## Services to Libraries: 7th 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.

## **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.



Library systems may span more than one district. The amounts listed reflect the total benefit received by the library system regardless of district.

## \$82,456 to 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

A patron of the Washington Talking Book & braille Library (WTBBL) told us, "It has been wonderful to be able to work with such diverse populations at WTBBL. We have many families who are surprised that they can obtain services from WTBBL in their native language. Many of the Latino families had no clue they could have access to books in Spanish!"

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