

May 17, 2016 – Pacific Workshop

IMLS Update



What is IMLS?

We are the federal voice for the nation's
123,000 libraries and
35,000 museums*



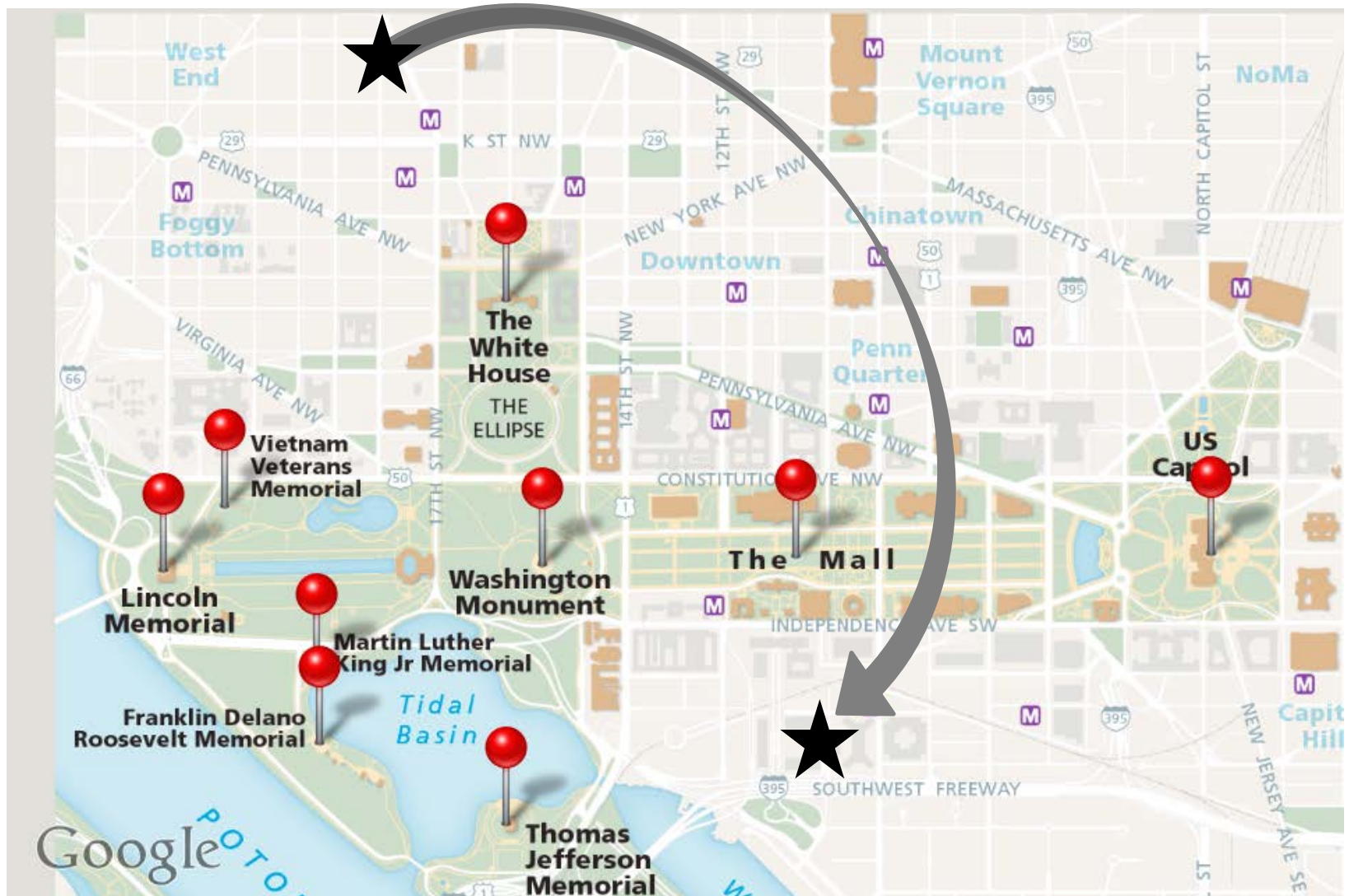
*updated in 2014 (Museum Universe Data File)

