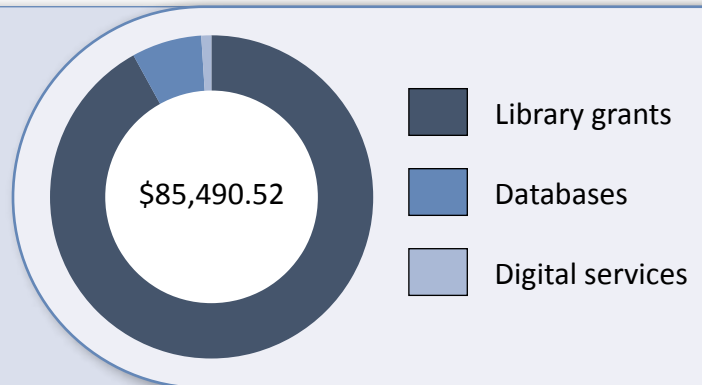
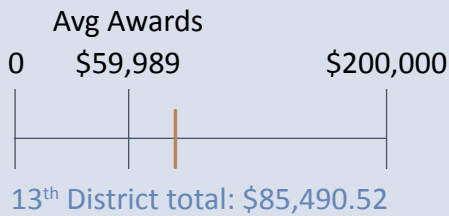


# Services to Libraries: 13<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

The Washington State Library (WSL) is the only agency in Washington that is specifically designated by law to assist libraries and to ensure that residents of the entire state have access to library and information services. WSL achieves these goals using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, offering projects to improve libraries, consulting services, grants, subsidies and training to libraries.

Examples of services include support for digital literacy programming, Microsoft Office training and industry-recognized certification, early literacy programming, professional grants, specialized training for library administration, circulating STEM kits, group cost-sharing for online databases, and 24/7 online reference support for college students and Washington residents.

## Awards & Subsidies



## Training Opportunities

**61**  
individuals trained

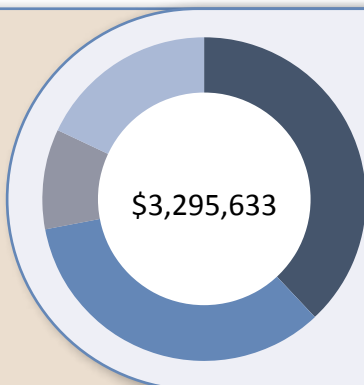
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## Total Federal Funding



- Statewide Projects
- Awards & Subsidies
- Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL)
- Prison & Hospital Libraries



Approximately \$1.37 of federal LSTA funding is received to support libraries for each dollar of state funding.

Data from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

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# Impact of LSTA Library Funding: 13<sup>th</sup> District



The Davenport Library partnered with the Washington State Library and NoaNet to significantly increase its Internet speed.

Its librarian reported that as soon as the library was set up with higher speeds, a visually impaired teen girl was able to use the Internet for her homework and entertainment needs. High-speed Internet lets her use the library's downloadable book service and Wi-Fi.

In fact the whole town is using the library's Internet! The fire station across the street utilized the library's Wi-Fi to access education materials when training volunteer firefighters in CPR/First Aid. The sewing business next door utilizes the Wi-Fi to teach crafting classes and to conduct other business transactions. While the library is open only 16 hours a week, the Wi-Fi extends beyond the walls of the library. People often use the library's Wi-Fi just by sitting in their cars after hours.



"As the director of a library in a small rural town, the State Library has helped me in many ways. We would still be just a 'book' library, I'm sure, without their help. We now have audiobooks, DVDs, e-books, belong to the Washington State Anytime Library, have the Pro-Quest database, are able to help people get to the Microsoft Imagine Academy, have help with our children's summer reading program, and have our own website. Without the State Library, I doubt if we would even have public access computers. I would be lost without the help of the State Library."