

This will devastate libraries and museums throughout the United States.

The Trump Administration has issued an executive order that will gut the IMLS.

You can help by contacting your representatives.

Contact forms for email are available at each of their official websites.

Or use Resistbot! Just text RESIST to 50409 to get started. It's free and easy!



Also, talk to your friends and family about why this matters and ask them to contact their representatives too!

- ### Did You Know...
- That 96% of Americans support the same level of funding or an increased level of funding for museums?
 - That libraries aren't just about books? They provide internet access, employment assistance for job seekers, homework help for kids and reading programs for all levels.
 - That museums generate over \$50 billion in economic benefits in the US and support over 75,000 jobs?
 - That Americans make about 4 million visits to public libraries every single day?

Here's an easy script to follow:

Hello. My name is _____ and I am a constituent living in City, State.

I am calling to express strong concerns over the March 14 Executive Order targeting the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and urge Rep/Sen _____ to speak up to the Administration stressing the importance of IMLS continuing to operate as a Congressionally authorized independent agency at its current scope, an agency that has been appropriated funds on a bipartisan basis for decades. Protecting this essential agency is critical to preserving the vital role libraries and museums play in education, the economy, and community infrastructure across the country.

{Share your personal story about the impact libraries and museums have had on your family. Highlight some local museums and libraries that you care about.}

Thank you for sharing my message with Rep./Sen _____.

(Thanks to the American Alliance of Museums for this script!)

- ### The IMLS's strategic plan has four major components:
- **Champion Lifelong Learning**
 - **Strengthen Community Engagement**
 - **Advance Collections Stewardship**
 - **Demonstrate Excellence in Public Service**
- The Office of Library Services' Grants to States program is the largest federal support of library funding and cuts across all geographies and community types. Each year it funds approximately 1500 Grants to States projects.
- The Office of Museum Services offers seven competitive grant programs that support museums of all kinds — art museums, children's museums, zoos, history museums and so many more. These grants help museums care for their collections and provide services to their patrons.

How Can I Learn More?

Follow these organizations on social media:

- SaveIMLS.org
- **American Alliance of Museums (aamersofficial on Instagram)**
- **American Library Association (americanlibraryassociation on Instagram)**
- **Association of AfAm Museums (blackmuseums on Instagram)**
- **Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums (Facebook only)**
- **EveryLibrary (everylibrary_ on Instagram)**

- The IMLS is main source of federal funds to libraries and museums.
- It works in all 50 states and every territory.
- Its budget is 0.0046% of the entire federal budget.
- The IMLS was established by Congress in 1996 and reauthorized in 2010.
- The IMLS has historically enjoyed bipartisan support.

A Zine About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

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Why It Needs Your Help Today!

