

Defunding of the Institute of Museum and Library Services affects the JKPL. Here's how...

On Friday, March 14th, 2025, an executive order was signed that "...continues the reduction in the elements of the Federal bureaucracy that the President has determined are unnecessary." This reduction included the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The IMLS receives .003% of the federal budget. A portion of that comes to the State Library of Iowa through the Grants to States program. The State Library of Iowa uses this funding to do BIG projects that benefit even the smallest library! Here are some things the money from IMLS is used for, that could impact the JKPL.



Getting Books From Other Libraries

IAShares and Interlibrary Loan allows libraries across the state of Iowa to share items and resources. Cuts to funding may impact this service.

Library Book Clubs

Without Interlibrary Loan, the library's ability to host or support library and community book clubs will be affected.

Libby e-books and e-audiobooks

Administration of the statewide program to provide digital books and audiobooks via the Libby app may be affected.

Summer Reading Programs

The State Library of Iowa supports the statewide summer reading program which includes materials, promotion and training, and this may be affected.

Support for Veterans

The State Library of Iowa provides the online resource VetNow to support local veterans and their families. Cuts to funding may impact this service.

If you have any thoughts that you would like to share with your legislators, you can contact them through these links:

www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators

www.usa.gov/elected-officials

We will update you as we receive more information

The full extent of the impact on library services caused by the executive order is not known at this time.