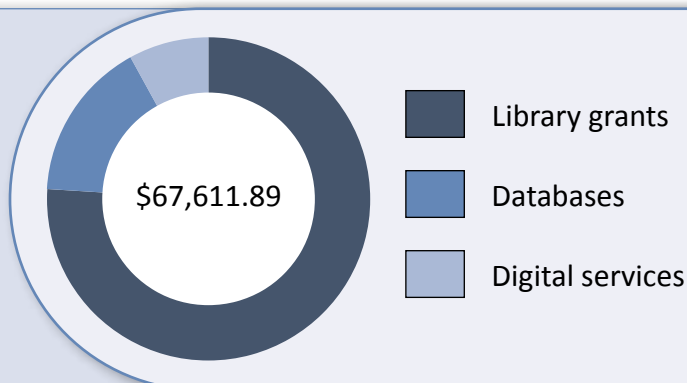
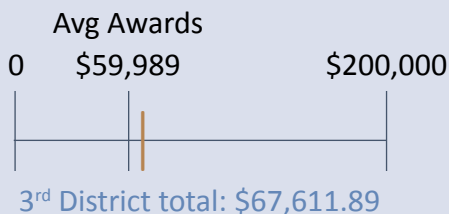


Services to Libraries: 3rd Legislative District

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 to improve libraries, consulting services, grants, subsidies and training to 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 Washington residents.

Awards & Subsidies



Training Opportunities

49 individuals trained

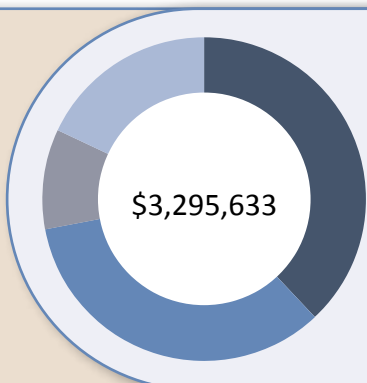
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Total Federal Funding



- Statewide Projects
- Awards & Subsidies
- Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL)
- Prison & Hospital Libraries



Approximately \$1.37 of federal LSTA funding is received to support libraries for each dollar of state funding.

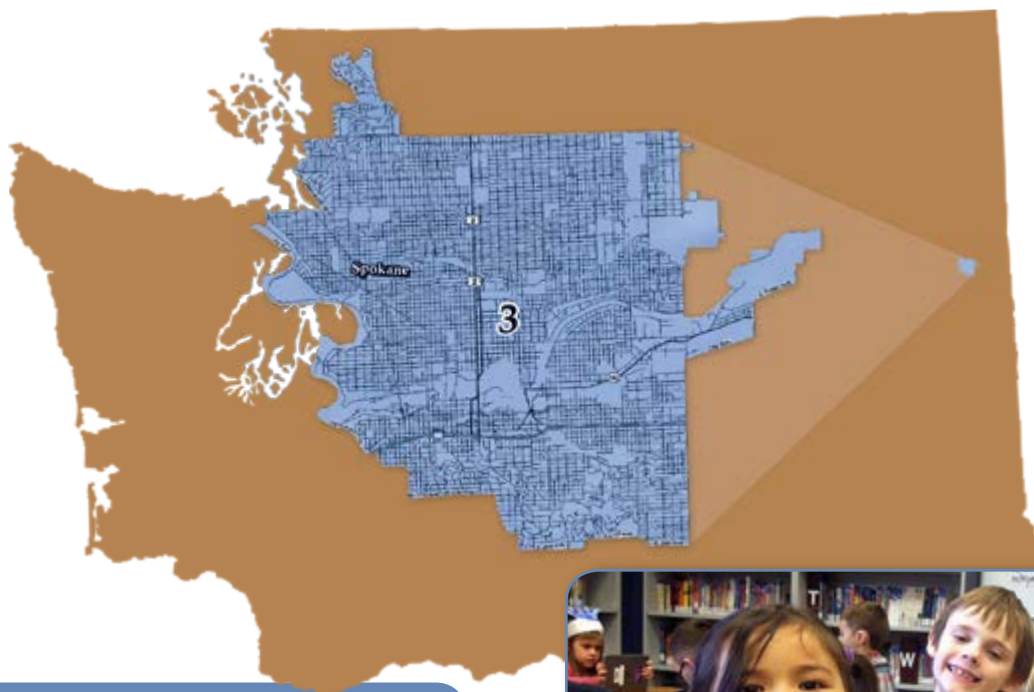
Data from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

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Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 3rd District



“WTBBL is very important for students with visual impairments in our state. Their services are invaluable in finding books and services for our students whether in braille or auditory format.”



“The Washington State Library provides valuable services to the people of Washington. Through training, the State Library helps public librarians better serve their communities.”

“The WTBBL has been a gift to many of my clients who have recently learned they can no longer read standard print or are completely blind and can now access audio reading material.”

John A. Shaw Middle School in Spokane received a Future STEMs from Reading grant, which provided 50 new nonfiction books to the library. The books have been enthusiastically received by the seventh and eighth graders, with one student commenting, “I really liked learning more about the atmosphere and weather. These new books were way better than the crusty stuff you had before.”

The librarian reported that the new books are consistently checked out. The English language learners especially liked that the books were full of pictures that helped them to decipher the text.