

# Energy Research Made Easy

## Our Mission

To advance environmental and economic well-being by providing unmatched energy services, products, education and information based on world-class research.

## Overview

Our staff of approximately 100 people (energy engineers, energy specialists, technical experts, software developers, energy research librarians and more) works out of our Olympia, Spokane and other satellite offices. Operating similar to a consulting firm, the Washington State University (WSU) Extension Energy Program is a self-supported department within the University.

Our customers include large and small businesses, public and private utilities, local and state governments, tribes, federal agencies and facilities, manufacturing plants, professional and trade associations, schools, universities, national laboratories, and consumers. For more information, visit our website at [www.energy.wsu.edu](http://www.energy.wsu.edu).

Google “energy library” and the Washington State University (WSU) Extension Energy Program’s library pops up at or near the top of the results list. Yahoo? Same thing. Bing? Ask.com? Same.

That is because the WSU Energy Library is one of just a few full-service libraries of its kind in the United States. Staffed by experienced librarians with access to the university’s specialized databases and a deep collection of other energy-related materials at its Olympia, Washington location, the library serves a number of roles. Typically, librarians assist with research related to projects or questions from clients including government agencies, institutions, businesses, the building industry and industrial plants.

## Information for Washington State Residents

Personalized help is available to the public through the library. With federal funding through

the State Energy Program, librarians provide customized written responses to home energy questions from anyone who lives in the State of Washington.

## Tools for Busy Professionals

Aside from its research role, the library publishes an online weekly roundup of energy news summaries from a variety of sources. Energy industry professionals – who are too busy to get to every important blog, newspaper or journal – trust the library to keep them up-to-date through a free subscription to *Energy Newsbriefs*.

In addition, library staff members create and maintain a number of databases and free online finding guides. Examples include a state legislative tracking tool that covers topics ranging from utilities to electric cars. What makes the tool valuable is that it is maintained by a human being who meticulously keeps it accurate



Left to right: Angela Santamaria, library manager; Martha Parsons; Julie Nurse; Helen (Nono) Burling; Anne Whitney; Kate Kasimor; Talia Mathews.



and current. Another resource is the WSU Energy Library's *Top Tags* – a collection of links selected by librarians for quality and relevance to energy and environmental topics.

#### **A Resource for Staff**

The library supports WSU Extension Energy Program engineers, building scientists and other energy experts. It is central to information sharing among the staff members.

#### **Visit Online or In Person**

The WSU Energy Library is open to the public weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but with many of its resources online, in-person patrons are few. With years of energy-related research experience, plus a thorough knowledge of what is on the shelves – and how to find what is not – the library is one of the WSU Extension Energy Program's most valuable assets.

Contact information:

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## **Other library resources and guides**

Available on the WSU Energy Library website at  
[www.energy.wsu.edu/library](http://www.energy.wsu.edu/library)

#### ***Energy Library Catalog***

Browse the WSU Energy Library's collection of more than 12,000 books. From the library's website, choose Energy Library Catalog. Select "Energy Library" from the drop down menu at the WSU Libraries Catalog.

#### ***Agriculture Matters***

A database maintained by the library with links to energy information for the Northwest agricultural community.

#### ***Energy Matters in Washington State***

A collection of annotated links to energy information maintained by the library for the public; possibly of special interest to teachers and students.

#### ***The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009***

News and analysis compiled by the library staff.

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