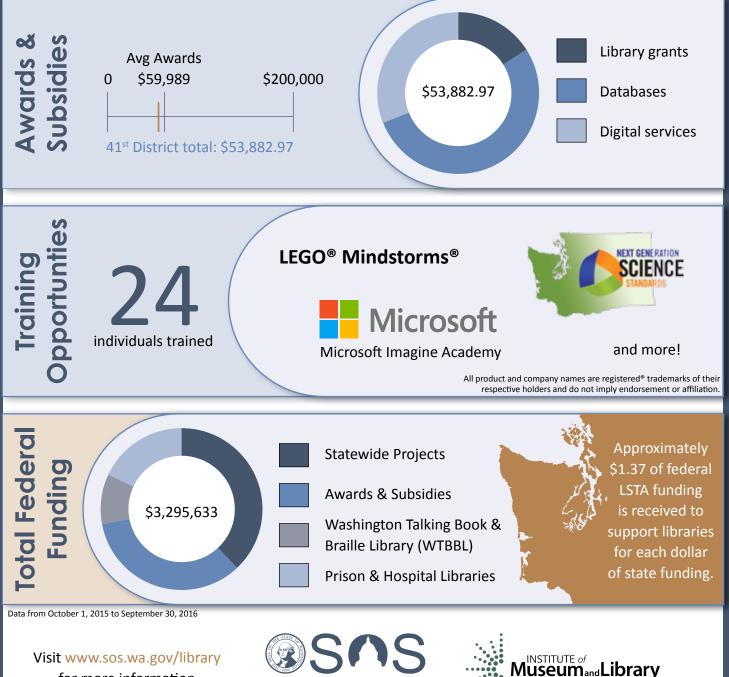
Services to Libraries: 41st Legislative District

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.



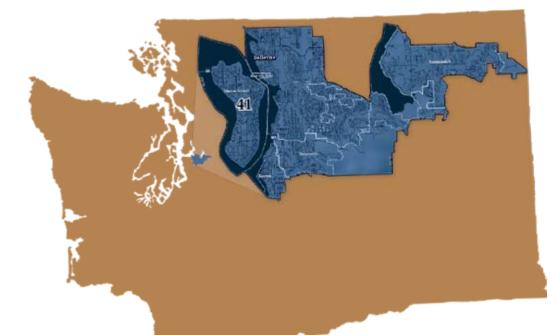
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Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 41st District



The King County Library received a Digital Literacy grant which allowed it to purchase several 3Doodler printing pens. These pens extrude plastic and allow a more fluid 3-D printing. The program is called "IdeaX 3D Printing" and over the fall of 2016 they visited 12 sites around King County. The adults preferred using patterns that were provided (and made some fabulous creations) but the kids were eager to dive in on their own to see what they could create. One young gentleman really knew how to push the envelope. The first day, with no guidance or instruction, he used the 3-D pen to print a functioning miniature windmill, only to return the next day and build a suspension bridge. The library may have lit the spark of the next big tech giant!

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"I am a 95-year-old veteran who uses the talking book library every day. Since I lost my sight and my hearing is also not good, the talking book service has been a life-changing service for me."

"The Talmud teaches that when one stops learning, one stops living. The staff and services of the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library have been a lifeline for me. Thank you."