

Washington State Library
Library Development Program
Services to Libraries 2006

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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 #42: Direct Services to Local Libraries

Libraries in this district include school libraries and:

- Bellingham Public Library – Headquarters
- Bellingham Technical College
- Lummi Reservation Library System
- Nooksack Tribe
- Northwest Indian College
- St. Joseph Hospital Library
- Whatcom Community College
- Whatcom County Law Library
- Whatcom County Library System – Blaine, Deming, Everson, Ferndale, Headquarters, Lummi Island Branch, Lynden, Maple Falls, Point Roberts, Sumas

Libraries in this district have received \$20,141 as a result of Washington State Library services and programs during the past year:

Grants to Individual Libraries or Library Systems (\$15,500)

- \$2,000 in Connecting Learners to Libraries grants – Nooksack Valley School District
- \$5,008 in Continuing Education grants – Bellingham Public Library, Whatcom Community College, Whatcom County Library System
- \$872 in IT Continuing Education grants – Ferndale School District
- \$7,500 in Statewide Marketing grants – Whatcom Community College
- \$120 in Washington Preservation grants – Bellingham Public Library, Bellingham Technical College, Whatcom Community College, Whatcom County Library System

Online Periodical Databases Access Subsidies (subsidy is matched by the local library) (\$4,641)

- \$1,286 – Bellingham Public Library
- \$209 – Northwest Indian College
- \$306 – St. Joseph Hospital Library
- \$918 – Whatcom Community College
- \$1,922 – Whatcom County Library System
- Non-profit schools also received subsidies through the Washington State Library

Training Provided by or Coordinated by the Washington State Library

- 109 individuals were trained in early literacy, serving diverse populations, marketing principles, advocacy and media relations, preservation techniques, disaster planning, database searching, computer and network maintenance, technology, Internet social networking tools, and evaluation. Training was delivered in-person, online, and via satellite teleconference.

Library systems may span more than one legislative district. The amount listed reflects the total benefit received by the library system regardless of legislative district.

2006 Federal Grant-Supported Statewide Projects, Programs, and Services

- Helped the citizens of Washington use libraries, information assistance, and online information through computers.
- Assisted all types of libraries in acquiring access to online magazine and newspaper databases.
- Awarded grants to libraries and schools:
 - Marketing grants to help libraries communicate effectively about their services.
 - Grants to help school and public libraries more effectively serve students.
- Enabled libraries to serve traditionally unserved populations:
 - Library services to the blind (Washington Talking Book and Braille Library).
 - Library collections for state institutional and correctional facilities.
- Supported a collaborative summer reading program for Washington public libraries.
- Provided training for library staff in the following areas:
 - Helping children to be ready to read; early literacy training.
 - Preservation and disaster planning for library and museum staff.
 - Online cooperative reference service.
 - Outcomes-based evaluations for public and school library staff.
 - Effective marketing principles, techniques, advocacy and media relations
 - Database searching.
 - Computer, network maintenance and technology.
 - Meeting the needs of diverse populations.
- Distributed *Read to Your Baby* booklets in six languages to libraries and community partners.
- Provided posters and bookmarks promoting the use of libraries to all libraries in the state.
- Participated in Washington Learns Early Learning Council, Early Learning Summit, OSPI K-12 Reading Advisory Panel, Library Directors Early Learning Task Force.
- Partnered with Washington Library Media Association in support of quality school library media centers.
- Partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to bring technology training to many Washington public library staff.

General Consulting

Washington State Library staff provides in-depth research and advice for libraries, the public, and government in areas such as: legal and governance issues, development of policies and services, planning, relationships between boards and government officials, board responsibilities and interrelationships, setting up library districts, and other service issues. Staff develops, conducts, and facilitates training events and retreats designed for the specific needs of staff and boards of trustees of individual libraries.

Information Technology (IT) Consulting

Washington State Library staff provides specialized IT consulting services for libraries in 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 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.

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