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.

- **$1,014,069**
  - 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.

- **928 trainings**
- **32,011 individuals trained**

**Training Programs & Partners**

For every $1 of state funding, the state receives approximately $1.16 in additional federal LSTA funding to support libraries.

Data from October 1, 2017, to September 30, 2018, and Federal Fiscal Year 2018 budgets
In many small communities, the public library is often the fastest and sometimes sole source of high speed internet. Every legislative district in Washington has veterans residing within, and services to veterans often require access to the internet. Seeing a need and a logical partnership, WSL is working with the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, WAServes (a veterans service organization), and WestCare (a behavioral health services organization to serve veterans through their local library. Several libraries are helping us pilot this program, which we plan to take statewide.