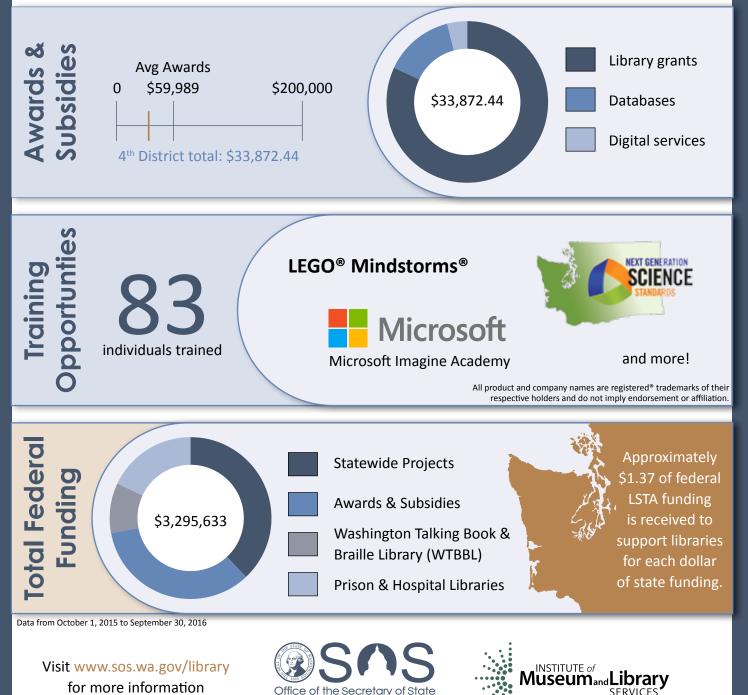
Services to Libraries: 4th Legislative District

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only agency in Washington that is specifically designated by law to assist libraries and to ensure that residents of the entire state have access to library and information services. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, offering projects to improve libraries, consulting services, grants, subsidies and training to libraries.

Examples of services include support for digital literacy programming, Microsoft Office training and industryrecognized certification, early literacy programming, professional grants, specialized training for library administration, circulating STEM kits, group cost-sharing for online databases, and 24/7 online reference support for college students and Washington residents.

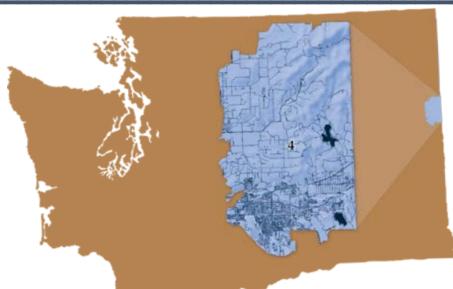


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Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 4th District



In 2016, the State Library took its Supercharged Storytime training on the road. The training is based on research done by University of Washington researchers in how best to foster early literacy development in young children.

One training was held at the Argonne branch of the Spokane County Library. Comments from librarians who attended these trainings tell it all.

- "Very interesting research findings that I can use to talk about the importance of early literacy with stakeholders."
- "I learned some great tips, and was given resources that will help me intentionally plan my storytime programs to focus on early literacy."

Six schools in this district received a Refreshing School Libraries grant, which provided \$1,000 to each library to update their nonfiction sections. One librarian told us that thanks to the grant she was able to make the largest nonfiction purchase in all her 18 years of working in the school library!



"WSL provides online databases and a wealth of historical materials that other libraries rely on to serve their customers. Rural libraries especially could not operate effectively without the WSL."

"The State Library is at the forefront of professional development for library staff. The IT Academy is critical to a core of users throughout the state. Taking away from our Library is taking away from us."