New Faces, New Spaces

- Director Dr. Kathryn (Kit) Matthew (*museum*)
- Moved offices in March 2016

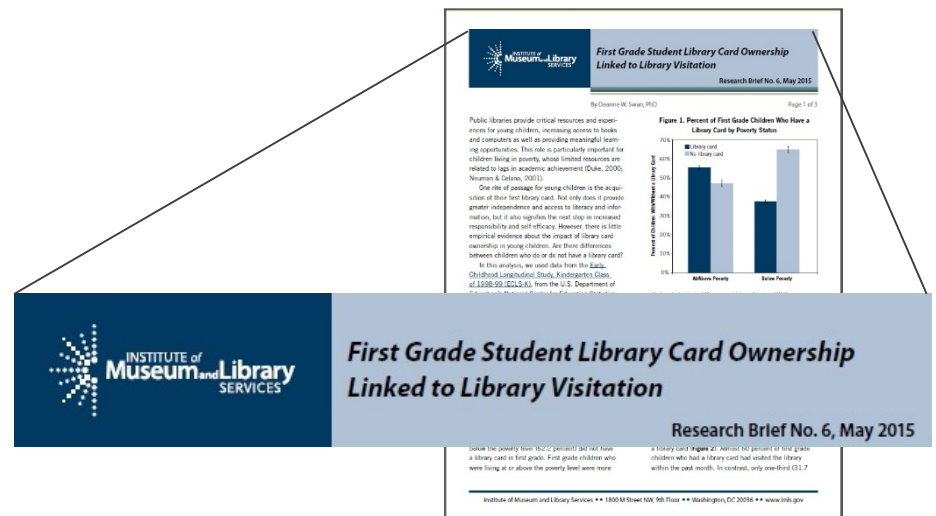


From Farragut to L'Enfant



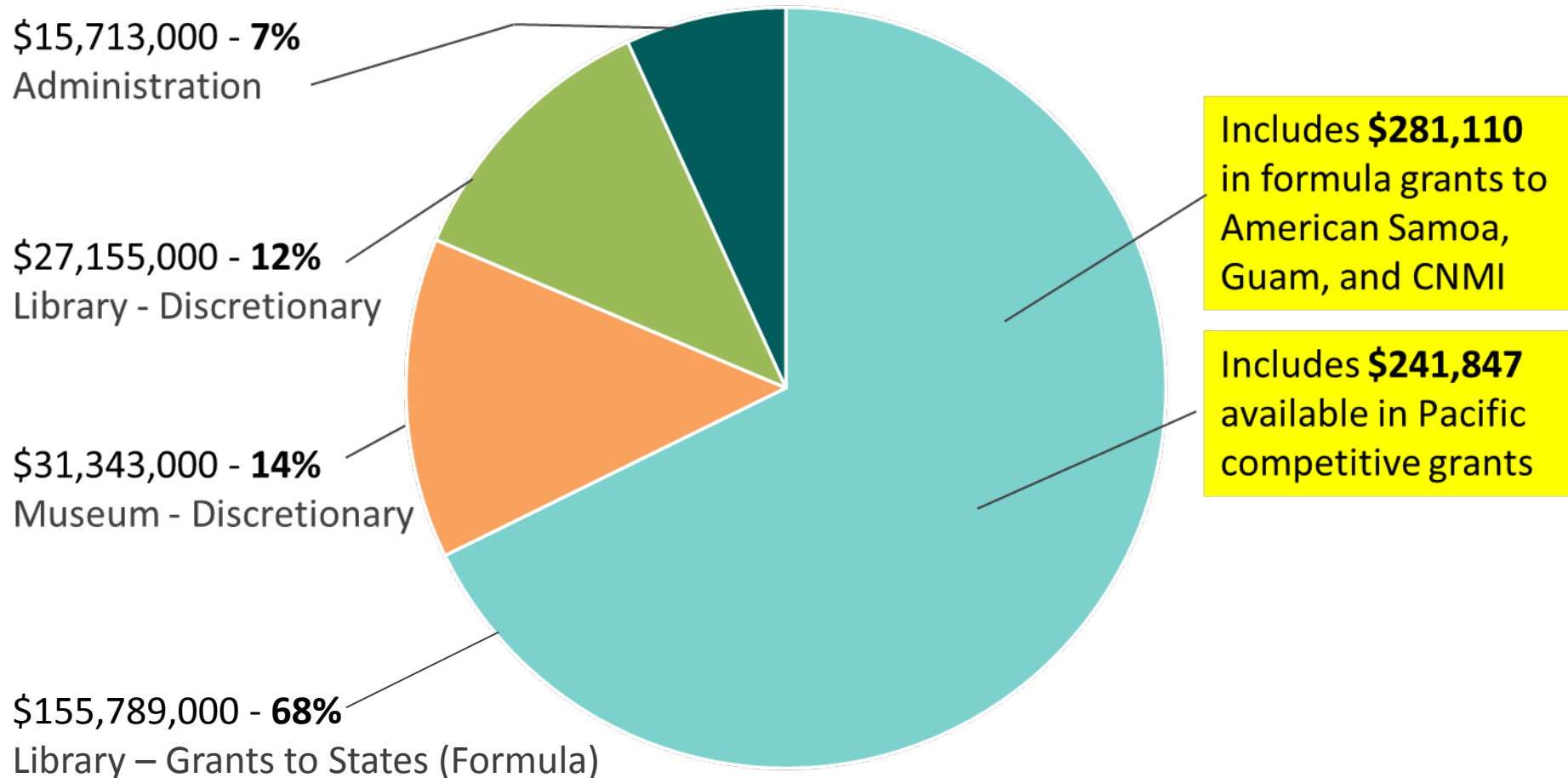
IMLS Activities

- Grant programs
- Policy making and convening
- Priorities, partnerships and national initiatives
- Research, statistics, and publications



Annual Pacific Funding

IMLS FY 2016 Budget - \$230,000,000





Competitive Library Grants

- Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program
- National Leadership Grants for Libraries
 - NEW: 2 deadlines per year (fall / winter)
 - NEW: Initial two-page concept paper
- Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries
- *If you have interest, discuss ideas with a discretionary Program Officer*

Continued Funding Priorities

- Early childhood learning
- Digital capacity building
- STEM – Science Technology Engineering Math



Emerging Funding Priorities

- Community anchors to catalysts
(the transformed role of museums and libraries)
- Building capacity in collections care, conservation, and preservation skills
- Community-based solutions for veterans and military families



Pacific Investments - 2013

- **SEED** - Successful Early Eco-literacy Development by Pacific Resources for Education and Learning
- Childhood literacy curriculum focused on local food and cultivation practices and nutrition
- Goal: close the reading gap for third grade students in Majuro (RMI) and Kosrae (FSM)



Pacific Investments - 2015

- **LEAP-II** by University of North Texas with Brigham Young University–Hawaii
- Three-year master's degree program in library and information science to increase the number of degreed library professionals in the Pacific



Other Recent Investments

- **Open eBooks** – launched February 2016
- e-reader app that makes thousands of popular eBooks available to children in need for free
- iOS 8.0 or later (Apple) and Android
- Partners
 - New York Public Library
 - Digital Public Library of America
 - First Book
- <http://www.openebooks.net/>



Open eBooks Eligibility

- Qualifying orgs (including libraries) who work with low-income children, sign up at: firstbook.org/openebooks
- ***At least 70%*** of the children you serve come from low-income families; or if you partner with local Title I school, nearby Head Start, food pantry or other agency to deliver programming through your library (can register for those participants)
- Once signed up, request access codes for Open eBooks at fbmarketplace.org/openebooks
- Receive code/PIN combo to share with low-income children

Other Recent Investments

- **Accelerate Summer** (summer learning)
- Investigation of how public libraries are delivering summer learning activities
- Partners
 - Urban Libraries Council
 - National Summer Learning Association
- Posted initial findings on strategies and models, partners, and assessment:
www.urbanlibraries.org/accelerate-summer-initial-findings-pages-450.php

Questions

