

# Services to Libraries Report

March to November 2018



## Coming Attractions 2018 – 2019

Change is in the wind at the Washington State Library.

Already here

Staci Phillips has rejoined Library Development as an administrative assistant 2 working half-time. This will leave more time for Staci to pursue her passion, art. Congratulations to Staci.

Coming soon are two new employees.

The first will be a new administrative assistant 3 (AA3) in Library Development. Interviews have been conducted, references checked and an offer made. Our new AA3 will arrive in early December 2018. We are excited to have this additional support.

Leanna Hammond, our previous AA3 in Library Development, has moved up to become our Washington State Librarian's executive assistant. Congratulations to Leanna.

The second will be our new dedicated youth services coordinator. This person will work with both public library youth services staff and with K-12 teacher-librarians. Interviews have been conducted and references are currently being checked. Our hope is that this person will also arrive in December 2018.

Carolyn Petersen will no longer juggle several duties. Carolyn will once again become the public library and tribal library consultant. She will remain one of the assistant managers within the Library Development program. Congratulations to Carolyn.

Evan Robb will gain the title of assistant manager and as he shepherds all things digital going forward. Congratulations to Evan.

## In late 2018 or early 2019

Two other positions have been advertised in advance of the retirements of Jeff Martin and Gary Bortel at the end of December 2018. Both positions have been re-crafted somewhat. The management of Library Development will be vested in our State Librarian while these transitions occur and things shakeout into a new order over the next several months. Both positions are open until filled and may be seen at <https://www.sos.wa.gov/office/employment.aspx>.

Jeff's position is being advertised as a Library and Archives Professional (LAP) 4 – LSTA Coordinator and will be one of the three assistant managers reporting directly to Cindy. Gary's position is advertised as an Information Technology Systems/App Spec 6. If you know of qualified applicants, please encourage them to apply.

Gary Bortel started on July 1, 2001 and has served as Library Development's IT Services Manager. In a meeting on Friday November 2, 2018, we were reminded of all the things Gary keeps moving forward that we rarely have to think about. Hopefully Gary's replacement will have Gary's rare combination of IT skills and knowledge, an MLIS, and will be able to focus more keenly on rural broadband and other robust connectivity. Gary leaves a legacy of support for small public libraries.

Jeff Martin started on October 26, 1998 and has served in various positions starting as grants manager and for the last several years as the Manager of the Library Development program. Jeff leaves a legacy of organization, knowledge and expertise in all things LSTA.



# Summary of Activities

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<b>Ask WA</b> Nono Burling	<p>Activities:</p> <p>Currently working with other US coordinators to keep abreast of changes in QuestionPoint, including member libraries and QuestionPoint vendors to keep schedules accurate, document QP service issues, and to resolve issues reported.</p>
<b>Digital Literacy</b> Elizabeth Iaukea	<p>WSL continues to support our two 'Get Your Diploma at the Library' (High School 21+) pilot locations: Timberland Regional Library/PacMtn WDC and Spokane area libraries. OSOS Communications produced a full media packet, with templates for press releases, social media posts, posters, and print ads for our participants to use. Instructors are meeting with students at 6 locations in the Spokane area, and at five of the Timberland libraries. Troy Goracke (SBCTC) attended the WLA conference in October and was able to connect with multiple library systems interested in hosting programs at their libraries.</p> <p>In the next quarter, we hope to launch programs with at least 5 new library systems. WSL is currently supporting this initiative by funding a part-time IT intern and promotional activities at Timberland Regional Libraries and facilitating connections. Future activities are to include funding promotional activities at the state and local level, and facilitating connections between SBCTC, local colleges, and local libraries. As we move forward, digital literacy will fall within the greater workforce development umbrella.</p>
<b>Institutional Libraries</b> Laura Sherbo	<p>Pierce County Library System and Timberland Regional Libraries joined the Library Card Program. We had increased programming in all branches with the support of Humanities Washington, and all branches participated in National Poetry Month.</p> <p>We worked with Washington State Department of Corrections and Washington Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL) to allow inmates access to the WTBBL toll-free phone number to improve their access to services.</p> <p>We continue to improve the quality of re-entry resources and the access to those resources, and were able to fill two vacant positions.</p>
<b>Koha ILS Proof of Concept Project</b>	<p>WSL contracted with ByWater Solutions to provide hosting and support for two Koha ILS consortia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wheatland Library Consortium, which includes Davenport Public Library, Odessa Public Library, Reardan Memorial Library, Ritzville Public Library/East Adams</li></ul>

