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**IMLS Update: 2014 Pacific Region Library Services  
Grants Training Workshop  
Honolulu, HI**



# What is IMLS?

We are the federal voice for the nation's **123,000 libraries** and **17,500 museums**.



# IMLS Constituents

## 17,500 Museums

- Art
- History
- Science
- Youth
- Aquaria
- Planetaria
- Arboreta
- Zoos
- Botanical Gardens

## 123,000 Libraries

- Public
- Academic
- School
- Research
- Archives



# Our Activities

- Grant Programs
- Policy Making and Convening
- Priorities, Partnerships and National Initiatives
- Research, Statistics, and Publications

# FY 2014 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

**\$180,909,000** for Library Services includes:

\$154,848,000	Grants to States
\$12,200,000	National Leadership
\$10,000,000	Laura Bush 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Librarian
\$3,861,000	Native American/ Hawaiian Library Services



# Eligibility for IMLS Grants

- Eligible: not-for-profit libraries and museums located in the United States, its territories and freely associated states.
- Not eligible: federally funded institutions, for-profit organizations, individuals, and foreign countries and organizations.
- International institutions: encouraged to apply through a partnership with an eligible U.S. institution.



# Grants to States \$154,848,000

- Annually:
  - State Library Administration Agency (SLAA) receives population-based grant if maintenance of effort requirement is met
- Every 5 years:
  - SLAA develops a service plan based on LSTA priorities
  - SLAA evaluates effectiveness of its service plan



# Nationally Competitive Library Programs \$26,061,000

- Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program
- National Leadership Grants for Libraries
- Sparks! Ignition
- Native American and Native Hawaiian Library Services







# IMLS Vision

A democratic society where communities and individuals thrive with broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage and lifelong learning.

# IMLS Mission

The mission of IMLS is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, learning, and cultural and civic engagement. We provide leadership through research, policy development and grant-making.



# IMLS Goals

- Engaging, empowering learning experiences
- Community anchor institutions
- Discovery of knowledge and cultural heritage
- US policies sustain access to knowledge
- Excellence in public management

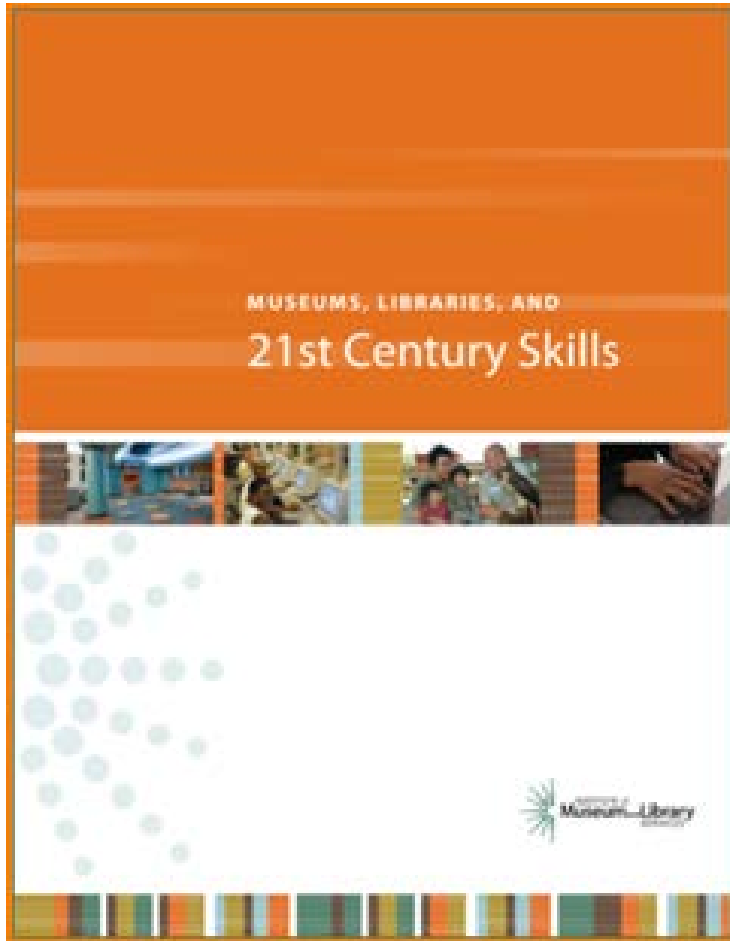


# Learning



**IMLS places the learner at the center and supports engaging experiences in libraries and museums that prepare people to be full participants in their local communities and our global society.**

