

Services to Libraries: 3rd 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 using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, which are dependent on state matching funding, to offer consulting services, grants, subsidies, training, and other programs that improve libraries.

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.

18
trainings

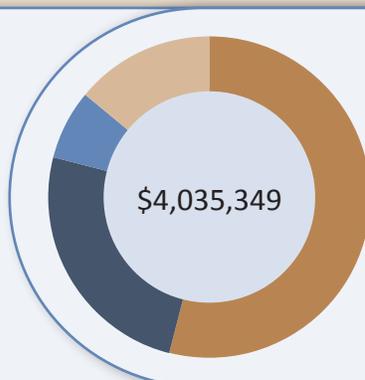
2,712
individuals trained

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 \$1.16 in additional federal LSTA funding to support libraries.

\$117,313 to 3rd Congressional District libraries

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only state agency 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 communities and improve the quality of life for their patrons. This project and more, such as our new Lynda.com partnership, continue to drive our public libraries into the future.

In this era of “fake news,” access to information from reputable sources is at a premium. However, many of these resources are fee-based, which puts them out of reach for the average person. For over two decades, WSL has provided steeply-discounted access to information resources to school, public, and academic libraries in the state. A librarian in this district wrote us this story about how this resource has benefited her patrons: “A patron emailed us looking for an article about her relative’s accidental death in our area back in 2002, with TV coverage. She contacted the local newspaper and was told that they don’t keep their newspaper beyond one year. The Columbian actually referred her to our library. She told us that “the library is her only hope” because she didn’t cut out the article and now had no way to access it. Library staff was able to provide guidance, and the patron found exactly what she was looking for in the ProQuest database. She was thrilled and grateful!”

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