<p><b>Koha ILS Proof of Concept Project</b> (cont'd)</p> <p>Gary Bortel</p>	<p>Library District, Sprague Public Library, and Hesselstine Public Library (Wilbur, WA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Rivers Library Consortium, which includes Castle Rock Public Library, Cathlamet Public Library, and Kalama Public Library.</li> </ul> <p>WSL will pay 100% of hosting/support/migration fees for the first two-years of this agreement and 50% of hosting/support fees for a third-year. After the initial three-years, participating libraries will assume all costs.</p> <p>All libraries with the exception of Reardan Memorial Library have now been migrated to ByWater Solutions. Reardan is currently operating on a local BookSystems ILS and is scheduled to migrate on November 16, 2018.</p>
<p><b>Libraries Serving Veterans</b></p> <p>Jeff Martin</p>	<p>This project includes meeting with WAServes staff in person or by phone on a number of occasions to talk about library services to veterans, travelling with WAServes staff to three libraries to discuss a possible pilot project to improve library services to veterans. WSL is sharing information about veterans and WAServes and exploring a possible pilot project to improve library services to veterans.</p>
<p><b>Letters about Literature</b></p> <p>Nono Burling</p>	<p>Students from around the state submitted 2418 letters for the 2018 Letters about Literature contest, held annually by the Library of Congress. These letters represented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 83 teachers</li> <li>• 63 schools</li> <li>• 23 individuals (not associated with a school)</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>92 semifinalist letters were returned to WA for the final state judging. The state judges selected three champions, three second place runners up, and 29 honorable mentions.</p> <p>The three winners were sent to the Library of Congress in D.C and we were delighted when Washington's Level 2 champion received a National Honor award.</p>
<p><b>LSTA site visit</b></p> <p>Jeff Martin</p>	<p>WSL prepared for our regular site visit last August from Michele Farrell, IMLS Senior Program Officer. Programs we highlighted included local workforce development, Simulating Summers, WAServes, Washington Digital Heritage, Washington Digital Newspapers, and our broadband facilitation.</p> <p>Farrell conducted a grant file audit, met with fiscal staff from the Office of the Secretary of State and with Mary Neary, the Assistant Secretary of State, visited our library at the Washington Corrections Center for Women, got a demo of our virtual reality project at the Shelton branch of the Timberland Library, and met with the staff and toured the Washington Talking Book &amp; Braille Library.</p> <p>We were ecstatic to receive a glowing report.</p>

