



IMLS Updates

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New IMLS Strategic Plan

- Goals:
 - Promote Lifelong Learning
 - Build Capacity
 - Increase Public Access
 - Achieve Excellence
- New Plan will be woven into new IMLS direct funding opportunities



Discretionary Grants Update

- Community Catalyst Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) coming soon
- Piloting a single cycle next year, with anticipated deadline in mid-September
- Elimination of Sparks! within National Leadership Grants (NLG)
- Piloting new special NOFO (NLG funds) – smaller, more localized grants



How Can IMLS Reach Smaller Libraries?

- Potential role for State Libraries – discretionary grants
 - Raising awareness
 - Capacity building
 - Match-making (partnerships)



Other Roles for State Libraries

- National Students Poets Program
 - Library venues for Poet visits
- Census 2020 and issues for libraries
 - Internet response options
 - Accurate counts
 - Public awareness



Other IMLS Updates

- 2018 Budget included \$9 million more for IMLS (\$4.7 million for Grants to States)
 - IMLS issued full awards to states in April
- 2019 Budget
- Reauthorization pending – Museum and Library Services Act

Questions