



MEMO TO: IHLS Board of Directors
FROM: Leslie Bednar
DATE: March 24, 2017
RE: Proposed FY2018 Federal Budget

As anticipated, the Federal Budget for FY2018 proposed last week included dramatic cuts to arts and social service funding. If approved as presented, the spending plan if would eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)—a vital component of library services nationally and locally. Through its Grants to States Program, IMLS annually administers over \$150M in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funds across the country. In 2016 Illinois received over \$5M in LSTA funding which in central and southern Illinois supports resource sharing via IHLS services and grants to member libraries.

For our board discussion, I share two pieces of information:

- March 16, 2017 statement from Dr. Kathryn R. Matthew (Director, IMLS) regarding President Trump's budget proposal (below)
- report from the Illinois State Library regarding LSTA-funded projects in the IHLS service area (attached)

I look forward to our meeting next week as we explore advocacy tools to preserve this significant library program support.

Thank you.

Institute of Museum and Library Services Issues Statement on the President's Proposed FY 18 Budget

Washington, DC -- Institute of Museum and Library Services Director Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew released the following statement on the President's proposed FY 2018 budget, which includes elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Since its inception 20 years ago, the grants and programs the Institute of Museum and Library Services has administered have provided critical support that has enabled museums and libraries across the country to make a tremendous difference in their communities. The institutions we serve provide vital resources that contribute significantly to Americans' economic development, education, health, and well-being whether by facilitating family learning and catalyzing community change or stimulating economic development through job training and skills development. Our agency's support enables museums and libraries to offer learning experiences for students and families as well as increase care for and access to the nation's collections that are entrusted to museums and libraries by the public.

We've invested in rural and smaller communities by supporting basic infrastructure and the development of libraries as local community hubs for broadband connectivity and digital literacy training, which has helped hundreds of residents gain job-related skills and, in many cases, find employment. In summary, our grants and programs support libraries and museums as essential contributors to improving Americans' quality of life.

More than \$214 million of our \$230 million FY 2016 enacted budget targets museums and libraries directly through our grant programs. This includes \$155 million for library services to every state and territory in the country through a population-based formula grant program.

As Congress now begins its work on the FY 2018 budget, our agency will continue to work closely with the Office of Management and Budget. More importantly, we will continue to remain steadfast in our work on behalf of the millions of Americans touched by the services of libraries and museums each day.

**Illinois State Library
Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Benefiting
Illinois Heartland Library System**

Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funds are provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas.

Through the Grants to States program, (*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*, number 45.310), IMLS provides LSTA funds to state libraries using a population-based formula. The Illinois State Library uses LSTA for statewide initiatives and services, sub grant competitions and/or cooperative agreements.

Statewide Impact:

- **Talking Book & Braille Services:** Nearly a quarter of a million people in Illinois are eligible for talking book and braille services. Without this service, the majority of eligible patrons would not have access to reading materials in a format they can utilize. To many blind citizens, this service is a lifeline to the rest of the world.

The Illinois Machine Sublending Agency (IMSA) received LSTA funds for a total of \$790,720 in FY's 2014, 2015 and 2016. IMSA maintained the machine and accessory inventory and loaned equipment to every Illinois registered user of the National Library Service's Talking Book and Braille Services program. IMSA was also responsible for technical support to individuals in need of assistance with the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) program that allows registered users to download reading materials.

- **Resource Sharing:** Illinois citizens have always been able to count on free interlibrary loan services from any library in the state; the library systems facilitate this service. Since 2013, people across Illinois have requested more than 40 million items delivered through this service. This supports reading for pleasure but in addition, K-12 and higher education, medical research and lifelong learning are all supported by this high demand service.

As a percentage of the System Area and Per Capita Grants, (FY14 = \$660,106; FY15 = \$659,722.21; FY16 = \$626,746; FY17 = \$626,746) **Illinois Heartland Library System was awarded a total of \$2,574,320 in LSTA funds** specifically to support the Regional Delivery Service on behalf of the sharing of resources between academic, public, school, and special libraries in central and southern Illinois. As SHARE has grown, delivery supports the increase in the level of resource sharing between libraries to meet the eclectic needs of their patrons.

IHLS supports the statewide resource sharing functionality of the **OCLC/ILLINET Network** providing billing support to the network of approximately 1,200 member libraries statewide. With \$10,300 in LSTA funds, IHLS upgraded the Traverse accounting software to the most recent version of the software.