<p><b>Metadata Enhancement and Remediation (MER) Project</b></p> <p><b>Evan Robb</b></p>	<p>The Seattle Public Library (SPL) completed metadata cleanup and enhancement for 2,716 photographs from its Historic Seattle Photograph Collection. Staff at SPL participated in trainings provided by the Orbis Cascade Alliance (through partnership with WSL) on a variety of topics related to copyright determination and standardized assignment (i.e. rightsstatements.org labels), and cataloging personal and corporate names according to RDA rules.</p> <p>The Whitman County Library (WCL) completed its second Metadata Enhancement grant, finalizing metadata remediation for its collection of more than 4,400 digital objects. Both SPL and WCL created localized tools (e.g. decision matrices) and workflows to complete these projects. Robb provided ongoing support and performed QA/evaluation of final data sets in August 2018.</p> <p>In addition to Metadata Enhancement Grants, WSL collaborated with the Orbis Cascade Alliance to provide training to libraries interested in metadata cleanup and to promulgate best practices. The Spokane Public Library was an enthusiastic participant in these trainings, and performed a great deal of metadata cleanup and enhancement without the use of grant funding.</p> <p>Metadata cleanup activities have been folded into the broader “Washington Digital Heritage” grant program for 2018 onward. We estimate that between the 2016 and 2017 grants, roughly 20,000 digital records were created and/or cleaned up and are theoretically ready for harvesting.</p>
<p><b>Microsoft Imagine Academy</b></p> <p><b>Elizabeth Iaukea</b></p>	<p>As of the end of September, just prior to Microsoft’s retirement of the platform, we had nearly 40,000 users of Microsoft’s online learning.</p> <p>The online learning platform was retired in anticipation of a new product to be launched fall of 2019 that will integrate Microsoft’s LinkedIn/Lynda.com product and MSIA. In the period between, online videos supporting the 4 courses of study identified by Microsoft (Productivity, Computer Science, IT Infrastructure, and Data Science) are available for download through the State Library’s website, and additional resources (MOAC eTextbooks, MOS &amp; MTA Study Guides) are being added as Microsoft makes them available to us. Our push right now is to spread the word about the new access point, support libraries to update their websites, and ‘retrain’ library staff on what’s available, how to access materials, and how to best support their patrons. To complement these, WSL is finalizing an agreement with LinkedIn Learning to fund statewide Lynda.com access for all public and tribal libraries across the state.</p> <p>Certification: As of mid-October, we have 44 active Microsoft testing sites – 2 new since the previous update (Kitsap Regional Library at Kingston and Tacoma Public Library). Community &amp; technical college instructors are starting to utilize the eTextbooks that come with their Imagine Academy site license, providing these to their students – no textbooks for them to buy (!), and some are starting to show interest in the new Data Science learning pathway. In July we introduced the opportunity for free Adobe Associate, Quickbooks, and IC3 digital literacy certification for public library patrons. Several Quickbooks certifications have been earned thus far, and requests for practice exams for Adobe and IC3 have been fulfilled. In the next quarter, Certiport will be releasing, and WSL plans to pilot, certifications for the EC-Council’s cybersecurity</p>

<p><b>Microsoft Imagine Academy</b> (cont'd)</p>	<p>program – Ethical Hacking and Data Forensics, as well as Unity, the programming language used by the Oculus VR.</p> <p>As certification picks up, more and more libraries are starting to direct their patrons toward additional resources for self-study and exam prep. Usage of WSL-funded GMetrix practice exams has increased, and libraries are making use of Lynda.com courses (locally purchased subscriptions).</p>
<p><b>NASA @ My Library</b>  Joe Olayvar</p>	<p>WSL is one of four state libraries chosen to help facilitate the NASA @ My Library project. Earlier this program was offered nationally to 104 libraries. In partnership with the Space Science Institute, WSL oversees the circulation of eight STEM kits that focus on celestial topics. The project's goal is to bring Space Science to rural, under-represented populations through the libraries that serve them.</p>
<p><b>OCLC Group Services</b>  Will Stuiivenga</p>	<p>This contract was extended for another year (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019), and an amendment executed. The final OCLC reimbursements submitted (Asotin County, Grandview Library). Also, the Washington Geological Survey, which is part of the Washington Department of Natural Resources, requested OCLC Group Services pricing.</p>
<p><b>Off the Page: Downloadable Audiobooks and eBooks for Washington Libraries</b>  Will Stuiivenga</p>	<p>A one-year contract extension offered to Recorded Books, accepted, amendment executed. The available term for this contract runs through 3/31/2021.</p> <p>The mid-year expenditure report was prepared, which was provided to the Washington Digital Library Consortium (WDLC) membership along with 2019 budget projections, which were submitted to the Executive Advisory Committee for review.</p> <p>Stuiivenga and 2 members of the WDLC Executive Advisory Committee with our OverDrive Account Manager for a Partner Analysis Review. The Governance Task Force revised WDLC member agreement to reflect current practice, and to enlarge the Executive Advisory Committee from 3 to 6 members. This revised member agreement ratification will be included as an option in the annual WDLC budget balloting process. The 2019 budget proposals were sent to the WDLC membership as approved by the Executive Advisory Committee.</p>
<p><b>Open Data Literacy Project</b>  Kathleen Sullivan</p>	<p>A sample of Washington State public libraries were scanned for open data activities (publishing, teaching, and advising). Washington's 39 counties and a sample of large municipalities were surveyed for local government open data publishing.</p> <p>The proposed next steps for us include exploring options for a local-government open data publishing platform, and pulling together an open data resource guide for libraries.</p>



