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
WSL is very committed to workforce development, not only of library staff, but also all residents of Washington state. While we offer many trainings every year for library staff, we also provide access to the Microsoft Imagine Academy, as well as certification opportunities to any resident in our state. Obtaining a recognized industry certification helps workers improve their skills and gain advancement in their workplace. In 2018, we provided training opportunities to 386 people in this district, as well as funding for a school librarian to attend the Northwest Council for Computer Education conference.

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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