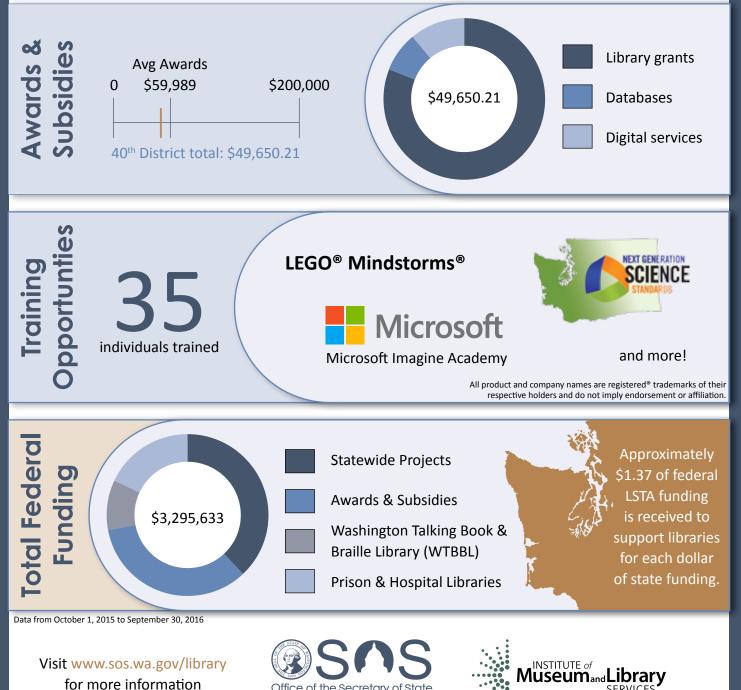
Services to Libraries: 40th Legislative District

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.



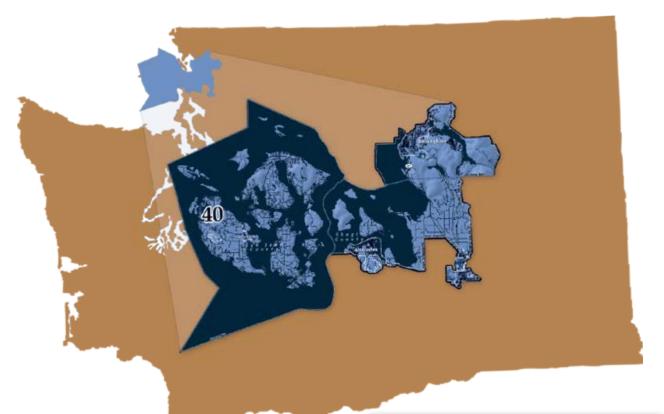
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The Washington State Library's digital newspaper specialist has been working with the Burlington Library and the City of Anacortes Museum to digitize historic newspapers and provide guidance on local preservation and digitization projects. Digitization of the Anacortes American newspaper is under way.

As more and more people are accessing the Internet on a mobile device WSL saw a need for a transitional technology to help libraries provide mobile access to library resources. To rectify the problem WSL developed the LibraryNow app that was offered free to public libraries for the first year. Because of the app, the Burlington and Mount Vernon libraries are able to provide good mobile access to library users.



"Thanks to the State Library, services and funding have been provided to support staff training, subsidized support for the library to purchase discounted e-books for which we have current circulation of more than 1,000 items per month, purchase of subsidized education databases, and referrals for services of residents with vision limitations."