<p><b>Primarily Washington</b></p> <p>Evelyn Lindberg</p>	<p>The Primarily Washington website is live as of June 2018. This is a web portal linking primary sources in the State Library’s collection to teacher curriculums and other learning opportunities: “Washington's Gateway to Pacific Northwest Primary Source Materials for Teachers and Students.” It currently includes 10 Lesson Plans (ranging from the Centennial Accord to the University of Washington Black Student Union), this number will continue to grow. The site is also home to over 12,000 digitized items from the Emma Smith Devoe (suffragist) Collection.</p> <p><a href="https://www.primarilywashington.org/">https://www.primarilywashington.org/</a></p>
<p><b>Prime Time</b></p> <p>Carolyn Petersen</p>	<p>Prime time Reading is a partnership between Humanities Washington and the Washington State Library</p> <p>The LSTA Youth Services funds supported the Colville branch of the Libraries of Stevens County and the Newport branch of the Pend Oreille Rural Library as they implemented Humanities Washington Prime Time Reading program in late summer and early fall. Many rural communities had never had the opportunity to experience the Prime Time reading program, so we created a partnership between the Washington State Library and Humanities Washington.</p> <p>Prime Time offers a set of unique, humanities-focused, and outcomes-based programs designed to support children and families in inter-generational family reading and discussion. Prime time programs are proven to generate long-term improvements in family engagement and student academic achievement. Programs partner with libraries, schools, museums, and other community service agencies to directly engage children, parents, teachers, educational administrators, and their communities in high-quality family-focused learning experiences.</p>
<p><b>Professional development and outreach</b></p> <p>Nono Burling Elizabeth laukea Jeff Martin Carolyn Petersen Evan Robb Laura Sherbo Will Stuvenga Shawn Schollmeyer</p> <p><i>Plus many more</i></p>	<p>Sherbo presented about the Institutional Services program at WLA in Yakima.</p> <p>Petersen served as a reviewer for the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences Native American Enhancement grants in Washington D.C.</p> <p>laukea was in a panel presentation at the PLA Conference, Philadelphia, PA: ‘Libraries Strengthening the Talent Pipeline’ (panel presentation)</p> <p>Schollmeyer gets many calls from across the state and provides information on preservation and digitization projects to museums, libraries and historical organizations.</p> <p>laukea presented at the WLA Conference, Yakima, WA: ‘Washington Libraries Work!’</p> <p>Evan Robb presented a pre-conference workshop on digitization support and training for small cultural heritage institutions at the Oregon Heritage Conference in Bend, Oregon, April, 2018. This training was designed for the Oregon Heritage MentorCorps program—a distributed network of volunteer subject experts.</p> <p>laukea participated in ‘Partnership Showcase: Tried and True Library Collaborations you can Recreate Back Home’ features multiple WFD-library partnerships active across the state</p>

