Services to Libraries: 29th Legislative District

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.

- **$60,333**
- **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.

- **16 trainings**
- **1,742 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.

- **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.

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, 3,391 items were circulated to the 130 people WTBBL serves in this district. One of your constituents from Tacoma who helped connect a loved one to WTBBL told us, “She is thankful for all our help. She is able to see through the eyes that we give her, and she just wants us to keep sending her books. Well, except for those with vampires. She has enjoyed everything else though!”

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