WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY

Washington Secretary of State SAM REED

INSTITUTE of Museum and Library SERVICES

Library Services and Technology Act Funding

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 #6: Direct Services to Local Libraries

Libraries in this district have received $138,478 as a result of Washington State Library services and programs during the past year:

Grants and Subsidies to Individual Libraries or Library Systems

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.

- Bates Technical College
- Clover Park Technical College
- Grays Harbor College
- Olympic College
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Tacoma Community College
- Tacoma Public Library
- Timberland Regional Library
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Washington Libraries

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 and leveraged additional funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Washington State Library to award additional grants.

- Pierce County Library System (LSTA and Gates)
- Port Townsend Public Library (LSTA and Gates)
- Timberland Regional Library (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.

- Bethel School District (CH Thompson Elementary School)
- Pierce County Library System (Lakewood Library)

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
- North Olympic Library System
- Pierce County Library System
- South Kitsap School District
- Tacoma Community College
- University of Washington Libraries

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

- Central Kitsap School District

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.

- Bates Technical College
- Central Kitsap School District
- Charles Wright Academy
- Cosmopolis School District
- Lake Quinault School District
- Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Library
- North Mason School District
- Sequim School District
- Shelton School District
- South Kitsap School District

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.

- Bates Technical College
- City University of Seattle
- Clover Park Technical College
- Faith Evangelical College and Seminary
- Grays Harbor College
- Hoh Tribe
- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Library
- Jefferson County Rural Library District
- Kitsap Regional Library
- Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Library
- MCRC Archives and Library Department
- MultiCare Health System
- North Olympic Library System
- Ocean Shores Public Library
- Olympic College
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Peninsula College
- Pierce County Library System
- Port Townsend Public Library
- Quileute Tribal Libraries
- Quinault Nation Tribal Library
- Skokomish Tribal Center
- Squaxin Island Museum Library & Research Center
- Tacoma Community College
- Tacoma Public Library
- Timberland Regional Library
- University of Puget Sound
- Non-profit schools also received subsidies through their local Educational Service District

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.

- City University
- Jefferson County Rural Library District
- North Olympic Library System
- Olympic College
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Peninsula College
- Pierce County Library District
- Port Townsend Public Library

Training Provided or Coordinated by the Washington State Library
431 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

- 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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