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.

$44,939

### 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.

12 trainings
582 individuals trained

### Training Programs & Partners
- Microsoft Imagine Academy
- Washington State Department of Early Learning

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### 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
Last year, the Cashmere Museum reached out to our digital newspaper specialist. They needed help figuring out how to preserve their heritage through digitizing their local newspaper collection. The museum volunteers have great local support through schools, Rotary, and their local historical organizations. Museum staff were encouraged to reach out to the library for additional support, since the library patrons would also benefit from online access to their local newspapers for genealogy & history research. Museum staff and local library staff were introduced to our Washington Digital Newspaper program, through which they can access historic Washington newspapers online for free. This resource was new to them.

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only state agency specifically designated by law to assist local and regional libraries with library and information services. Below is just one example of how WSL has helped libraries in this district connect with communities and improve the quality of life for their patrons. This project and more, such as our new Lynda.com partnership, continue to drive our public libraries into the future.

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