Services to Libraries Report
May to October 2017

Status of FFY2018 Federal Appropriations for IMLS and LSTA

In the House of Representatives, IMLS is included in HR 3354 at 2017 funding levels of $231,000,000. The House approved initial passage of this bill on September 14, 2017.

In the Senate, the Senate Committee on Appropriations included IMLS at a slightly higher funding level than the House, $235,000,000. The Committee passed Senate Report 115-150 on September 7, 2017. The full Senate is expected to consider this report by for initial passage later this year.

Next steps in the passage of a new federal budget include:

- Once initial passage occurs in both bodies, then a Joint Conference Report is created.

- Each body works with the other using Joint Conference report to come to final agreement and final passage.

- One or more Continuing Resolutions may be needed to fund the federal government until final passage occurs. While full IMLS funding looks promising for federal fiscal year 2018, please recognize the negotiations regarding the budget will be fluid and much can happen between now and then. Stay tuned.

2016 Grant Cycles, including Digital Literacy and Washington Rural Heritage Grant Cycles Activity

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Update on 2016 grant cycles:

Our 2016 LSTA grantees are wrapping up their grant activities. The grant period ended on 8/18/17, with reimbursements and final reports due by 9/29/17.

We plan to create a grant opportunity for digital literacy through job seeker training for newly released prisoners, using remaining Imagine Academy tablets. Also meeting with Troy Goracke from the State Board about High School 21+ and Gale/Cengage's Career Online HS to see how these programs compare, particularly the online learning components. The goal is to see where libraries might play a role in helping patrons with the digital literacy component and putting a local face/support in place.

2017 Grant Cycles

WSL awarded Washington Rural Heritage grants to the following libraries:

- Asotin County Library, $4,500
- Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, $6,157
- Kalama Public Library, $6,958
- Orcas Island Public Library, $5,800
- Richland Public Library, $6,981
- Spokane County Library District, $6,300
- Whatcom County Library System, $7,000
- Whitman County Library, $4,689

WSL also awarded 2017 Metadata Cleanup Project grants of $5,000 to The Seattle Public Library and Whitman County Library.

Robb will promote and publicize collections from 2016-2017 grants.

Ask WA

Nono Burling

Burling continued to work member libraries on service improvements and trouble shooting.

- Negotiated with Question Point (QP) for2017 pricing
- Work with member libraries and QP on Fall scheduling
- Document QP service issues
- Work with QP to resolve issues already reported

Digitization, collection, management & administration, website design Evan Robb Nikki Chiampa	Chiampa is continuing to work on metadata remediation activities and migrating WRH project wiki (project archive and documentation) to CONTENTdm. Robb is working on ingest of new WRH materials and catching up on digital preservation adding new content to digital repository, Ingest, web content development, and digital preservation. Robb is attending monthly Rightsstatements.org Implementation Group meeting. Robb and Chiampa are presenting digitization workshops for Kitsap Regional Library staff and partners on 10/26-27.
2017 Eclipse Nono Burling Leanna Hammond Joe Olayvar Maura Walsh	When our library was listed as an 'event' location, we scrambled to turn our meager spaces and leftover eclipse glasses into an event. We found two local experts, Ken Slavens from the Tacoma Astronomical Society (TAS), and Francisco Velez from the Evergreen Astrological Society, who were willing to wear a mic at the event, give running explanations, tips about viewing and safety, and answer questions on the fly. We made some coloring pages and word puzzles, special "WSL helped me survive the great solar eclipse" stickers, set up a tent and an outside projector, huge telescopes, and got some sidewalk chalk. We *didn't* expect over 500 people to be waiting in line before we started distributing the glasses. People brought extra eclipse glasses and lawn chairs, everyone shared glasses and experiences, and the weather was sheer perfection. Now we're collecting the glasses to send to Astronomers without Borders for the next big eclipse in South America – paying it forward.
Metadata Enhancement and Remediation (MER) Project **Evan Robb**	The projected work includes • Migration to hosted CONTENTdm installation—timing dependent on Contract office's development of Master Service Agreement for OCLC services. • Work with Orbis Cascade Alliance on collaborative training related to DPLA service hub/WSL metadata grants. • Plan a pilot project in collaboration with Oregon State Library.
Microsoft Imagine Academy Elizabeth Iaukea	Current projects include • Working to add new testing sites in areas of the state where certification sites are far between (see report to Cindy). • Working with the Washington Student Achievement Council's Prior Learning Assessment group to prepare every college to grant credits for Microsoft certifications earned. • Introducing offline MOS testing at correctional facilities