- **Online Databases:** Annually, **over \$1.1 million in LSTA funds are dedicated to OCLC WorldCat Discovery/FirstSearch**, a collection of online databases to which every patron of academic, public, school and special libraries have free access. This reliable, copyrighted information cannot be found using a simple Google search. Last year, Illinois residents conducted over 1.7 million searches in these trusted databases which calculate to over 4,600 searches every day. Underlying FirstSearch is WorldCat through which users find relevant records plus the location to request the resources they need whether it is at their local library or at other libraries.
- **Continuing Education for the Library Workforce Statewide:** A total of **\$497,956 in LSTA funds have been awarded to the University of Illinois Springfield** for: *The Statewide Public Library Management Institute* or SPLMI, a weeklong Institute (FY's 2014 and FY2015) for public library directors to ultimately provide better library services for the citizens of Illinois, (\$195,733). *Synergy*, leadership training (FY2015) to enable participants to ultimately provide better library services for the residents of Illinois, (\$95,190). *ILEAD U 2014: Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover*, an educational immersion program (FY2014), combined with web technologies' skills building and leadership training, to increase exposure of services, engage libraries' constituents, and provide opportunities for collaborating on innovative projects, (\$207,033).

LSTA Funded Grants Awarded to IHLS Members in Fiscal Years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017:

Albion - Albion Public Library

\$5,000

- *Information Station* (FY2014). The library expanded and updated the non-fiction collection through the Back to Books competitive offering. New materials in law, finance, retirement, technology and education filled gaps in the collection.

Alton - Hayner Public Library District

\$39,850

- *Project Next Generation* (FY's 2014, 2015 and 2016). The library offered an afterschool program for 5th - 8th graders at the library. Programs gave the participants a new way to look at new and old technologies. (\$34,850)
- *Select Science* (FY2014). The library partnered with area organizations for book suggestions and promotion, and participated in Arbor Day at the local park with a display of *Select Science* books. Updating the science collection, helped meet the community's needs, provided quality science books for students and sparked an interest in science. (\$5,000)

Atwood - Atwood-Hammond Public Library District

\$5,000

- *SPLASH: School and Public Libraries Activating Summer (Reading) Habits* (FY2014). SPLASH was a joint project between the Atwood-Hammond Public Library and the Atwood-Hammond Grade School Unit #39 to give access to high interest juvenile series titles and to avoid student summer reading setback.

Bethalto - Bethalto Public Library District

\$5,000

- *Eyes, Ears, Nose & Tales!* (FY2014). Eyes (reading), Ears (listening), Nose (sweet smelling treats) and Tales (great stories) allowed the Library to promote literacy by adding read-along and juvenile audiobooks for checkout.

Carbondale - Carbondale Public Library

\$43,615

- *Project Next Generation* (FY's 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017). PNG is an integral part of the programming for youth at Carbondale Public Library. This program provided students in the 5th through 8th grades the opportunity to learn and interact with their peers in a safe, encouraging and fun environment.

Carlyle - Case-Halstead Public Library,

\$2,000

- *Growing from the STEM* (FY2014). The library developed a collection that reinforced curriculum emphasized by the Common Core Standards used in area schools. By focusing on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), this collection is appropriate not only for school aged children but for adults wishing to continue their education as well.

Carrier Mills - Carrier Mills-Stonefort Public Library District

\$5,000

- *Popular Fiction for Older Adults* (FY2014). The library purchased books to appeal to the needs of our relatively large population of older adults. The library purchased books in three categories: large print, inspirational, and Western paperbacks. We were able to purchase approximately 175 large print books, 175 Westerns, and 100 inspirational books.

Centralia - Centralia Regional Library District,

\$46,000

- *Project Next Generation* (FY's 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017). The goals were for students to increase their knowledge and skills through various STEAM projects, to gain self-confidence, and to learn to work with peers. This was accomplished through a series of after-school programs for 5th through 8th graders.

Champaign - Champaign Public Library

\$36,250

- *Project Next Generation* (FY's 2014, 2015 and 2016). The goal was to provide 10-14 year-olds with opportunities to learn technology skills in a safe and stimulating environment guided by knowledgeable mentors at the Douglass Branch Library. The library specifically reached out to students with limited access to technology to improve their ability to excel in the future. (\$31,250)
- *Summer Smarts: Getting Teens to Read When They Don't Have To* (FY2014). The library kept middle and high school students reading over the summer by providing hard-to-resist books in a variety of formats so students could better retain and enhance their reading skills. (\$5,000)

Champaign - Illinois Fire Service Institute, UIUC

\$4,941

- *Fire Safety Public Education on DVDs* (FY2014). Access to fire education materials was improved, especially for local fire departments offering fire safety public education programs to their local community. Multiple copies of DVDs on fire safety public education were available through interlibrary loan to support fire departments' public education programs.

Charleston - Charleston Carnegie Public Library

\$5,000

- *Get Healthy* (FY2014). The library provided resources and programs to encourage healthy lifestyles through exercise and healthy eating. As a result, Coles County families increased their knowledge of how to make healthy choices.

