

Services to Libraries: 8th 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 in part using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds—which are dependent on state funding—to offer consulting services, grants, subsidies, training, and other programs that improve libraries and the lives of the patrons which they serve.

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.



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.

18
sessions

157

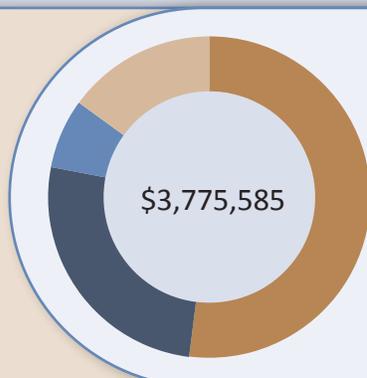
individuals trained

Training Programs & Partners



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Total Funding



 Statewide Library Projects
 Awards & Subsidies
 Washington Talking Book & Braille Library
 Prison & Hospital Libraries



For every \$1 of state funding, the state receives approximately \$1.25 in federal LSTA funding to support libraries.

Data from October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2017, and Federal Fiscal Year 2017 budgets. Library systems may span more than one district. The amounts listed reflect the total benefit received by the library system regardless of district.

\$30,896 to 8th Legislative District libraries

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only state agency that is 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 their communities and improve the quality of life for its patrons.

The State Library owns several different STEM kits which circulate around the state, allowing libraries to offer technology programming for their youth and teens. The kits cost hundreds of dollars each, and often include a laptop computer along with the science-based items. Small libraries in particular do not have the resources to purchase a kit, let alone store it. By sharing kits around the state, we are able to provide high-quality programming to any interested library. In 2017, the kits were in constant circulation, providing fun and educational opportunities for kids.

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