

Washington State Library
Library Development Program
Services to Libraries 2005

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The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only agency in Washington that is specifically designated to assist libraries and to ensure that residents of the entire state have access to library and information services. State Library staff members work in partnership with statewide advisory committees to plan and implement programs, provide training, grants, and consulting services aimed at the development, improvement, and enhancement of all public and non-profit libraries in the state.

Legislative District #34: Direct Services to Local Libraries

Libraries in this district include school libraries and:

- King County Library System – Burien, Vashon, White Center
- Seattle Public Library – Delridge, High Point, Southwest, West Seattle
- South Seattle Community College Library

Libraries in this district have received \$87,909 as a result of Washington State Library services and programs during the past year:

Grants to Individual Libraries or Library Systems (\$37,353)

- \$4,858 in Continuing Education grants – Seattle Public Library, Seattle School District
- \$2,495 in IT Continuing Education grants – Seattle Public Library
- \$30,000 in Washington Preservation grants – Seattle Public Library

Online Periodical Databases Access Subsidies (subsidy is matched by the local library) (\$50,556)

- \$184 – Highline Medical Center
- \$32,142 – King County Library System
- \$16,222 – Seattle Public Library
- \$2,008 – South Seattle Community College
- Non-profit schools also received subsidies through the Washington State Library

Training Provided by or Coordinated by the Washington State Library

- 90 individuals were trained in marketing principles, preservation techniques, database searching, computer and network maintenance, technology, meeting facilitation, presentation skills, school librarianship, and trusteeship. Training was delivered in-person, online, and via satellite teleconference.

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

2005 Federal Grant-Supported Statewide Projects, Programs, and Services

- Helped the citizens of Washington use libraries, information assistance, and online information through computers.
- Assisted all types of libraries in acquiring access to online magazine and newspaper databases.
- Awarded grants to libraries and museums:
 - Preservation grants to help libraries assess and preserve their unique collections.
 - Grants to help school and public libraries effectively serve students.
- Enabled libraries to serve traditionally unserved populations:
 - Library services to the blind (Washington Talking Book and Braille Library).
 - Library collections for state institutional and correctional facilities.
- Supported a collaborative summer reading program for Washington public libraries.
- Provided training for library staff in the following areas:
 - Effective school library programs to meet student needs.
 - Preservation and disaster planning for library and museum staff.
 - Online cooperative reference service.
 - Outcomes-based evaluations for public and school library staff.
 - Trusteeship and library trends for library trustees.
 - Effective marketing principles and techniques.
 - Database searching.
 - Computer, network maintenance and technology.
 - Meeting facilitation and presentation skills.
- Distributed *Read to Your Baby* booklets in six languages to libraries and community partners.
- Provided posters and bookmarks promoting the use of libraries to all libraries in the state.
- Participated in the Governor's Education Summit, the National Conference of State Legislators' "Breakthroughs in Early Learning," and the review of early learning benchmarks.
- Partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to bring technology training to many Washington public library staff.

General Consulting

Washington State Library staff provides in-depth research and advice for libraries, the public, and government in areas such as: legal and governance issues, development of policies and services, planning, relationships between boards and government officials, board responsibilities and interrelationships, setting up library districts, and other service issues. Staff develops, conducts, and facilitates training events and retreats designed for the specific needs of staff and boards of trustees of individual libraries.

Information Technology (IT) Consulting

Washington State Library staff provides specialized IT consulting services for libraries in network infrastructure, computing hardware and software, the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), and the federal E-rate program qualifying libraries for telecommunications discounts. The State Library's IT consultants take a leadership role in connecting public libraries to the statewide K-20 network, a high-speed data and video network serving educational institutions throughout the state, and centralized Internet filtering for small libraries.

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