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.

- **$27,795**
  - 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.

- **17 trainings**
- **556 individuals trained**

### Training Programs & Partners
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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.

- **$4,035,349**
  - Statewide Library Projects
  - Awards & Subsidies
  - Washington Talking Book & Braille Library
  - Prison & Hospital Libraries

Data from October 1, 2017, to September 30, 2018, and Federal Fiscal Year 2018 budgets
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.

WSL houses many unique collections, including state and federal publications, as well as many historic Pacific Northwest resources unavailable elsewhere. Our public services staff is available to help researchers in person, by email or telephone, and over live chat. Many regular patrons know us by name and appreciate the skills we bring to their research. Recently we received this comment: “The librarian who followed up with my issues locating articles went above and beyond to help locate an article that isn’t in the online archives, which happened to have the information I was looking for. This service and all they do is very much appreciated.”

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