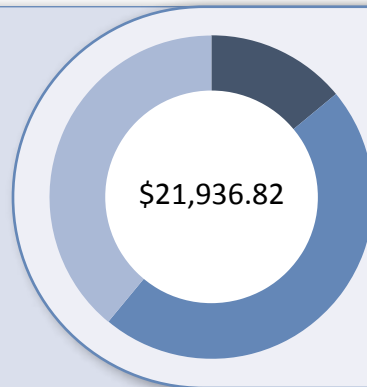
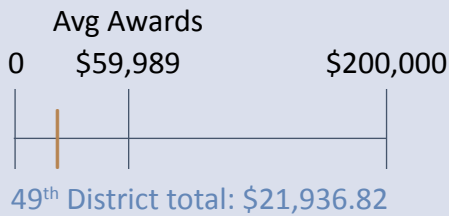


# Services to Libraries: 49<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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



- Library grants
- Databases
- Digital services

## Training Opportunities

**51**  
individuals trained

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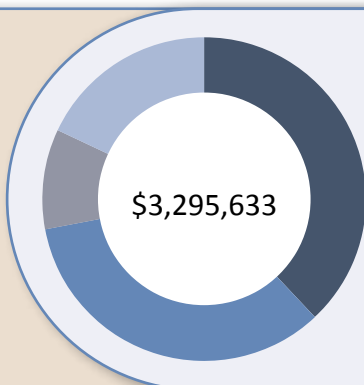
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## Total Federal Funding



- 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

Visit [www.sos.wa.gov/library](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library) for more information



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# Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 49<sup>th</sup> District



Keeping our state's library workers trained in 21<sup>st</sup> century skills is a priority of the State Library. Working with the Fort Vancouver Regional Library, WSL offers training to keep their staff up to date. Between Professional Development grants to individual librarians and in-person training that reaches large groups, WSL develops and updates your librarian's skills.

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Three schools in this district received \$1,000 each to buy new, nonfiction books for their libraries as part of the Refreshing School Libraries grant cycle. Here are quotes from a few happy librarians: "These new books have much better visuals and the text is much more student-friendly as compared to the rest of our collection." "Everyone is excited about having these new books in our library and they are flying off the shelves."



"The Statewide Database Licensing Project is a vital service! Group purchasing saves libraries throughout the state thousands of dollars."

"My mother has macular degeneration and can barely see. I know she values listening to the books on tape from the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, and it gives her something to occupy her time."