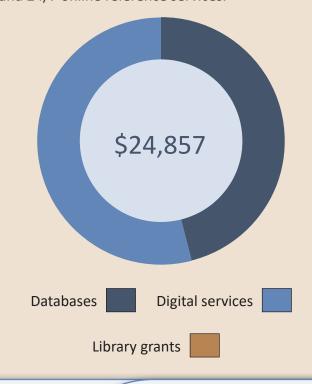
Services to Libraries: 18th Legislative District

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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Training Programs & Partners









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Statewide Library Projects

Awards & Subsidies

Washington Talking
Book & Braille Library

Prison & Hospital Libraries

For every \$1 of state funding, the state receives approximately \$1.16 in additional federal LSTA funding to support libraries.

\$24,857 to 18th Legislative District libraries

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. Three library branches from the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District—La Center, Ridgefield, and Woodland—received grants this year. They partnered with the La Center Historical Museum, the Woodland Historical Museum Society, and private contributors to digitize items related to the communities and history of north Clark and south Cowlitz Counties. The collaborative efforts of these libraries has been aggregated into a new collection, Clark-Cowlitz Heritage, on the Washington Rural Heritage website.



