

# Washington's Library Services and Technology Act: The Next Five Years

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# Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the primary source of federal support for 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums.

The mission is to inspire libraries

- Advance innovation
- Lifelong learning
- Cultural and civic engagement

IMLS' largest grant program is the Grants to States program. The Washington State Library (WSL) receives roughly \$3.3M in LSTA funding through this program each year.

# LSTA Five-Year Plan

**Federal legislation requires a state to have an approved LSTA Five-Year Plan in order to receive federal funding**

**The Plan identifies a state's library opportunities and needs**

**It sets forth the activities which will be implemented to meet the identified opportunities and needs supported with federal funds made available under the Library Services and Technology Act (“LSTA”)**

**In other words the LSTA Five-Year Plan document provides the blueprint for the services WSL provides as we move forward.**

**The new LSTA Five-Year Plan will guide us through 2018 – 2022.**



**Your input is vital to making the plan a success.**

# Considerations in developing the LSTA Five-Year Plan

- The Museum and Library Services Act provide eight LSTA priorities which govern how LSTA funding can be used
- Feedback from library staff and other stakeholders on what is important to their library and their community
- The Washington State Governor's priorities
- The core values of the State Library and the Office of Secretary of State

# LSTA Priorities

- 1) expand services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages in order to support such individuals' needs for education, lifelong learning, workforce development, and digital literacy skills;**
- 2) establish or enhance electronic and other linkages and improve coordination among and between libraries and entities for the purpose of improving the quality of and access to library and information services;**

# LSTA Priorities

- 3) (a) provide training and professional development to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership, and advance the delivery of library and information services, and
  - (b) enhance efforts to recruit future professionals to the field of library and information services;
- 4) develop public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;
- 5) target library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills;

# LSTA Priorities

**6) target library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line;**

**7) develop library services that provide all users access to information through local, State, regional, national, and international collaborations and networks; and**

**8) carry out other activities consistent with the purposes of LSTA set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 9121, as described in the SLAA's plan.**

**Our LSTA Five-Year Plan must be consistent with these priorities**



# Washington State Governor's priorities

- World-class education
- Prosperous economy
- Sustainable energy and clean environment
- Healthy and safe communities
- Efficient, effective, and accountable government

# WSL Core Values

- **Equal access statewide.** Every resident and student in Washington has access to a basic level of library services available both in person and online.
- **Collaboration.** Libraries work together and with their communities.
- **Customer-centered.** Libraries design services and activities based on customer input and with customers' needs in mind.

# WSL Core Values

- **Customer service.** Libraries deliver services and activities in a way that works best for customers.
- **Center of the community.** Library buildings and activities are community resources that pull people into the library.
- **Library as institution that reflects the community.** Library staff and services are as diverse as the communities they serve.

# WSL LSTA Five-Year Plan Draft Goals

- **Connect Washingtonians to their history, employing digital initiatives and other preservation strategies to tell the stories of local communities and to celebrate our common heritage.**
- **Expand and enhance the provision of direct library and information services to incarcerated and hospitalized populations in support of education, literacy, recovery, and reentry.**
- **Expand the reach and effectiveness of the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL) to expand the user population, establish and strengthen borrower relationships, to promote relevant high quality, accessible library and information resources.**

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- **Contribute to the state's economic prosperity and cultural richness by providing relevant and high quality education, literacy and life-long learning programming.**
- **Elevate the quality of library service and caliber of library staff through facilitation, consulting, training, and modeling best practices to build capacity in libraries statewide.**

# Questions? Thank you!

For questions after the session,

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## Survey of Library Staff

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Name (optional):

Library:

Library Type:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public	<input type="checkbox"/>	School (K-12)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tribal	<input type="checkbox"/>	All-Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Programs of the Washington State Library supported at least partially with LSTA funding

Program Name	I know about this program	I have used, or participated in, this program				My library has participated in this program		
Which programs are most beneficial to you, your library, and/or your local community? Prioritize numbering each line from 1 (low) to 5 (high).	↓	Circle yes, no or don't know						
<b>Professional Development Grants</b> to attend external training or bring a trainer to the library		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know
<b>Washington State Library Training</b> either online or in person at locations around the state		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know
<b>Competitive Grants to Libraries</b> (various topical areas depending on year)		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know
<b>Statewide Database Licensing</b> (ProQuest magazine and journal databases)		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know
<b>Ask WA</b> , the statewide virtual reference consortium		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know
<b>Washington Anytime Library</b> , the Overdrive consortium WSL manages or <b>One-Click Digital</b> consortium from Recorded Books		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know

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Microsoft Imagine Academy for staff and patrons to increase skills and earn certification	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know	
Youth Services for staff serving the early learning, youth, and teen communities	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know	
Washington Rural Heritage program building the capacity of local libraries to digitize and make available their unique primary resources online	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know	
Summer Reading Program through the Collaborative Library Summer Program (CLSP)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know	
Teacher-Librarian Training for school library staff to implement subjects such as the Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know	
Washington Talking Book & Braille Library providing those unable to read standard print material	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know	
Institutional Library Services providing the residents of 9 correctional facilities and 2 state hospitals library services	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know	
Librarians as Open Education Leaders which allows Community and Technical College Libraries to move toward Open Education Resources	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know	
In what other areas should the Washington State Library focus in order to support your library and the Washington library community?								
For more information on these and other programs: <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/All-Services.aspx">https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/All-Services.aspx</a>								