<p><b>Professional development and outreach</b> (cont'd)</p>	<p>Petersen made site visits during this time period to the Nooksack, the Upper Skagit Lower Elwha, and Yakama tribes. Both the Nooksack and the Upper Skagit tribal libraries were in new locations.</p> <p>Iaukea is on two TAP implementation committees: Professional Development and Barriers &amp; Access Solutions</p> <p>Evan Robb, Shawn Schollmeyer, and Nikki Chiampa presented (with Secretary of State colleagues) at the Washington Museums Association Conference in Bellingham, Washington, June, 2018. Transcending Boundaries: Partnering through Programs with the WA Secretary of State's Office.</p> <p>Stuivenga attended Washington Public Libraries Cooperate! meetings in which a group of library eResource staffers worked together with a facilitator to develop best practice procedures for acquiring, reviewing, renewing, canceling, etc. subscription databases.</p> <p>Evan Robb provided (remote) digitization consulting to: The Schmidt House, Tumwater, WA; Olympic College, Bremerton, WA; HistoryLink, Seattle, WA; at the Clatsop County Historical Society, Astoria, OR.</p> <p>Stuivenga attended Puget Sound Collection Development group meetings: 4/5/18 (Burlington Public Library), 8/16/18 (Bainbridge Island Branch, Kitsap Regional Library). Stuivenga attended Inland Collection Development group meetings: 5/31/18 (Liberty Lake Municipal Library), 10/17/18 (Pasco and West Pasco branches, Mid-Columbia Libraries).</p> <p>Martin visited Boundary County Library District to see the 2017 ALA small library of the year (<a href="https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=bestsmalllibrary2017">https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=bestsmalllibrary2017</a>).</p>
<p><b>Professional Development Grants</b></p> <p>Maura Walsh</p>	<p>We have awarded 42 Professional Development (PD) grants since March.</p> <p>These sub-recipients participate in in-house training at their libraries or attend specialized training or conferences. We make part of their reports available so other libraries can benefit from the sub-recipient's experience. We continue working to publicize these grants so that more libraries will take advantage of them.</p>
<p><b>Rural Libraries</b></p> <p>Carolyn Petersen Evan Robb</p>	<p>WSL helped with the drafting and presentation of a consortia ILS sharing document to Wheat Land libraries consortia (East Adams, Davenport, Hesseltine (Wilbur), Reardan and Sprague libraries) and the Three Rivers Libraries (Cathlamet, Kalama, and Castle Rock).</p> <p>The Wheat Land Libraries has reviewed the document twice and have scheduled a November meeting to review a final draft. After that it will go to the city councils and/or the governing board of each library for approval.</p> <p>The Three Rivers libraries met once to review the first draft. A second meeting needs to be scheduled.</p> <p>A community needs assessment was conducted for the town of Cathlamet to understand how the library community could best meet the needs of the citizens of her town.</p>



<p><b>Social Media and Library 21 Initiative</b></p> <p>Nono Burling Will Stuivenga et al.</p>	<p>As a library, we have all been working hard to tell our story. During this time period WSL published:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 331 Facebook posts with a reach of 148,746 people (not all unique users)</li> <li>• 504 tweets with 278,290 impressions.</li> <li>• 36 posts blog on our own website</li> </ul> <p>WSL Updates, a weekly digest, is compiled and distributed online and you can subscribe by email through <a href="#">this link</a>, where you can join 1028 active subscribers from 283 unique domains.</p> <p>*These statistics do not include WTBBL social media</p>
<p><b>Statewide Database Licensing (SDL)</b></p> <p>Will Stuivenga</p>	<p>A one-year contract extension offered to ProQuest was accepted, and an amendment executed. This is the first of 3 available 1-year extensions. As part of the annual ProQuest renewal, WSL worked with the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee, as well as WSL management staff, to reallocate ProQuest costs to adjust for loss of a substantial number of K-12 school district subscriptions through the Educational Service Districts, largely due to public library “eCard” programs.</p> <p>Ten public and one academic libraries expressed interest in the Mergent Intellect “statewide” offer. · 5/21/18, met online (Zoom platform) with the WACTCLC (Washington Community and Technical College Library Consortium) Shared Electronic Resources Working Group. Their primary immediate interest seems to be streaming video services.</p> <p>We reviewed, revised, and negotiated the NewsBank contract and license language. This “paid trial” to all of NewsBank’s available current newspaper content worldwide, will run through the end of 2019. Recruitment and awareness campaigns are ongoing. A total of 98 libraries have signed up so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 (almost half) of the state’s public libraries</li> <li>• 20 (70%) of community and technical college libraries</li> <li>• 16 (over half) of the state’s academic libraries, both public and private</li> <li>• 28 public and private K-12 schools</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stimulating Summers</b></p> <p>Carolyn Petersen</p>	<p>Stimulating Summers finished its second year. Several key problems were solved: Food was prepared at each site instead of in a central kitchen. The kids really appreciated the hot food mixed in with sandwiches and wraps. Harrington had a great turnout (between 15 to 30 individuals) for the 90 minutes snack and lunch/Feed your Brain program which was funded by a USDA grant. This free program is incorporated into the Stimulating Summers program. Communication between the three programs improved with the addition of a key program member who delivered materials and served as a substitute and problem solver. Attendance dipped slightly this year. Next year will be the last year for LSTA funding.</p>

