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.

17 trainings
493 individuals trained

Training Programs & Partners
Microsoft
Washington State Department of Early Learning
Microsoft Imagine Academy

Total Federal Funding
$4,035,349

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
In 2018, WSL partnered with the Oculus Company to bring virtual reality systems into libraries around the state. Six libraries, including the Shelton branch of the Timberland Regional Library System, participated in our pilot project. The library developed programming for the public to educate people about Virtual Reality. By participating in this WSL program, people in this district engaged with this groundbreaking technology. Providing access to cutting-edge technology is a way that WSL works with public libraries to serve their communities.

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.

Visit [www.sos.wa.gov/library](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library) for more information

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