## Services to Libraries: 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

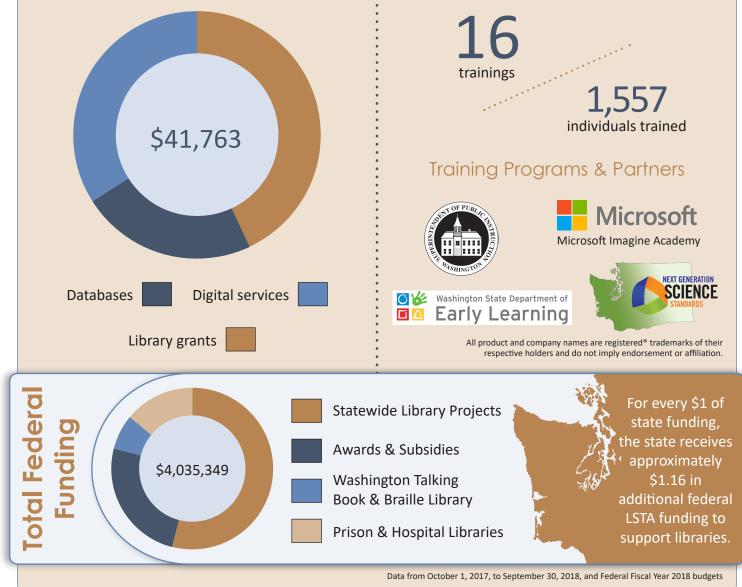
The Washington State Library (WSL) ensures that residents of the entire state have access to educational materials, research capabilities, and resources that change lives. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, which are dependent on state matching funding,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

## **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.



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The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only state agency 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 communities and improve the quality of life for their patrons. This project and more, such as our new Lynda.com partnership, continue to drive our public libraries into the future.

Since 2007, WSL has offered grants to Washington libraries to help digitize historic community documents and artifacts. Libraries often partner with a local history museum to access these unique local items. Grants help libraries purchase equipment and pay for staff time to perform the work, and State Library staff provide in-person hands-on training. When the work is done, the scanned items are hosted on the Washington Rural Heritage website. Over the years, this collection has grown to be a rich, personal, and intimate portrayal of early Washington history. The Moran Prairie Library received one of our grants last year and used it to partner with the Moran Prairie Washington State Grange #161 to digitize photos, objects, and documentation related to the history of the grange. These items had rarely, if ever, been available to the public. Some of the items are scattered among private contributors, and no official preservation had been conducted on these materials before. They are now accessible to anyone with an internet connection.



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