Charleston - Eastern Illinois University, Booth Library

\$5,000

- *The 1960s: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary* (FY2014). Booth Library expanded the collection of materials relating to the 1960s. The materials supplemented an exhibit and speaker series 'Revolutionary Decade: Reflections on the 1960s.'

Chrisman - Chrisman Public Library,

\$1,500

- *Books For All And All For Books!* (FY2014). The goal of *Books for All and All for Books* was to improve access to fiction reading materials for both children and adults by purchasing 91 new books at all reading levels.

Collinsville and Fairmont City - Mississippi Valley Library District

\$54,730

- *Project Next Generation* (FY's 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017) Area youth, particularly from low income households, were encouraged to be more innovative and more prepared for their futures by developing their skills to use technology. Teens and tweens learned current and relevant technologies, especially related to science, art, and engineering and were introduced to practices that encouraged creativity and critical thinking, helping them to further their education and their everyday lives. (\$49,730)
- *Paws to Read - Summer Reading Program* (FY2014). The annual, eight weeks, summer reading program was enhanced by improving the library's aging collection of animal related books and DVDs with fiction and non-fiction resources that supported children's quest for knowledge or reading for enjoyment. (\$5,000)

Danville - Danville Public Library

\$2,250

- *Children's Summer Reading Outreach Program* (FY2014). Books and literacy activities were taken to children living in public housing complexes and those attending the Boys and Girls Club. A 'book borrowing culture' was created and nurtured to help children understand what it means to belong to a community of readers and library users.

- Decatur - Decatur Public Library** **\$37,462**
- *Project Next Generation* (FY's 2014, 2015 and 2016). The library offered educational opportunities for area youth to develop technology skills. Students learned about library resources, research strategies, computer basic, and public speaking; and discussed topics such as community engagement, civil actions and media events.
- Edwardsville - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Lovejoy Library,** **\$4,989**
- *College Reads! Increasing Access to Popular Materials for College Students* (FY2014) According to the 2013 ACT Readiness Report, approximately 41% of Illinois' students are not prepared for college reading. The Lovejoy Library increased outreach to unprepared students by enhancing the library's collection with popular fiction, non-fiction, and graphic materials that may appeal to their interests
- Effingham - Helen Matthes Library** **\$5,000**
- *Teen Beat* (FY2014). Intended to reflect the library's conscious efforts to connect directly with a teen community that is tough to engage and provide them with the resources they need for their reading, *Teen Beat* brought a fresh breath to three genres of the library's collection: Teen Christian Fiction, Manga, and Graphic Novels.
- Fairfield - Illinois Eastern Community Colleges - Frontier Community College** **\$5,000**
- *Just READ It!* (FY2014) The love of reading was encouraged and promoted to non-readers in the community. The library purchased new materials on a wide area of interests in varying formats.
- Fairview Heights - Fairview Heights Public Library** **\$4,100**
- *Collecting for Common Core: Resources for Adults and Juveniles & Large Print Access for a Changing Community* (FY2014). The library developed a core collection of non-fiction books for high school and adult readers; improved non-fiction subject areas for kindergarten - 2nd graders; and added large print, non-fiction titles for those who prefer a larger font when reading.
- Farmersville - Farmersville-Waggoner Public Library District** **\$3,500**
- *Bet You've Not Read This Book!* (FY2014) The library purchased 561 books for infants through young adults.
- Galatia - Galatia Public Library** **\$2,200**
- *Reading High* (FY2014). The library purchased books geared to high school level readers. The local high school has no library, and very few students were using the public library. The library's goal was to awaken a desire to read that has perhaps been lying dormant in students.
- Granite City - Six Mile Regional Library District** **\$25,000**
- *Disaster Relief* (FY2015) While the library was undergoing renovation, materials were temporarily stored in a closed school building. Materials housed in the cafeteria addition of the school building were damaged by water after heavy rains occurred over a short period of time damaging 1,509 books from the library's adult non-fiction collection. Through this project, damaged materials were replaced providing the community with access to quality content and information.
- Harrisburg - Harrisburg Public Library District** **\$45,515**
- *Project Next Generation* (FY's 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017). The library developed students' technology skills that they could use in school as well as in everyday life. Students worked with Microsoft Word and Power Point, learned about digital cameras, and learned from engaging and educational websites.

