

Washington State Library
Library Development Program
Services to Libraries 2003

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The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only agency in Washington that is specifically designated to assist libraries and to ensure that residents of the entire state have access to library and information services. State Library staff members work in partnership with statewide advisory committees to plan and implement programs, provide training, grants, and consulting services aimed at the development, improvement, and enhancement of all public and non-profit libraries in the state.

Legislative District #40: Direct Services to Local Libraries

Libraries in this district include school libraries and:

- Affiliated Health Services
- Anacortes Public Library
- Bellingham Public Library – Fairhaven
- Burlington Public Library
- Guemes Island Library
- Lopez Island Library District
- Mount Vernon City Library
- Northwest Regional Archives
- Orcas Island Library District
- San Jaun County Law Library
- San Juan Island Library District
- Shaw Island Library and Historical Society
- Skagit County Law Library
- Skagit Valley College
- University of Washington Libraries – Friday Harbor Library
- Western Washington University
- Whale Museum Library

Libraries in this district have received \$52,960 as a result of Washington State Library services and programs during the past year:

Grants to Individual Libraries or Library Systems (\$36,764)

- \$30,729 in Virtual Reference Service grants – Burlington Public Library, Skagit Valley College
- \$6,035 in Continuing Education grants – Anacortes High School, Bellingham Public Library, Mount Vernon City Library, Orcas Island Library District, Skagit Valley College, University of Washington Libraries*

Online Periodical Databases Access Subsidies (subsidy is matched by the local library) (\$7,322)

- \$2,511 – Bellingham Public Library*
- \$92 – Lopez Island Library District
- \$164 – Orcas Island Library District
- \$242 – San Juan Island Library District
- \$913 – Mount Vernon Public Library
- Non-profit schools also received subsidies through the Washington State Library
- \$200 – Affiliated Health Services
- \$552 – Anacortes Public Library
- \$223 – Burlington Public Library
- \$2,393 – Skagit Valley College
- \$32 – Concrete Public Library

Federal Telecommunications and Internet Discounts (E-rate) Savings (\$8,874)

- \$3,000 – Bellingham Public Library
- \$3,388 – Orcas Island Library District
- \$2,486 – San Juan Island Library District

Training Provided by or Coordinated by the Washington State Library

- 44 individuals were trained in information literacy, effective reference services, electronic and virtual reference services, technology, customer service, cultural diversity, and effective trusteeship

**Dollar amounts reflect overall system subsidy or discount*

2003 Federal Grant-Supported Statewide Projects, Programs, and Services

- Consulting services to Washington libraries
- Training for Washington library employees
- Helping Washington libraries to offer electronic library services
- Enhancing the public's ability to effectively locate, use, and evaluate information
- Providing library services to the blind and institutionalized
- Facilitating group purchase access to online databases
- Subsidizing all types of libraries in acquiring access to an online database
- Awarding diversity, Virtual Reference Service and Early Learning grants
- Providing training and materials for community partnerships for at risk children
- Services to institutions
- Supporting state participation in the Collaborative Summer Library Program.
- Distributing early learning video collections in English and Spanish to libraries and county health departments
- Offering training opportunities for the community partners of grant recipient libraries

General Consulting

Washington State Library (WSL) staff provides in-depth research and advice for libraries and government in areas such as: legal and governance issues, development of policies and services, relationships between boards and government officials, board responsibilities and interrelationships, setting up library districts, and other service issues. WSL employees develop, conduct, and facilitate continuing education retreats for library staff and boards of trustees.

Information Technology (IT) Consulting

WSL provides specialized IT consulting services for libraries throughout the state. Areas of expertise include network infrastructure, computing hardware and software, and the federal E-rate program qualifying libraries for telecommunications discounts. The federal grants program awards funds to libraries to establish innovative programs and services. The Library's IT consultants have taken a leadership role in connecting public libraries to the statewide K-20 network, a high-speed data and video network serving educational institutions throughout the state. WSL is also working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to bring computer hardware, software, and training to many Washington public libraries.

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