

Services to Libraries: 5th Congressional District

The Washington State Library (WSL) ensures that residents of the entire state have access to educational materials, research capabilities and resources that change lives. WSL achieves these goals in part using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds—which are dependent on state funding—to offer consulting services, grants, subsidies, training, and other programs that improve libraries and the lives of the patrons which they serve.

Awards & Subsidies

WSL provides funding to support local libraries through circulating STEM kits, professional development grants, digital literacy, early literacy programming, cost-sharing of online databases, and 24/7 online reference services.



Databases  Digital services 
Library grants 

Training Opportunities

WSL provides training opportunities for the library staff and the public including Microsoft Office training and industry-recognized certification, professional development, and specialized training for library administration.

26
sessions

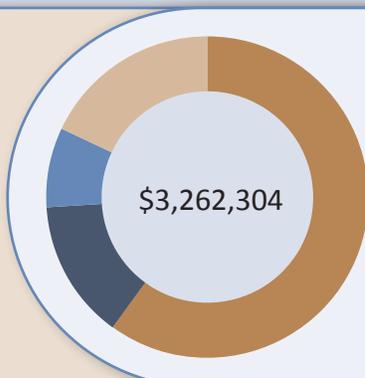
142
individuals trained

Training Programs & Partners



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Total Federal Funding



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



For every \$1 of state funding, the state receives approximately \$1.25 in federal LSTA funding to support libraries.

\$73,445 to 5th Congressional District libraries

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only state agency that is specifically designated by law to assist local and regional libraries with library and information services. Below is just one example of how WSL has helped libraries in this district connect with their communities and improve the quality of life for its patrons.

The Washington State Library partnered with the Spokane Public Library to help people reenter society with a library card in hand. A woman leaving the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor has returned to Spokane with a brand new library card. It can be difficult for people who are transitioning back to their communities to provide the identification needed to access resources. Thanks to the new program, this woman can now take advantage of all that the Spokane Public Library has to offer: computers, business center, job and housing assistance, and the ability to check out materials.

It can be difficult for people who are transitioning back to their communities to provide the identification needed to get a card.



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