- Louisville - North Clay CUSD #25** **\$750**
- *Books for Students at North Clay CUSD #25* (FY2016). The elementary and high school libraries provided books in support of Kindergarten through 12th grade students learning. As a result, students expressed excitement to discover new books to read, checked out the new books as they become available, and were engaged in reading and research.
- Marion - Marion Carnegie Library** **\$5,000**
- *Children's STEM Initiative: S for Science* (FY2014) STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education for children from grades 3 through 6 and accompanying monthly children's programs allowed the library to strengthen ties with area schools and students learning by supporting the school district's common core standards.
- Marissa - Marissa Area Public Library** **\$5,000**
- *Summer Reading and Beyond* (FY2014). Fiction and non-fiction print and audio resources were expanded to enhance the joy of reading as well for those seeking knowledge on a variety of subjects. The library also increased support for students by updating the non-fiction collection in support of homework assignments.
- Mattoon - Lake Land College** **\$2,500**
- *Full STEAM Ahead: Implementing Common Core Materials into the Post-Secondary Classroom* (FY2014). Quality books that address science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) education, the Common Core Standards and Next Generation Science Standards were purchased. The 171 informational texts targeted Lake Land College PreK-12 education students, faculty and community members.
- Mt. Zion - Mt. Zion District Library** **\$5,000**
- *Books Are Only the Beginning* (FY2014) The library updated and enhanced Juvenile Fiction, Juvenile Non-Fiction and Young Adult Fiction primarily in support of the reading needs of youth ages preschool through high school.
- Murphysboro - Sallie Logan Public Library** **\$16,391**
- *Project Next Generation* (FY's 2016 and 2017) PNG was aimed at young people in Murphysboro, ages 10 to 18. This program allowed participants to access equipment, expertise and resources that they would not otherwise have had. The students enjoyed learning and experimenting with new concepts. (\$11,391)
 - *Creative Inspiration and Networking at the Library* (FY2014) The library purchased adult, non-fiction, craft books for the circulating collection including paper crafts such as scrapbooking and card making, hand crafts such as quilting, crocheting, knitting, sewing, woodworking and photography. These materials are helping to meet the informational and inspirational needs of the general patron as well as the business people in Murphysboro. (\$5,000)
- Nokomis - Nokomis Public Library** **\$5,000**
- *Feeding Literacy* (FY2014). New large print and audio books increased the availability of emergent level books and non-fiction books for children. The library sponsored events featuring the new books to engage readers.
- Norris City - Norris City Memorial Public Library District** **\$4,000**
- *Reading for Seniors 2014* (FY2014). Large print books were purchased for senior readers. This has been one of the best grants due to the fact that all patrons could enjoy the materials, plus circulation increased.
- Pana - Carnegie-Schuyler Library** **\$5,000**
- *Better Informed With Books* (FY2014) The library purchased new selections in historical, cultural and customs of the world. The combination of new books and programs engaged patrons in reading, literature and learning.

Paris - Paris Carnegie Public Library

\$1,000

- *Who Was That?* (FY2014). The library acquired 145 juvenile books focused on K-6 reading levels including biographies for homework assignments as a result of Common Core Standards; and recreational reading children would enjoy.

Red Bud - Red Bud Public Library

\$5,000

- *The Joy of Reading* (FY2014) The library bought books, large print books, and audio books specifically for adults, seniors, and young adult readers. Patrons have discovered more material they like, making them more satisfied patrons who view their library as a valuable asset of the community.

Riverton - Riverton Village Library

\$4,900

- *What's Next: Sensational Series for Kids* (FY2014) The project focused on high interest, young-reader-focused, fiction and non-fiction material that centered on the series format. This project enriched access to information and topics that have made the library's holdings more diverse and engaging for young people.

Sparta - Sparta Public Library

\$46,250

- *Project Next Generation* (FY's 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017) Children in 5th through 8th grades were introduced to a robotics. Mentors provided instructions and examples, and guided students as they built their own robots. (\$43,750)
- *All About You@Your Library..Discover Your Own Adventure* (FY2014) This project was responsive to the needs of library users, aged birth to seniors, and to meet users' demand for fiction books. As over 75% of the circulation locally and through interlibrary loan is for fiction books and audio CDs, the ability to address patrons' reading requests was improved by acquiring 59 books and 101 audio CDs. (\$2,500)

Steeleville - Steeleville Area Public Library

\$1,950

- *Project Revive* (FY2014) The library purchased new releases and replaced worn and damaged books for grades 7th - 12th to address teens reading interests and increase library visits.

West Frankfort - West Frankfort Public Library

\$4,550

- *A Summer of Great Reading for All Ages* (FY2014) The library purchased books and sponsored Parent and Child Activities during the library's annual summer reading program. The purpose was three-fold: 1) to keep school age children reading during the summer to retain and improve reading skills they have acquired during the school year, 2) to provide adults with low level reading skills an opportunity to learn and build upon current reading levels, and 3) to familiarize children and adults with library services help families interact and learn together at the library.