The Washington State Library (WSL) ensures that residents of the entire state have access to educational materials, research capabilities, and resources that change lives. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, which are dependent on state matching funding, to offer consulting services, grants, subsidies, training, and other programs that improve libraries.

**Awards & Subsidies**
WSL provides funding to support local libraries through circulating STEM kits, professional development grants, digital literacy, early literacy programming, cost-sharing of online databases, and 24/7 online reference services.

![Bar chart](chart.png)

- Databases
- Digital services
- Library grants

**Training Opportunities**
WSL provides training opportunities for the library staff and the public including Microsoft Office training and industry-recognized certification, professional development, and specialized training for library administration.

- 18 trainings
- 1,068 individuals trained

**Total Federal Funding**
For every $1 of state funding, the state receives approximately $1.16 in additional federal LSTA funding to support libraries.

Data from October 1, 2017, to September 30, 2018, and Federal Fiscal Year 2018 budgets
Libraries in the 21st century provide access to books in a variety of formats. In addition to traditional paper books, libraries now offer eBooks and audiobooks. Library patrons have come to depend on being able to access books in all of these formats. Businesses have developed platforms that allow libraries to provide access to them; however, the initial cost is beyond what most smaller libraries can afford. In 2010, WSL initiated a project which helps libraries provide access while keeping the cost affordable. Here's a story we heard from a librarian in St. John about how important it is to her patrons: “During the busy times of the year, wheat farmers spend 10 to 12 hours a day in a tractor going around the Palouse hills. Phone and radio service is at best spotty. CD players don’t last long because of dust and grease. Digital audio books are the perfect thing to make time in the tractor pass more quickly. Most listen with headphones that also protect their hearing. Our wide selection makes it easy to download several titles at breakfast and have entertainment all day.”