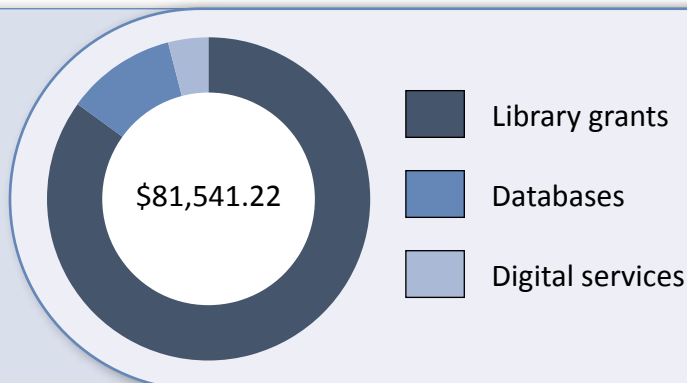
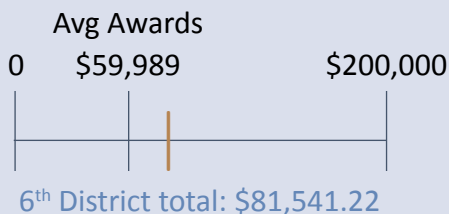


# Services to Libraries: 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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

**105**  
individuals trained

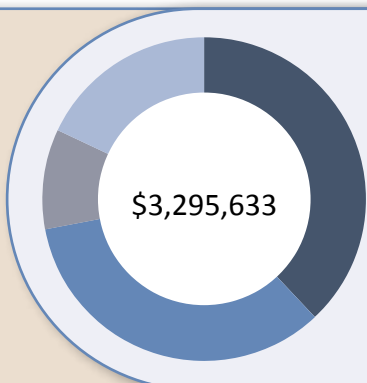
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## Total Federal Funding



- 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: 6<sup>th</sup> District



Six schools in this district received a Refreshing School Libraries grant, which provided \$1,000 to each library to update their nonfiction sections. The librarians report great excitement about the new books. “The books have definitely created a buzz about reading nonfiction and STEM in our school.” And “By having new nonfiction materials on our shelves, students will learn about everything from people to new geographical areas that have changed.

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The Medical Lake library used a Washington Rural Heritage grant from the State Library to purchase the equipment needed to digitize the early history of their area. Staff from WSL worked closely with library staff to train them on use of their equipment and on archiving and metadata guidelines. The project resulted in a rich digital archive of the early days of the Medical Lake community and their history as a health resort.



“The State Library provides access to books and legislative materials, and they assist students and citizens with research. The State Library also preserves our historical records for current use and for many years to come.”

“The library is a function that helps inmates, like myself, pass the time in a constructive manner. A cell with no books is a very unfriendly place. In prison a book can be your best friend, teacher, and mentor.”