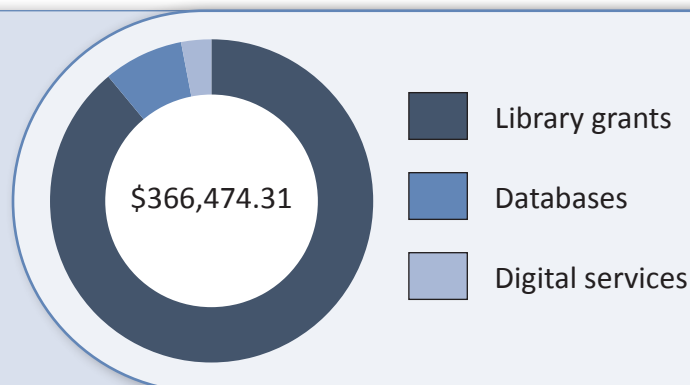
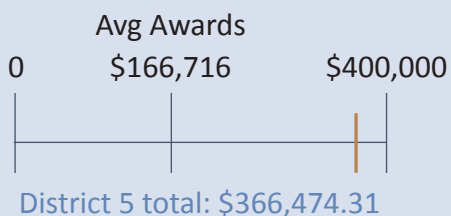


Services to Libraries: Congressional District 5

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



Training Opportunities

518
individuals trained

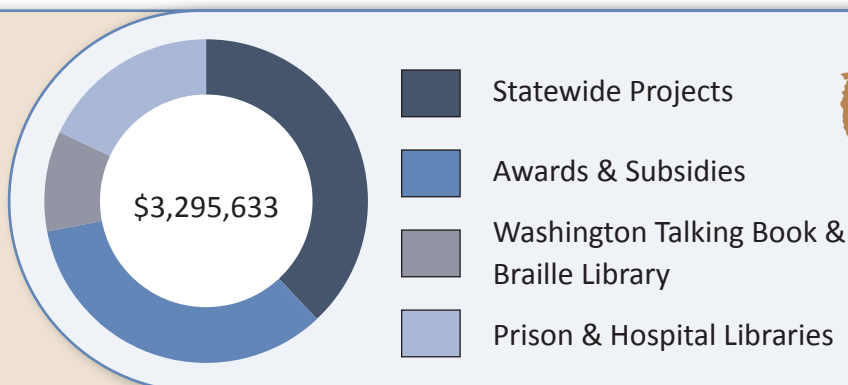
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Total Federal Funding



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

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Impact of LSTA Library Funding on District 5

Liberty High School received a Refreshing School Libraries grant. They reported that the books were being used by many of the school clubs. The High School Robotics Team built and improved on their 2016 “robot.” The FFA (Future Farmers of America) Ag Issues Teams have been highly successful with its research and presentations. The Knowledge Bowl Team has greatly improved compared to the previous year. One high school student even shared that the STEM books came just in time for a particular report that she needed more information on!

In Stevens County, the Colville Library received a Washington Rural Heritage grant and used it to digitize and provide online access to a collection of aerial photographs, maps, and historical documents from the Heritage Department of Colville National Forest (USDA.) The Colville National Forest public affairs officer, Franklin Pemberton reported, “This project is being used by our forest, regional, and national silviculturists and fire ecologists to compare stand density and type over time. I believe this project will have benefits that will move past the initial scope of the grant and benefit students and practitioners of forestry far into the future.” This project has been acknowledged by the Chief of the Forest Service for its professionalism and thoroughness.

The Davenport Library partnered with the State Library and NoaNet to significantly increase its internet speed. Its librarian reported that as soon as the library was set up with higher speeds, a visually impaired teen girl was able to use its internet for her homework and entertainment needs. Originally, the internet speed was not sufficient enough to load the online programs that she needed. With the high-speed internet, she is now able to use the library’s downloadable book service and Wi-Fi. In fact the whole town is using the library’s internet: the fire station across the street utilized the library’s Wi-Fi to access the instructor’s online education materials when training volunteer firefighters in CPR/First Aid; and the sewing business next door utilizes the Wi-Fi to teach crafting classes and to conduct other business transactions. While the library is open only 16 hours a week, the Wi-Fi extends beyond the walls of the library—people often use the library’s Wi-Fi just by sitting in their cars after hours.



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