

Washington State Library
Library Development Program
Services to Libraries 2004

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The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only agency in Washington that is specifically designated to assist libraries and to ensure that residents of the entire state have access to library and information services. State Library staff members work in partnership with statewide advisory committees to plan and implement programs, provide training, grants, and consulting services aimed at the development, improvement, and enhancement of all public and non-profit libraries in the state.

Legislative District #3: Direct Services to Local Libraries

Libraries in this district include school libraries and:

- Eastern Washington State Historical Society
- Empire Health Services Library
- Gonzaga University Library and Law Library
- Spokane Community College
- Spokane County Law Library
- Spokane Public Library – Eastside, Headquarters, Hillyard

Libraries in this district have received \$43,357 as a result of Washington State Library services and programs during the past year:

Grants to Individual Libraries or Library Systems (\$10,101)

- \$2,101 in Continuing Education grants – Spokane Public Library, Empire Health Services, Discovery School
- \$8,000 in Preservation grants – Gonzaga University

Online Periodical Databases Access Subsidies (subsidy is matched by the local library) (\$15,179)

- \$554 – Empire Health Services
- \$2,730 – Gonzaga University Library
- \$4,175 – Spokane Community College
- \$7,720 – Spokane Public Library*
- Non-profit schools also received subsidies through the Washington State Library

Federal Telecommunications and Internet Discounts (E-rate) Savings (\$18,077)

- \$18,077 – Spokane Public Library*

Training Provided by or Coordinated by the Washington State Library

- 82 individuals were trained in information literacy, effective reference services, electronic and virtual reference services, technology, customer service, preservation, and web filtering.

**Dollar amounts reflect overall system subsidy or discounts*

2004 Federal Grant-Supported Statewide Projects, Programs, and Services

- Consulting services to Washington libraries
- Training for Washington library employees
- Helping Washington libraries offer digital information services
- Enhancing the public's ability to effectively locate, use, and evaluate information
- Providing library services to the blind
- Subsidizing all types of libraries in acquiring online K-12, magazine, and newspaper databases
- Facilitating group purchase access to online databases
- Awarding Preservation and Internet filtering grants
- Supporting Diversity and Virtual Reference Service grant projects
- Providing library collections to state institutional and correctional facilities
- Supporting state participation in a collaborative summer reading program
- Providing training to library media specialists through the K-12 Library Initiative
- Distributing *Read to Your Baby* booklets in six languages to libraries and community partners
- Hosting a statewide Youth Services Conference focused on a unified summer reading program
- Offering training opportunities for the community partners of libraries
- Working collaboratively to provide an online learning portal for the Washington library community

General Consulting

Washington State Library (WSL) staff provides in-depth research and advice for libraries and government in areas such as: legal and governance issues, development of policies and services, relationships between boards and government officials, board responsibilities and interrelationships, setting up library districts, and other service issues. WSL employees develop, conduct, and facilitate continuing education events and retreats for library staff and boards of trustees.

Information Technology (IT) Consulting

WSL provides specialized IT consulting services for libraries throughout the state. Areas of expertise include network infrastructure, computing hardware and software, the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the federal E-rate program qualifying libraries for telecommunications discounts. The federal grants program awards funds to libraries to establish innovative programs and services. The State Library's IT consultants take a leadership role in connecting public libraries to the statewide K-20 network, a high-speed data and video network serving educational institutions throughout the state and centralized Internet filtering for small libraries. WSL also works with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to bring technology training to many Washington public library staff.

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