Off the Page: Downloadable Audiobooks and eBooks for Washington Libraries Will Stuivenga	Washington Anytime Library Summit for the Washington Digital Library Consortium Washington Anytime meeting participants now have a much better understanding of the challenges facing their collaborative. Advisory votes were taken on questions regarding the governance of the consortia and customer service issues. 22 individuals volunteered for committees to necessary work in the following areas Veronda Pitchford, director of Membership and Resource Sharing of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System gave the keynote and Briana Johnson-Sims Training Specialist at Overdrive presented on engaging users. Sarah Morrison from North Olympic Library System and a member of our advisory committee helped explain best practices and tips.
Professional development and outreach Cindy Aden Nono Burling Mary Campbell Diane Hutchins Elizabeth Iaukea Evelyn Lindberg Joe Olayvar Carolyn Petersen Evan Robb Will Stuivenga WTBBL staff	**Meetings** Robb and Campbell attended the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) with four WSL scholarship winners. Stuivenga and Walsh attended the ALA conference. Burling represented State Library at CLAMS conference and South Sound Librarian meeting. Aden, Campbell, Stuivenga and Petersen attended the WSL sponsored Washington Digital Library Consortium user group meeting. Petersen met with Lincoln County School superintendents to promote union catalog between schools and public libraries. Iaukea and Walsh attended the Latinx Youth Summit. Aden, Campbell and Petersen met with tribal librarians to promote tribal children's literature. Campbell and Petersen met with the Cathlamet Public Library's librarian, a board member, and a school board member to discuss strategic planning. Campbell attended the museum open house at the Paul H. Karshner Memorial Museum. **Publications** Burling wrote article for July edition of ALKI about Library Snapshot week. Petersen submitted article to Public Libraries for James LaRue's column about Stimulating Summers Enriching Young Minds day camp project. **Services** Campbell has sent 32 announcements of webinars or free/low cost training to Public Library Directors and/or the Washington Library Association (WLA) Trainers group.

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Professional Development Grants Maura Walsh	We have awarded 12 Professional Development (PD) grants since May, including three for staff events at libraries and 14 for staff to attend training events outside their libraries. These sub-recipients submit evaluations and visual reports. We use some of their visual reports available online so other libraries can learn from the sub-recipient's experiences and also help them determine if a similar experience would be beneficial to their library. We continue working to publicize these grants so that more libraries will take advantage of them. We're also working on ways to streamline the process while making the awards more cost effective.
2017 Refreshing School Libraries Maura Walsh	Our fiscal office has nearly finished executing the contracts sent last August. 110 schools statewide received $2,000 each in reimbursable funding to buy print, nonfiction books. WSL selected the awardees based on the library's copyright dates, socioeconomic factors, and library budgets. Librarians will be reporting on selection methods and impact on student and teacher patrons.
Social Media and Library 21 Initiative Nono Burling Will Stuivenga et al.	Facebook: 122 posts with a reach of 81,915 people (not all unique users) Twitter: 200 tweets and engagement of 100,141 Blog posts: 14 posts WSL Updates: published weekly *These statistics do not include WTBBL social media.*

