## Services to Libraries: 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

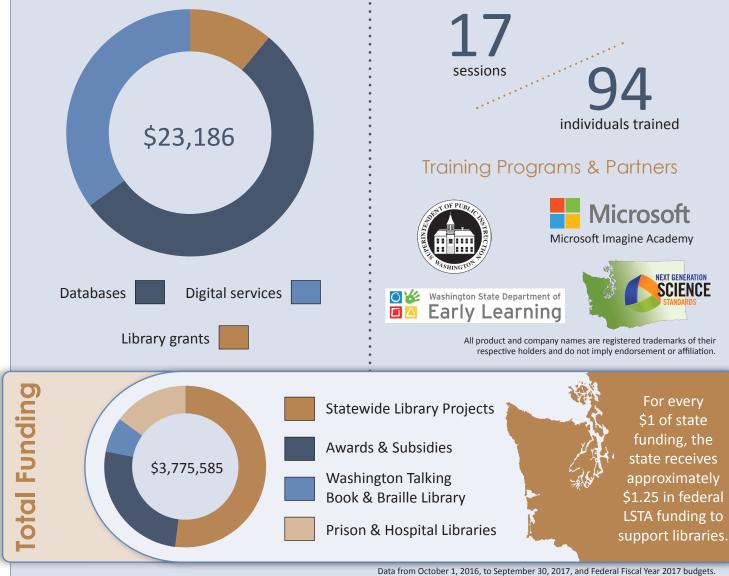
The Washington State Library (WSL) ensures that residents of the entire state have access to educational materials, research capabilities and resources that change lives. WSL achieves these goals in part using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds—which are dependent on state funding—to 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.

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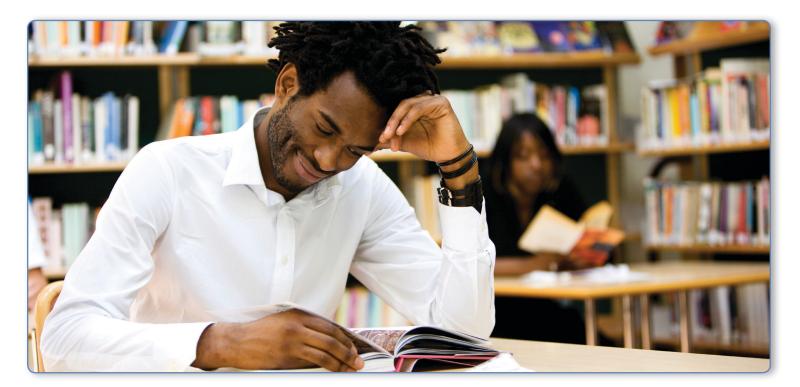
The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only state agency that is specifically designated by law to assist local and regional libraries with library and information services. Below is just one example of how WSL has helped libraries in this district connect with their communities and improve the quality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

The cost of textbooks has become so high in recent years that students often find it hard to pay tuition and buy textbooks. A growing trend is Open Education Resources

(OER), a model which allows faculty to create their own textbooks tailored to their needs using open-source materials. The end result is free to students, often saving thousands of dollars. The State Library provided a grant to Washington's community and technical colleges

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so faculty librarians could position themselves as leaders in this field, helping other faculty to locate high-quality resources. The Pierce College library was involved in this program, which provided them with the additional financial benefit to students.



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