

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 #43: Direct Services to Local Libraries***

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#### **Libraries in this district include school libraries and:**

- Cornish College of the Arts
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- Group Health Cooperative
- MG Gallagher Law Library
- Municipal Research & Services Center of Washington
- Museum of History & Industry
- National Network of Libraries of Medicine
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin
- Puget Sound Regional Council Information Center
- Seattle Central Community College
- Seattle Public Library – Main, Capitol Hill, Fremont, Montlake, University, Wallingford
- Seattle University
- University of Washington Libraries
- US Courts Library
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Virginia Mason Medical Center
- Washington Talking Book & Braille Library

#### **Libraries in this district have received \$123,728 as a result of Washington State Library services and programs during the past year:**

##### Grants to Individual Libraries or Library Systems (\$107,222)

- \$25,330 in Continuing Education grants – Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle Public Library, Seattle School District, Seattle University, University of Washington Libraries, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library
- \$998 in IT Continuing Education – University of Washington Libraries
- \$21,624 in One Book grants – Seattle School District
- \$39,355 in Preservation grants – Museum of History & Industry, University of Washington Libraries
- \$9,915 in Statewide Outreach Training grants – Seattle Central Community College
- \$10,000 in Targeted Competitive grants – Seattle School District

##### Online Periodical Databases Access Subsidies (subsidy is matched by the local library) (\$16,506)

- Cornish College of the Arts, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Group Health Cooperative, Seattle Central Community College, Seattle Public Library, Seattle University, Virginia Mason Medical Center
- Non-profit schools also received subsidies through the Washington State Library

##### Training Provided by or Coordinated by the Washington State Library

- 122 individuals were trained in early literacy, serving diverse populations, marketing principles, advocacy and media relations, preservation techniques, disaster planning, database searching, computer and network maintenance, technology, Internet social networking tools, and evaluation. 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.*

## **2007 Federal Grant-Supported Statewide Projects, Programs, and Services**

Through participation in grants, training, and statewide projects, Washington librarians were better able to assist their customers in using libraries and finding online information.

- Washington libraries of all types and schools received grants to:
  - Help libraries reach out to their communities and inform people of the wide array of services available at the library or through the library on the Internet.
  - Offer “community reads one book” programming to encourage public reading and literacy.
  - Prepare children to read upon entering school (largely funded by a grant to the Washington State Library from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation).
  - Provide better access to quality information resources and literacy programs.
  - Preserve “treasures” in Washington libraries for future generations.
  - Upgrade computer hardware for public access to online information (largely funded by a grant to the Washington State Library from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation).
- Washington library staff received training in the following areas:
  - Exploring new technologies that support leading edge communication techniques: Blogs, wikis, and social software; Wireless; Podcasting and instant messaging; RSS feeds.
  - Offering digital collections both within the library and through the Internet.
  - Building partnerships with other organizations to serve community needs.
  - Sustaining public access to computers and online information in rural libraries.
  - Helping parents prepare children to be ready to read upon entering school (in cooperation with the OSPI Indian Education Office and the Washington State Migrant Council).
- Customers of all types of libraries gained access to quality information through online magazine and newspaper resources.
  - Libraries were able to provide these resources through centralized group purchasing coordinated by Washington State Library staff.
- Libraries were better able to meet the needs of traditionally unserved individuals:
  - Library services to the blind (Washington Talking Book and Braille Library).
  - Library materials for individuals in state correctional facilities.
- Read to Your Baby booklets were distributed in six languages to libraries and community partners.
  - The booklets are an early learning and child development resource for parents with young children.
- Partnered with the Washington Library Media Association in support of quality school library media centers.

### **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, trustee responsibilities and relationships, and establishing library districts.

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. The IT Consultants assist public libraries in connecting to the statewide, high-speed educational data and video K-20 network and provide centralized Internet filtering for small libraries.

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