Statewide Database Licensing (SDL) Will Stuivenga	- Contract renewals with Recorded Books, OCLC WA Group Services and ProQuest. - Working on SDL trials process and cost reallocation discussion with advisory committee. - Promoting the ProQuest trainer who will be in Washington for two weeks in October. - Conducting a SDL secondary product review: building, launching trial web site; assessing results; possibly developing group purchase contract(s) as a result. Other possible group purchase activities: TumbleBooks, Gale Career Online High School Stuivenga recruited and confirmed Angela Bolam, Washington Learning Source Program Manager, Puget Sound ESD, as the new ESD representative on the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee.
STEM programming / Circulation Kits Joe Olayvar	Continue preparations for the collaborative "VR Research Program" with Oculus. The programs' goal is to supply and assess viability of VR equipment for educational purposes within the public library setting, particularly libraries of under-represented populations. Olayvar is completing the Cubuelets STEAM kit and developing a new music themed kit for next year. Created two additional Makey Makey Circulation STEM kits to accommodate potentially larger class sizes in School Library Systems.
Stimulating Summers Carolyn Petersen	Pilot project to develop a self-sustaining summer day camp program, which would provide experiential summer learning opportunities for the grade school children of Lincoln and Adams counties. This program began in the summer of 2017 and is projected continue for three years if workable and affordable for participating parents. This project was implemented by coordinating state resources with local resources in the various communities such as Vacation Bible School, 4-H camps, summer school, public library summer reading programs, and time in the community parks and pools. The USDA nutrition program provided children with daily snacks and lunches.
Training Carolyn Petersen Mary Campbell	Petersen and Campbell helped facilitate a financial planning train the trainer at The Seattle Public Library. A video is available on our WSL YouTube channel. 40 participants attended. Linda Hofschire from Colorado State Library Research Institute for Public Libraries will offer three Think, Do, Show all-day workshops for outcomes based evaluation, up to 130 participants. - Timberland Regional Library 11/13 - Whitman County Library 11/15 - KCLS 11/17

Training Carolyn Petersen Mary Campbell	Karin Peabody of Dynamic Teaming proposal will present 10 half-day workshops on the topic of Self-Talk and Emotional Intelligence: Improving Your Work Narrative. 35-40 participants per workshop. • FVRL, 1/30: 9amand 1pm • Marysville, 2/22: 9am and 1pm • Seattle Public Library, 2/27: 1pm • Seattle Public Library, 2/28: 9:30 am • Spokane Public Library, 3/13: 9am and 1pm • Richland, 3/15: 9am and 1pm WSL is drafting a new survey to assess statewide training needs. WSL (Burling) hosted three First Tuesday webinars: • Back to reality: Librarians helping patrons navigate the world during reentry, 6/6/17 • Implementing STEM Programs: to fit your time constraints and comfort levels, 8/1/17 • Zines to the Front: Building a Library Collection for the People, by the People, 9/12/17
WaRP (Washington ReadyWeb Project) **Data Collection for Public Library Stats** Evelyn Lindberg	• Developing and designing Access database for Fiscal Expenditure Activity reporting. This is to streamline the current process and allows for on demand reporting. Initially for Library Development staff with potential application throughout other library departments if sufficiently useful. • Finishing up creation of new internet connectivity tables for the state's public library statistics report (to accommodate more complex data elements). • LibraryNet internet connectivity data collection. Continued follow up with small and mid-sized public libraries yet to provide connectivity details, expanded universe to include largest public libraries and systems, also follow up with them as needed. Currently up to a 65% response rate for all 62 public libraries. The larger systems or able to respond more quickly, because they have IT staff on hand directly managing their networks. • Created Reclaim Web Hosting Account, installed Omeka software on remote server, registered the _primarilywashington.org_ domain for Education Portal. • Addressed issues raised in the Public Library Survey's standard post lock edit report. Continued updating database elements for the state's public library statistics report to accommodate changed data elements (related mostly, but not exclusively, to internet connectivity). • LibraryNet internet connectivity data collection. Follow up with initial smallest public libraries yet to provide connectivity details, expanded universe to include mid-sized public libraries, also follow up with them as needed. To date attempting to collect data from 3 tribal libraries and the 45 smallest (out of a total 62) public libraries. Many personnel with the answers to the questions asked have been on vacation.