<p><b>Training</b></p> <p>Nono Burling Tami Masenhimer</p>	<p>8 First Tuesday webinars and attendance live and via <a href="#">YouTube</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Literacy: Facts vs. Fiction – 8 live, 87 archive views</li> <li>• Nerf Squadron – 19 live, 91 views</li> <li>• WAServes – 9 live, 98 views</li> <li>• Reimagining Transgender 'Inclusion' for Libraries – 59 live, 430 views</li> <li>• Don't Let the Bedbugs Bite (your library) – 27 live, 149 views</li> <li>• Upholding Core Library Values – 28 live, not archived due to technical issues</li> <li>• The Socially Conscious Library – 38 live, 91 views</li> <li>• Introduction to Assistive Technology – 18 live, 60 views</li> <li>• Build a Better World with Kindness and Gratitude – 63 live, 23 views</li> </ul> <p>On-site training sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March-May: Self-talk and Emotional Intelligence: Improving you work narrative with Karin Peabody. Total attending: 342 (12sessions).</li> <li>• April-May: Libraries Transforming Communities (Harwood) with Amber Williams and Erica Freudenberger. Total attending: 73 (3 sessions)</li> <li>• April 12: Aspen Institute Dialogue on Public Libraries: Re-envisioning Your Library through Community Engagement with Susan Hildreth. Total attending: 242 (Distributed workshop format at 10 locations)</li> <li>• May: Communications and Marketing for Library Staff and Boards with John Chrastka and Patrick Sweeney of EveryLibrary. Total attending: 117 (4 Sessions)</li> <li>• September: Cultures Connecting: Race Relations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with Dr. Caprice Hollins. Total attending: 149 (4 sessions)</li> <li>• October: Homeless in Your Library with Ryan Dowd. Total attending: 196 (4 sessions)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tribal Libraries</b></p> <p>Carolyn Petersen</p>	<p>During the online tribal meeting in June Ginny Blackson from Brooks Library at Central Washington University gave a presentation on collection development for tribal libraries.</p> <p>The Yakama tribal library hosted the October meeting of the Washington State tribal librarians. Hoh, Lower Elwha, Jamestown S’Klallam, Samish, Shoalwater Bay, Colville, and the Yakama tribes attended. The following services were presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual Reality headsets (Oculus grant)</li> <li>• Changes to Microsoft Imagine academy</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> Century program for finishing up a high school degree</li> <li>• Re-entry services for tribal members</li> <li>• Washington Anytime library</li> </ul>

