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.

**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.

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
The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL) provides a comprehensive library service for Washington residents who are unable to read standard print materials. Distributing both audio and braille books throughout the state opens worlds to this population. In the past year, 3,975 items were circulated to the 175 people WTBBL serves in this district. One of your constituents said this about the service. “My Mom is so thankful for your library service since losing her eyesight to macular degeneration 6 years ago. She would be lost without these books to brighten her day.”

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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