	• Incremental updates to the Public Library Policies (Portal) page, now listing over 1700 linked resources. *https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/libDev/policies.aspx* • Auditor's Reports Access Database (tool to assist with cataloguing those gov docs). Continuing work normalizing data sets/selection lists (authority titles for government entities) as time permits.
Washington Center for the Book (WCFB) Nono Burling	Webpage for WCFB – • Working with SPL and OSOS Design Team to reach an accord • Building new Storymap to include on the website- "Where to find books in Washington" • Beginning the process of gathering information to build a WA Literary map of WA Children's book authors. • Blog posts about books published by WA authors in Sept. • Working on author database using free WordPress plugin Letters About Literature • Updated school mailing list • Updated webpage with next year's information • Mailing to school libraries so to go out. National Book Festival • Attended NBF in DC representing WA State in the Pavilion of the States. • Represented WA at the State Coordinators meeting and reception Washington State Book awards • Judging in youth and adult categories have been finalized • 3 new judges recruited for the next year in the adult category • Working on ways to reduce the reading load for judges • Considering re-working judging from top book in each category to top 10 books published each year.
Washington Digital Newspapers (WDN) Shawn Schollmeyer	The completion of the Eatonville Dispatch project is the end of a two year project digitizing 41,000 pages and spanning dates from 1916-2010. A wonderful partnership supported by the Eatonville Public Library, LSTA funds and a donation from the Larkin family of Eatonville. We've also just received over 22,000 raw files for Phase 1 of the Catholic Northwest Progress newspaper, a six year partnership between the Seattle Archdiocese, UW and WSL which will cover the Seattle based paper from 1900 through 1945. Eventually the paper covered topics in Spokane and across the state. We should see the earliest dates of this paper appear on our WDN website in mid-2018. Our big press release this summer was the announcement of the Hellenic Review newspaper, 1924-1936, based in Seattle. PDP accomplishment & travel opportunity was my trip to Chicago to ALA & meeting up with the Newspaper Interest Group to hear about other digitization projects across the country.

	A co-presentation on preservation best practices with the Shelton-based business, Small Town Papers, will be held in Olympia, at the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association in mid-October. Rural and mid-sized publishers are an important audience to reach to discuss their own preservation concerns and for WSL to provide resources to help them save their collections for future audiences and to build trust for future digitization projects.
Workforce Development Elizabeth Iaukea	• Continuing to attend state workforce development plan (Talent and Prosperity for All) implementation committee meetings • Working at the national level with the LibsWork group – representatives from SLAs meet monthly via Zoom and share information on the listserv (both hosted by WSL). I'm co-presenting at PLA and we're trying to recruit members so we have representation from all 50 states. Meeting with folks from PLA to see about starting a LibsWork roundtable so that public libraries have a group to share information • Attending (and hopefully presenting) at the November Washington Workforce Association conference • Supporting libraries to become WorkSource Connection sites for their local WDCs
Youth Services/Teacher Librarians Carolyn Petersen	Collaborated with • Youth service coordinators and key individuals within school librarian community to establish 2017-2018 projects • DEL offer to library systems throughout the state to have their youth services librarians write a newsletter article for inclusion in the Early Achievers newsletter. This email newsletter goes to daycare providers. Coordinating with All Aboard for Kindergarten training development participants: October 11th Tacoma to discuss spring implementation. • Humanities Washington to bring Prime Time Family Reading program to Jefferson County Library, Libraries of Stevens County, Pend Oreille County Library District, and North Olympic Library System. These programs serve up to 50 individuals each and are aimed at at-risk families. Without the participation of the Washington State Library these remote rural libraries would not have had the opportunity to participate in this enrichment program.
Institutional Library Services Laura Sherbo	Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW) library branch was pleased to welcome Kellie Richardson, Tacoma's newest Poet Laureate. She formed immediate connections with the crowd of inmates gathered for an open mic event. An inmate at the Stafford Creek Corrections Center outside of Aberdeen recently showed his appreciation for the library there by donating $200 to it. "We appreciate Brian for making this generous and thoughtful donation to his library at Stafford Creek," said State Librarian Cindy Aden. The inmate's letter can be viewed here