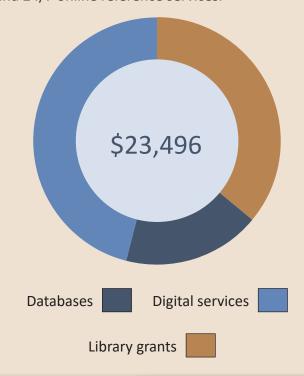
## Services to Libraries: 40<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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.



## **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.

21 trainings

830

Training Programs & Partners









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Statewide Library Projects

Awards & Subsidies

Washington Talking
Book & Braille Library

Prison & Hospital Libraries

For every \$1 of state funding, the state receives approximately \$1.16 in additional federal LSTA funding to support libraries.

## \$23,496 to 40<sup>th</sup> Legislative District libraries

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.

A growing problem in many libraries is that they have become a de facto destination for some of the homeless population. Libraries are welcoming to all, but staff often need new skills and tools to work effectively with this population. Seeing a need, WSL brought a national expert to our state to offer training and best practices to library staff. The training was enthusiastically received with this comment from library staff in this district: "An amazing training. I did not think I would be able to focus for the whole time of the training, and boy was I wrong! Training held my attention the whole time. I learned so much about the barriers homeless individuals face and came out not just with empathy, but also with practical tools to use! Thank you!"



