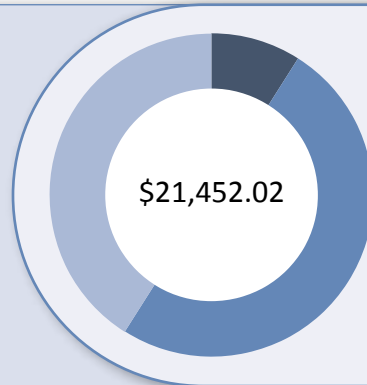
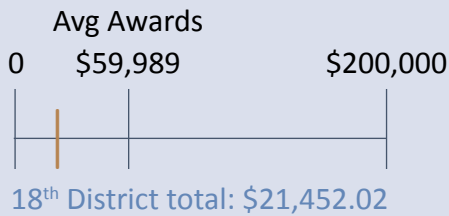


Services to Libraries: 18th Legislative District

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only agency in Washington that is specifically designated by law to assist libraries and to ensure that residents of the entire state have access to library and information services. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, offering projects to improve libraries, consulting services, grants, subsidies and training to libraries.

Examples of services include support for digital literacy programming, Microsoft Office training and industry-recognized certification, early literacy programming, professional grants, specialized training for library administration, circulating STEM kits, group cost-sharing for online databases, and 24/7 online reference support for college students and Washington residents.

Awards & Subsidies



- Library grants
- Databases
- Digital services

Training Opportunities

54
individuals trained

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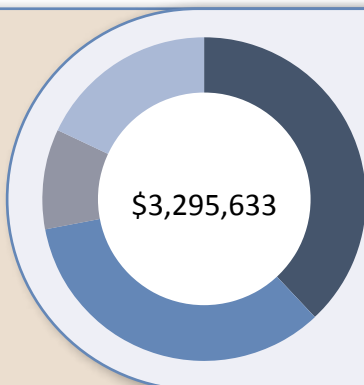
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Total Federal Funding



- Statewide Projects
- Awards & Subsidies
- Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL)
- Prison & Hospital Libraries



Approximately \$1.37 of federal LSTA funding is received to support libraries for each dollar of state funding.

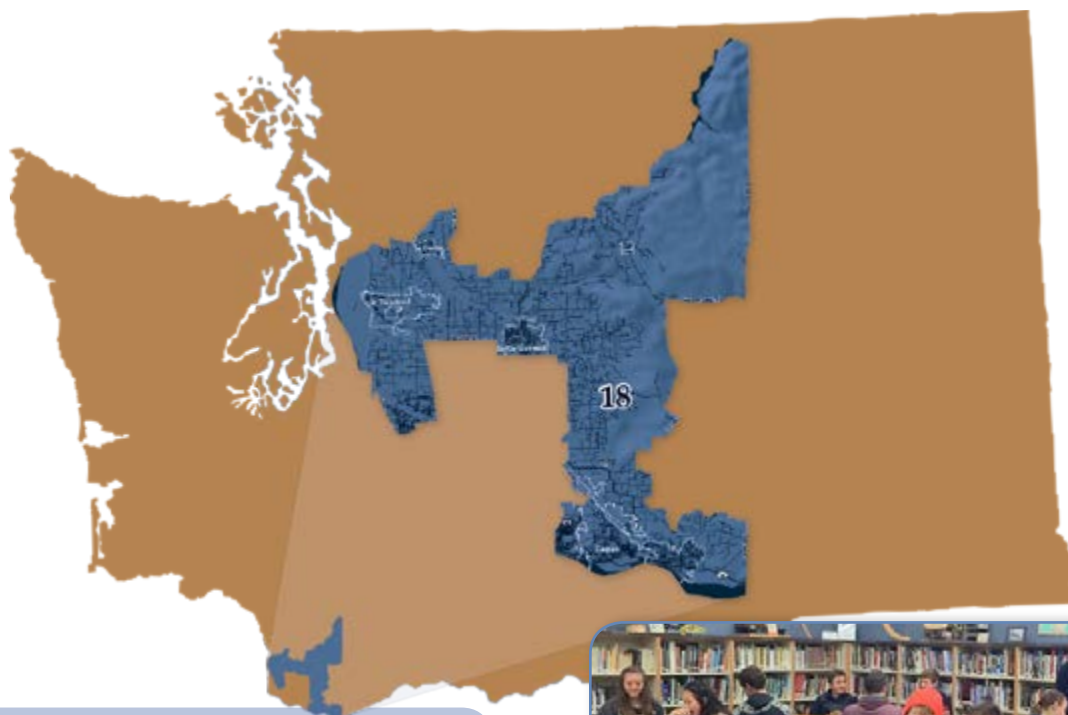
Data from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

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Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 18th District



The Washington State Library has invested in several STEM kits, with technologies ranging from programmable robots to Lego building kits. These kits, designed to engage children with technology, are available to any public library in the state. One of these kits, called Ozobots, visited the Cathlamet Public Library last year. Its librarian reported that “Two middle school boys came three times, four other children came twice and 14 children came once each. Most of the older children who did come were using the iPads to program the Ozobots. Lower elementary students loved designing mazes with embedded programming codes. I was also surprised at how a few preschoolers got the concept of drawing a maze for the Ozobots to follow. A brother and sister proclaimed the Ozobots the “best robot ever”!”



Keeping our state’s library workers trained in 21st century skills is a priority of the State Library. Working with the Fort Vancouver Regional Library, the Washington State Library offers training to keep public library staff up to date. Between Professional Development grants to individual librarians and in-person training that reach large groups, the Washington State Library develops and updates librarian’s skills.