Library Development

Services to Libraries 1999-2001

As the corporate library for Washington State government, we deliver information services to the legislature and state government. As a leader in information policy, we partner with libraries and other entities to provide ready and equitable public access to information.

Legislative District #8: Direct Services to Local Libraries

Libraries in this District include school libraries and:

- Mid-Columbia Library District – Benton City, Connell, Keewaydin Park, West Richland, Kennewick, Mid-Columbia District Library
- Richland Public Library
- Washington State University Libraries

Libraries in this District have received $110,255 as a result of Washington State Library services and programs during the past three years:

Grants to Individual Libraries or Library Systems ($43,000)

- $41,619 in Off the Shelf, Connectivity, and Digital Imaging grants - Mid-Columbia Library District*, Richland Public Library
- $1,381 in Continuing Education Grants - Mid-Columbia Library District*

Online Periodical Databases Access Subsidies (subsidy is matched by the local library) ($21,912)

- $4,497 - Richland Public Library
- $17,415 - Mid-Columbia Library District*

Federal Telecommunications and Internet Discounts (E-rate) Savings ($45,343)

- $45,343 - Mid-Columbia Library District*

Training Provided by or Coordinated by the Washington State Library
41 individuals were trained in: working with pre-school children, customer service, information literacy, virtual reference services, using electronic search engines, strategic planning, marketing, future of libraries, and effective trusteeship.

**Dollar amounts reflect overall system subsidy or discounts*

Advancing Library Services Statewide

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.

1999-2001 Federal Grant-Supported Statewide Projects, Programs and Services

• Consulting services to Washington libraries	$2,310,385
• Training for Washington library employees	$1,743,223
• Helping Washington libraries to offer electronic library services	$395,644
• Educating the public's ability to locate, use and evaluate information	$1,476,199
• Providing library services to the blind and institutionalized	$204,000
• Subsiding all types of libraries in acquiring access to an online database	$1,500,000
• Awarding connectivity and technology enhancement grants	$1,758,353
• Providing training and materials for community partnerships for at risk children	$425,000

General Consulting

WSL staff provides in-depth research and advice for libraries and government in areas such as: legal and governance issues, development of policies and services, relationships between boards and government officials, board responsibilities and interrelationships, setting up library districts, and other service issues. WSL employees develop, conduct, and facilitate continuing education retreats for library staff and boards of trustees. WSL staff facilitated a group purchase access to online databases, saving libraries approximately 8.3 million (January 2001-June 2002).

Information Technology (IT) Consulting

WSL provides specialized IT consulting services for libraries throughout the state. Areas of expertise include network infrastructure, computing hardware and software, and the federal E-rate/CIPA program qualifying libraries for both E-rate discounts and LSTA grants. The Library's IT consultants have taken a leadership role in connecting public libraries to the statewide K-20 network, a high-speed data and video network now serving educational institutions throughout the State. WSL is also working with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to bring computer hardware, software, and training to many Washington public libraries.

Interlibrary Loan

During 1999-2001, the Washington State Library provided the following materials to Washington libraries: 20,013 books and microfilm, 20,799 photocopies of journal articles.