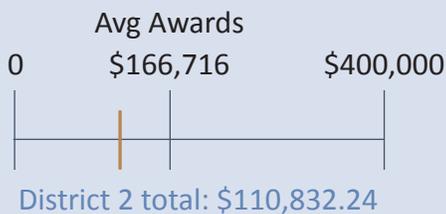


Services to Libraries: Congressional District 2

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, consulting services, grants, subsidies and training to improve libraries.

Examples of services include support for digital literacy programming, Microsoft Office training and industry-recognized 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 other residents of the state.

Awards & Subsidies



- Library grants
- Databases
- Digital services

Training Opportunities

132
individuals trained

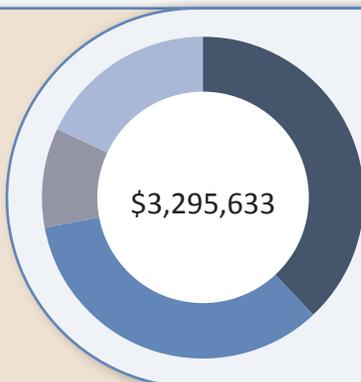
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Total Federal Funding



- Statewide Projects
- Awards & Subsidies
- Washington Talking Book & Braille Library
- Prison & Hospital Libraries



Approximately \$1.37 of federal LSTA funding is received to support libraries for each dollar of state funding.

Data from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Visit www.sos.wa.gov/library for more information



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Impact of LSTA Library Funding on District 2

In Bellingham, the library is seeking to increase its role as a community information resource for literacy and early learning trends. The State Library provided a Professional Development grant that allowed a Bellingham public librarian to attend the Thrive Symposium. Using the information learned at the Symposium, she adapted the state's kindergarten readiness document to be more family friendly. The library added two new weekly storytime sessions that utilize the six domains of school readiness as outlined in the WA KIDS kindergarten guidelines. Librarian Julie Mauermann stated, "We know that not all families are comfortable in a formal school setting, so the library can serve as an additional avenue for families to access information about school. We will continue this work looking at how to make this information most available, including translation to other languages."

- "Our State Library is the support system for all the public libraries in Washington State. Its strength and viability is necessary for the strength of all the rest."
- "The Washington State Library provides essential services to all citizens. With grants from the federal government the State Library has enabled libraries to have access to online databases, eBooks, and audio books. This allows libraries to fully provide for their patrons' information needs."
- "The State Library is an important resource to not only the libraries and librarians in the state, but all the residents of the state of Washington who benefit from the work it does. It is especially important for the small rural libraries who are able to join a larger purchasing group through the State Library which leverages our limited funds. Without their help we would never be able to offer the services we do."



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