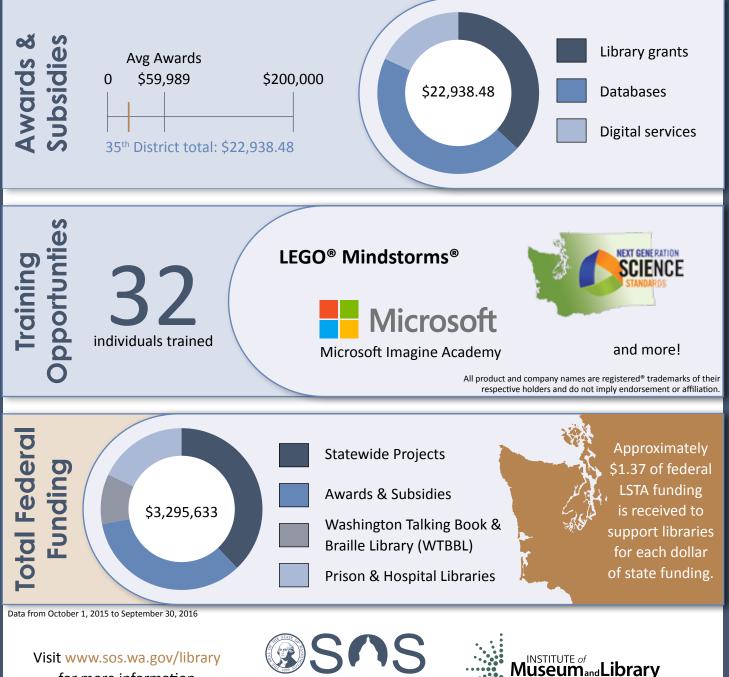
## Services to Libraries: 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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 industryrecognized 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.



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## Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 35<sup>th</sup> District



Seven schools in the Bremerton School District were awarded \$1,000 each as part of the Refreshing Schools Libraries grant cycle. A few quotes from their librarians:

- "We were able to build our nonfiction collection by adding themes that connected with our Wonders reading curriculum and Next Generation Science Standards."
- "Using current nonfiction books to teach informational text skills is helping our students and staff see the library as a relevant place to explore real world ideas."
- "We have taken a step in transforming the library collection to meet the needs of PreK-3 and Spanish Immersion students."
- "Our middle school students were excited about the variety of books that were added to our collection."



"I am a community college librarian/ faculty member. Our students and faculty are very appreciative of, and heavy users of, our 24/7/365 cooperative chat service (ASK-WA), which is one of the services organized and administered by WSL. Students love knowing that there is ALWAYS a Masters degreed librarian who works at a college or university library in the US, available to help them."