## Services to Libraries: 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

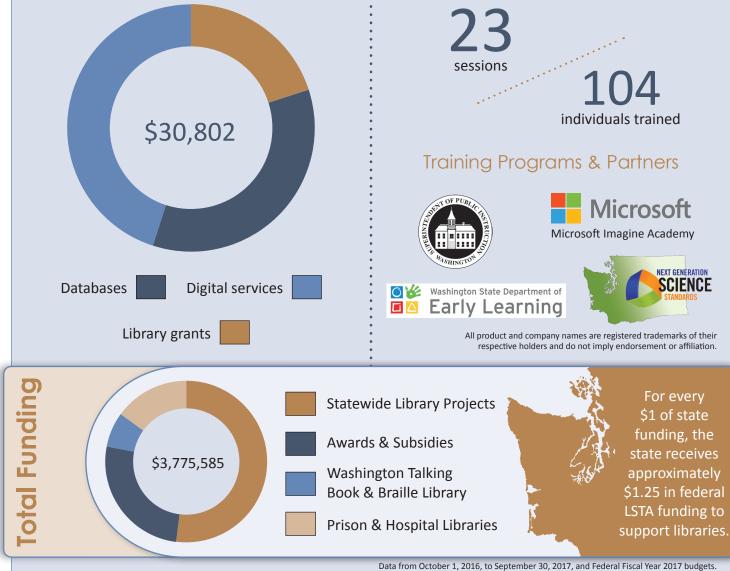
The Washington State Library (WSL) ensures that residents of the entire state have access to educational materials, research capabilities and resources that change lives. WSL achieves these goals in part using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds—which are dependent on state funding—to offer consulting services, grants, subsidies, training, and other programs that improve libraries and the lives of the patrons which they serve.

## **Awards & Subsidies**

WSL provides funding to support local libraries through circulating STEM kits, professional development grants, digital literacy, early literacy programming, cost-sharing of online databases, and 24/7 online reference services.

## **Training Opportunities**

WSL provides training opportunities for the library staff and the public including Microsoft Office training and industry-recognized certification, professional development, and specialized training for library administration.



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

## \$30,802 to 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative District libraries

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only state agency that is specifically designated by law to assist local and regional libraries with library and information services. Below is just one example of how WSL has helped libraries in this district connect with their communities and improve the quality of life for its patrons.

The Washington State Library has sponsored the Letters About Literature contest for students in grades 4-12 since 2005.

The contest inspires reading and writing and many teachers use it as a curriculum extension. In 2017, a child from District 18 won the Level 2 category. This is a huge honor, culminating in an awards ceremony

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at the state capitol. The ceremony, usually presided over by Secretary of State Kim Wyman, is remembered by these kids their entire lives.



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