City Library
- Northwest Indian College
- Orcas Island Library District
- San Juan Island Library District
- Sedro-Woolley Public Library
- Skagit Valley College
- Sno-Isle Libraries
- Western Washington University
- Whatcom Community College
- Whatcom County Library System

**Continuing Education** grants allow library staff to obtain training so that they can more effectively serve library customers and the people of the state.

- City University
- Everett Public Library
- Oak Harbor School District
- Skagit County Law Library
- Sno-Isle Libraries
- University of Washington Libraries
- Whatcom County Library System

**Online Periodical Database Access** subsidies are used to support the Statewide Database Licensing (SDL) program and provide the ProQuest and eLibrary online database collections to nonprofit K–12 school, public, academic, and special libraries in Washington. Through SDL and their local library, Washington residents have online access to the information contained in more than 3,300 full-text journals and to other sources, including CultureGrams, seven Washington and five national newspapers.

- Anacortes Public Library
- Bellingham Public Library
- Bellingham Technical College
- Burlington Public Library
- City University
- Everett Community College Library
- Everett Public Library
- King County Library System
- La Conner Regional Library
- Lopez Island Library District
- Lummi Library
- Mount Vernon City Library
- Nooksack Tribal Library
- Orcas Island Library District
- Providence Regional Medical Center Everett
- Non-profit schools also received subsidies through their local Educational Service District
- Samish Indian Nation Tribal Library
- San Juan Island Library District
- Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Library
- Sedro-Woolley Public Library
- Skagit Valley College
- Skagit Valley Hospital
- Sno-Isle Libraries
- St. Joseph Hospital Library
- Stillaguamish Tribal Library
- Swinomish Indian Tribe Library
- Upper Skagit Indian Tribe Library
- Upper Skagit Library District
- Whatcom Community College
- Whatcom County Library System

**Ask-WA** is a state-wide virtual reference cooperative that provides online reference services to library patrons through chat, email, and instant messaging (IM) technologies. The Ask-WA cooperative consists of both academic and public libraries. This statewide network is tied in to a global network through QuestionPoint, providing access to 24/7 online reference services for every participating library. Subsidies reduce the cost of providing this service.

- Anacortes Public Library
- Bellingham Public Library
- Bellingham Technical College
- Burlington Public Library
- Everett Community College Library
- Everett Public Library
- King County Library System
- Skagit Valley College
- Sno-Isle Libraries
- University of Washington Libraries
- Whatcom Community College
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**Downloadable Audiobooks** allows library users throughout Washington State to download audiobooks through their participating local library. The Washington State Library portal includes helpful resources and documentation, promotional materials for libraries, and more.

- Anacortes Public Library
- Anacortes School District
- Arlington School District
- Burlington Public Library
- Coupeville School District
- Everett Public Library
- Everett School District
- King County Library System
- La Conner Regional Library
- La Conner School District
- Lakewood School District
- Lopez Island Library District
- Monroe School District
- Mount Vernon City Library
- Northshore Christian Academy
- Oak Harbor School District
- San Juan Island Library District
- San Juan Island School District
- Sedro-Woolley Public Library
- Sedro-Woolley School District
- Snohomish School District
- Upper Skagit Library District
- Whatcom Community College
- Whatcom County Library System

**IT Continuing Education** grants help individuals supporting a library's computer hardware, software and networks to keep up with current technology.

- San Juan Island Library District
- Sno-Isle Libraries
- Whatcom County Library System

### **Training Provided or Coordinated by the Washington State Library**

400 individuals received training on subjects including: serving diverse populations and underserved customers; database searching; computer and network maintenance; as well as technology and virtual reference services. Training was delivered in-person and online.

*Libraries and library districts may span more than one congressional district. The amount listed reflects the total benefit received by the library regardless of congressional district.*

### **Return on Investment in the Washington State Library in 2010**

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- For every \$1.00 of Washington State Library funding required for Maintenance of Effort, Washington State receives approximately \$1.94 of federal LSTA funding in return. In 2010, the Washington State Library received \$3,582,706 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to invest in Washington libraries of all types.
- The Washington State Library partnered with NoaNet, a public utility district nonprofit in Washington State, in two successful US Department of Commerce Broadband grants. As a result \$138,800,000 was awarded to NoaNet to enhance broadband capabilities in many parts of the State. Up to 101 library buildings will receive enhanced broadband to serve their communities as part of the partnership with the Washington State Library.
- The Washington State Library was awarded \$1,500,000 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to use toward public library match requirements in the Department of Commerce Broadband grants.
- The Washington State Library was awarded \$515,867 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to further the reach of our Renew Washington grant program. As a result, 7 additional public libraries were awarded funding through this Washington State Library LSTA program to provide access to enhanced employment-related information, resources, and services for their communities.
- The Washington State Library was awarded \$284,000 for the National Digital Newspaper project from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This project will digitize 100,000 pages of microfilmed Washington newspapers from 1870 to 1922 and make them available online to the residents of Washington State.

### **Recognition and Honors for Washington State Library Programs**

- The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library was selected by the federal National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) as the Network Library of the Year for 2009. This award commends a regional library for excellence, innovation, and special achievement in providing library service to citizens who are unable to use standard print materials because of visual or physical impairment.

### **Selected 2010 Statewide Projects, Programs, and Services**

- To benefit Washington State citizens in these economic hard times, Washington State Library staff:
  - Launched a Renew Washington grant cycle that helped libraries address the needs of people in their communities providing access to employment-related information, resources, and services.
  - Constructed a nationally recognized Hard Times Resource Guide web portal to connect citizens to resources in the areas of employment and job seeking, housing and homelessness, finances, health and sustenance.
  - The Washington State Library served the needs of traditionally unserved individuals:
  - The Washington Talking Book and Braille Library provided statewide library services to those who are sight-impaired or who have difficulty using print materials.
  - Branch libraries of the Washington State Library provided service to individuals in state correctional and mental health facilities.

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