<p><b>Virtual Reality in Libraries</b></p> <p>Joe Olayvar</p>	<p>With the end of Phase I approaching, in which six libraries participated with research conducted by the University of Washington’s Information School, we are continuing our partnership with Oculus while finalizing Phase II preparations for an anticipated launch of November 19, 2018. This will include the deployment of forty new VR systems and the re-deployment of ten VR systems from Phase I, as well as training all staff who will manage and facilitate the VR systems use. The project’s goal is to help libraries, primarily those that service underserved populations, stay up-to-date with groundbreaking technology.</p>
<p><b>Washington Center for the Book (WCB)</b></p> <p>Nono Burling</p>	<p>The WCB webpage for was updated for accessibility. WCB received a \$10,000 Amazon Literary Partnership grant to fund the State Book Awards and a rural library author tour, which will be coming soon.</p> <p>WCB worked with the Library of Congress and other States to develop a nationwide literary map. Over the summer we sponsored a “Passport” program for Libraries to bring people into many public libraries. An adult book bingo card provided for libraries.</p> <p>Washington State’s first Literary Landmark was named and mounted at the Richard Hugo House in Seattle.</p>
<p><b>Washington Rural Heritage</b></p> <p><b>Washington Digital Heritage</b></p> <p>Evan Robb</p> <p>Nikki Chiampa</p>	<p>WSL awarded 14 digitization grants through a new competitive grant cycle (Washington Digital Heritage). Awardees include: Asotin County Library; East Adams County Library District (Ritzville); Ellensburg Public Library; Everett Community College; Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; Kalama Public Library; Nooksack Tribal Library; Ocean Shores Public Library; Spokane Public Library; Tacoma Public Library; Whatcom County Library System; Whitman County Library; Whitworth University Library; WSU Vancouver. See grant award totals and project abstracts here: <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/assets/library/libraries/grants/2018_WDH_Awards.pdf">https://www.sos.wa.gov/assets/library/libraries/grants/2018_WDH_Awards.pdf</a></p> <p>Eight Washington Rural Heritage grant projects were successfully completed. Read more about the final projects here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asotin County Library: <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/asotin2017grant">https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/asotin2017grant</a></li> <li>• Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, (Woodland, Ridgefield, and La Center branches): <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/clarkcowlitz2017grant">https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/clarkcowlitz2017grant</a></li> <li>• Kalama Public Library: <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/kalama2017grant">https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/kalama2017grant</a></li> <li>• Orcas Island Public Library: <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/patos2017grant">https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/patos2017grant</a></li> <li>• Richland Public Library: <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/richland2017grant">https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/richland2017grant</a></li> <li>• Spokane County Library District (Moran Prairie branch): <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/moran2017grant">https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/moran2017grant</a></li> <li>• Whatcom County Library System (Lummi Island branch): <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/lummi2017grant">https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/lummi2017grant</a></li> <li>• Whitman County Library: <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/whitman2017grant">https://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/whitman2017grant</a></li> </ul> <p>Washington Rural Heritage collections received an average of 11,000 hits per month across the entire digital repository.</p>

<p><b>Washington State Book Awards</b></p> <p>Nono Burling</p>	<p>245 books by Washington authors were submitted for consideration for the 2018 Washington State Book Awards. The judges selected 36 finalists in 8 different categories: Adult Fiction, History/Non-Fiction, Biography Memoir, Poetry and Youth: Young Adult, Middle Grade, Early Reader and Picture Book. In addition, this year we created a special award, Washington Voices, to honor Tod Marshall’s WA 129. This will not become an annual award but can be used when there is a book that is deemed important for Washington’s literary landscape which defies categorization.</p> <p>The awards ceremony, held at The Seattle Public Library, was a huge success with over 300 people attending, a great turn out from the Washington literary community.</p>
<p><b>Washington State Data Coordinator (Statistics and Surveys)</b></p> <p>Evelyn Lindberg</p>	<p>Washington State collected 2017 Statistics &amp; 2018 Salary data, reviewed, normalized and collated over 35,000 data points. Then we submitted a national standardized subset and produced our annual statewide report. It’s available at: <a href="http://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/stats">http://www.sos.wa.gov/quicklinks/stats</a></p>
<p><b>Washington Digital Newspapers (WDN)</b></p> <p>Shawn Schollmeyer</p>	<p>Newspaper digitization projects have been so popular we are upgrading our software to the docWorks Pro edition which will allow us to bring back our volunteer program and process up to 50,000 pages per year or more. Volunteers are an important part of this program to assist with merging our historic online newspapers into a full-text searchable online program. Volunteers are also some of our best promoters of the newspaper programs as many are historians and genealogists who share what they find in the newspapers with their friends and family.</p> <p>Projects are underway for the Anacortes American, Eatonville Dispatch (over 40,000 pages!), Seattle Dat Moi (1975-1986, Vietnamese/English) and we will be finalizing the contracts to digitize the Northwest Progress with the Seattle Archdiocese this month. The Hellenic Review, a Greek American Newspaper published in Seattle during the 1920s-mid 1930s, has been sent to the webmaster and we will send out a news announcement and blog post as soon as it’s up online.</p> <p>The Eatonville Dispatch is nearing completion. More than 20 bound volumes and archival boxes were returned to the Eatonville Public Library and their local historic society in March and only about five boxes are left to process representing the years 1916-2010 when finished.</p> <p>Due to our outreach with the Washington Newspaper Publishers’ Association, we are working with the Executive Director to receive a generous donation of their historic materials, photos, newsletters and manuscripts, dating back through the 1960s and be picking up about 10 boxes of materials this month. We use many resources to provide historic essays with each new newspaper title.</p>

