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.

- **Databases**: [Graph showing $24,857]
- **Digital services**: [Graph showing $4,035,349]
- **Library grants**: [Graph showing $4,035,349]

### 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.

- **14 trainings**
- **809 individuals trained**

### Training Programs & Partners
- Statewide Library Projects
- Awards & Subsidies
- Washington Talking Book & Braille Library
- Book & Braille Library
- Prison & Hospital Libraries

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.
Since 2007, WSL has offered grants to Washington libraries to help digitize historic community documents and artifacts. Libraries often partner with a local history museum to access these unique local items. Grants help libraries purchase equipment and pay for staff time to perform the work, and State Library staff provide in-person hands-on training. When the work is done, the scanned items are hosted on the Washington Rural Heritage website. Over the years, this collection has grown to be a rich, personal, and intimate portrayal of early Washington history. Three library branches from the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District—La Center, Ridgefield, and Woodland—received grants this year. They partnered with the La Center Historical Museum, the Woodland Historical Museum Society, and private contributors to digitize items related to the communities and history of north Clark and south Cowlitz Counties. The collaborative efforts of these libraries has been aggregated into a new collection, Clark-Cowlitz Heritage, on the Washington Rural Heritage website.

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