## Services to Libraries: 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District

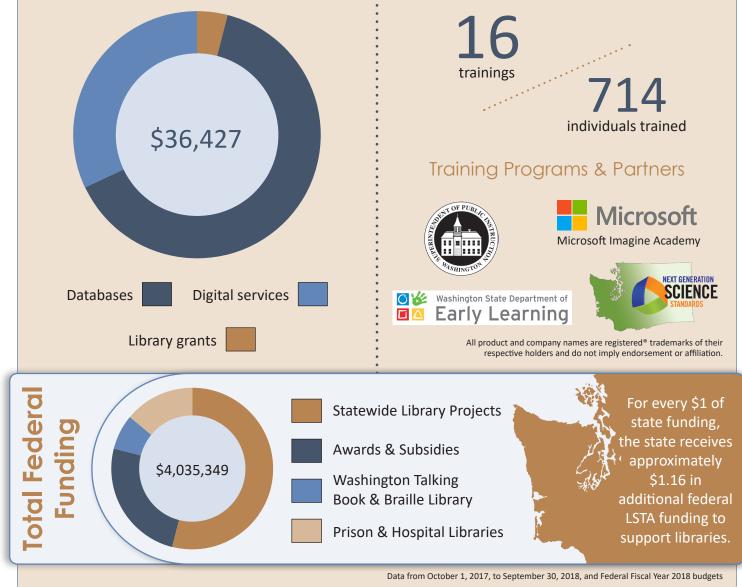
The Washington State Library (WSL) ensures that residents of the entire state have access to educational materials, research capabilities, and resources that change lives. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, which are dependent on state matching funding, 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.



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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.

Colleges and universities do not have "regular working hours," because they work around the clock. In order to support students and faculty at their convenience, WSL manages a 24/7 reference cooperative. Any time of day or night, a professional librarian is available to help with research. A comment from someone in this district shows the importance of this service: "The librarian's help was outstanding. Made it easy for this Faculty member to get to the goal quickly. Time is precious and this chat saved me a LOT of time that I could have spent stumbling around. Thanks very much for providing this excellent service."



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