



## IMLS FUNDING SUPPORTS VITAL SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES TO WISCONSIN CITIZENS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) provides Wisconsin with just under \$3 million annually to support all the services below and assist schools and public libraries in meeting the needs of the state's citizens.

### Elimination of the IMLS will impact the following services to state residents:

#### State Library Agency Activities (20.8 Total FTE; 13.45 FTE funded by LSTA, or 65% of total staffing)

- **Statewide Technology and Resource Sharing** (9.6 FTE that manage these services would be eliminated)
  - BadgerLink online database management
    - Contract management, software support, patron authentication, customer service and training of library staff and patrons
  - WISCAT/Interlibrary Loan system management
    - *Note: Interlibrary Loan service is required by state statute*
    - Referral of interlibrary loan requests for patrons of libraries that rely on WISCAT for management of interlibrary loan
    - Contract management, software configuration and troubleshooting, customer service, training for library staff
    - Maintenance and circulation of a state library collection
  - Wisconsin Document Depository Program/Digital Archives system management
- **Basic library development support** (3.85 FTE out of 6.0 FTE)
  - Wisconsin public library jobseeker support web site, in collaboration Wisconsin job centers
  - Online WISELearn educational digital repository used by teachers and parents
  - Legal consultation to public libraries and public library systems on issues like municipal relations, personnel management and training, and statutory requirements of library systems and local libraries
  - Literacy support for families with young children, school age students, and young adults
  - Inclusive services for library patrons of all ages
  - Public library broadband and technology services such as teaching youth and adults computer coding skills
  - Data collection and use including statutorily-required public library and library system annual reports
  - Continuing education for library staff including training new library directors
  - Management of statewide procurement projects like the school ebooks consortium effort
  - Coordination of the Wisconsin LSTA program including all grants to local libraries

- **Coordination and support of statewide bodies responsible for setting high level library policy in Wisconsin such as the Governor's Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND)**

**Software systems (\$595,068 in 2016)**

- WISCAT interlibrary loan software
- Out of state and academic library interlibrary loan software
- BadgerLink user authentication, links and system management software
- Job skills, training, and test preparation online resources for libraries

**Grants to local libraries and library systems (\$815,450 in 2016). Examples of grants to local libraries:**

- Libraries in Waukesha and Jefferson counties receive assistance to offer service to the 88,000 people for whom using the library is limited or difficult
- Libraries in Dane County provide educational/therapeutic programming for 7,000 persons living with dementia and their caregivers, in partnership with the local Aging and Disability Resource Center
- Libraries in Janesville, Rock County assist parents to further their parenting and family skills and provide for early learning engagement of preschoolers
- Libraries in Milwaukee receive funds to provide greater learning resources for students living in poverty
- Libraries in western Wisconsin receive funds to meet the needs of library patrons living in poverty or who are homeless

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