Services to Libraries: 45th 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: 45th District



The King County Library received a Digital Literacy grant that allowed them to purchase several 3Doodler printing pens. They created a program called "IdeaX 3D Printing" and over the fall of 2016, they visited 12 sites around King County and had 17 programs. One special story happened in October 2016. One of the King County libraries hosted an Arts & Tech Festival and used the 3Doodler pens. They reported that 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!



"The Washington State Library resources and services are available for citizens to make objective decisions for themselves in order to have successful and happy personal lives. This includes the ability to find a job and then improve in order to keep up with demands of the job."

"WTBBL is the only library available with services for blind and visually impaired people to use."