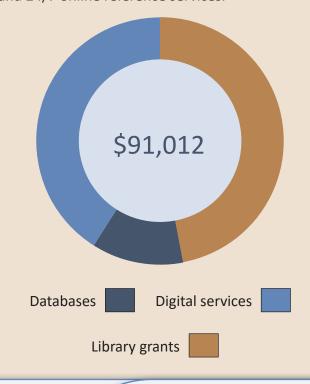
## Services to Libraries: 9th Legislative District

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.

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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.

## \$91,012 to 9<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.

Libraries in the 21<sup>st</sup> century provide access to books in a variety of formats. In addition to traditional paper books, libraries now offer eBooks and audiobooks. Library patrons have come to depend on being able to access books in all of these formats. Businesses have developed platforms that allow libraries to provide access to them; however, the initial cost is beyond what most smaller libraries can afford. In 2010, WSL initiated a project which helps libraries provide access while keeping the cost affordable. Here's a story we heard from a librarian in St. John about how important it is to her patrons: "During the busy times of the year, wheat farmers spend 10 to 12 hours a day in a tractor going [a]round the Palouse hills. Phone and radio service is at best spotty. CD players don't last long because of dust and grease. Digital audio books are the perfect thing to make time in the tractor pass more quickly. Most listen with headphones that also protect their hearing. Our wide selection makes it easy to download several titles at breakfast and have entertainment all day."