WTBBL provides comprehensive library service to Washington residents who are blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, physically disabled (can't hold a book or turn a page), or reading disabled. Schools, hospitals, care facilities, and libraries may have organizational accounts to directly serve their students or residents. Materials available include audio books on digital cartridge and all the playback equipment and accessories for reading, braille books, large print, print-braille, and audio and web-braille books available for download, and for app on iOS, Android, and Kindle platforms. WTBBL also has an extensive youth services program including summer reading, pen pals, early literacy, multisensory storytimes, and more. WTBBL services are free, including books by mail, utilizing the USPS postal designation of Free Matter for the Blind.

**Mission:** The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library builds community and provides equal access to information and reading materials for Washington residents unable to read standard print.

**Vision:** That all may read...

Numbers for March 1 – September 11, 2018:

- New borrowers: 970
- Books circulated: 155,005
- Books downloaded: 56,881
- New local audio books produced: 60
- Outreach events/information tables: 31

Selected highlights included . . .

National Library Week: Presentations included Washington Assistive Technology Act Program, Washington State Library, Cornish College of the Arts performing excerpts from Seussical the Musical, and author Robert Dugoni.

Youth Summer Reading Program “Libraries Rock” with eight weekly packets by mail and multiple events at the library, including an evening “rock the stacks” Harry Potter themed event.

WTBBL became a WorkSource Connection Site.

We held our first outreach event in Eastern Washington, “Tea with Talking Books” in Yakima.

We partnered with King County Elections to host accessible voting for primary election.

Tabled at Fiestas Patrias, Mexican Consulate, and Latino Community Health Fair.

Hosted the Federal Communications Commission at a public event.

Introduced custom book service for hard to serve patrons to bridge digital divide.

<p><b>Workforce Development</b></p> <p>Elizabeth Laukea</p>	<p>WSL’s support of libraries in workforce development continues with activities at the national, state, and local level:</p> <p>The LibsWork State Library group continues to meet (online) monthly, and in April, the first monthly meeting of the Washington Libraries Work! group was held. The goals of both groups are to share best practices and support libraries to become involved in workforce development.</p>
<p><b>Youth Services/Teacher Librarians</b></p> <p>Carolyn Petersen</p>	<p>WSL facilitated Leap into Science grant with grant partners: Bill Weeks, School’s Out Washington, Gwendolyn Haley, Spokane County Library, and Nick Spicher, Imagine Children’s Museum. This National Science Foundation Research grant is being managed by the Franklin Institute.</p> <p>The Washington State Library’s role is to manage the LEAP grant budget, purchase and assemble additional STEM kits to give to library staff who attend the trainings, and purchase and mail books as incentives for individuals who attended the training. The team trained (50 + SCL)–individuals who in turn agreed to do four trainings each for children aged three through ten and their families.</p> <p>WSL supports the development of curriculum for EdTech Standards which are to be implemented beginning in the fall of 2018. This free workshop is designed to provide Teacher-Librarians and other educators with strategies to transform student learning using the state’s updated Educational Technology Learning Standards (<a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/EdTech/Standards/">http://www.k12.wa.us/EdTech/Standards/</a>). These standards are based upon the 2016 Technology Standards for Students released by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), and can be integrated into lessons in virtually all content areas. Participants will gain a general understanding of the standards, and ideas for implementing them at all levels. This training is sponsored by the WA State Library, WLA, and OSPI, and 6 free clock hours will be available to attendees.</p> <p>This training met a need as 20 sites have already registered to offer the training. The first training was offered on October 12<sup>th</sup>: Check out Washington: Negotiating with Washington State Lands and the Washington State Parks Foundation.</p>