# 21st Century Skills



“College and Career Ready” – the 4 C’s:

**C**reativity  
Collaboration  
Communication  
Critical Thinking

# Early Learning

- Funding priority in 2012, 2013
- Support early learning projects aligned with the Campaign for Grade Level Reading
- Focus on school readiness, summer reading loss, chronic school absence
- Move on when ready
- Every Child Ready to Read – effective program for addressing early learning/ family engagement



# Growing Young Minds: A Call to Action

- Publication with focus on capacity of libraries and museums to close knowledge and opportunity gaps and give all children a strong start in learning.
- Incorporate libraries into the nation's early learning network.
- Engage libraries as key community partners.
- Leverage library services to reach vulnerable populations.
- Develop partnership with BUILD to collaborate with early learning systems



# STEM Learning

- Funding priority in 2014, 2015
- Support STEM projects that improve learning and stimulate 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills
- Sponsor of STEM Video Game Challenge for students grades 5-12
- Great Reading Adventure - Maricopa County Library District





# Growing DIY and Maker Culture



# Maker Spaces in Libraries





# Community

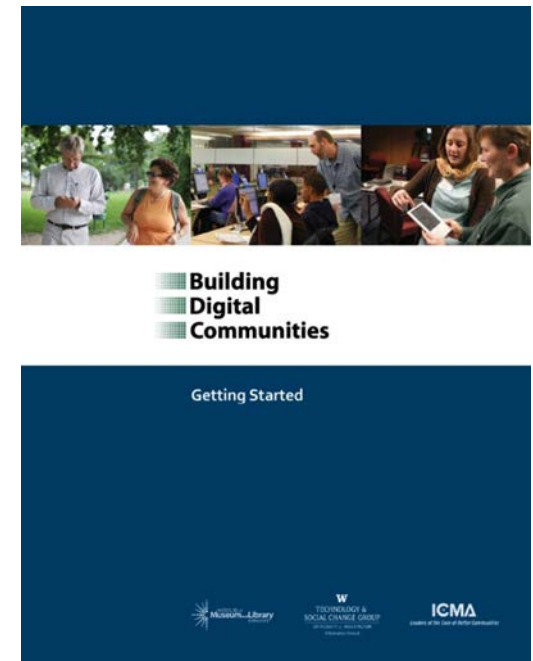


**IMLS promotes museums and libraries as strong community anchors that enhance civic engagement, cultural opportunities, and economic vitality.**

# Building Digital Communities

## Support for Broadband Access

- [Building Digital Communities: A Framework for Action](#)
- [Getting Started](#)
- [State Library Guidebook: Support for Digital Literacy in Public Libraries](#)
- [www.DigitalLearn.org](http://www.DigitalLearn.org)



# Community Partnerships



Consumer Financial Protection Bureau:  
Financial Literacy in Libraries



Department of Labor: Public Libraries and the  
Workforce



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services:  
Serving New Americans



Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education  
(Dept. of Ed.): Libraries and PIAAC Report

# Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

- Developing financial education tools and programming that provide unbiased financial education materials for libraries.
- Facilitating connections between library networks and 20+ federal agencies responsible for financial literacy



# Department of Labor

- Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and IMLS are working together to highlight effective practices and encourage additional collaboration between workforce investment system and public libraries
- ETA officially encourages its state and local workforce investment boards, state workforce agencies, and American Job Centers to partner with public libraries to extend their career and employment services to job seekers and unemployed workers





# U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

- More than 55% of recent immigrants use the library each week
- Libraries provide support for English language learning and access to government information
- USCIS is working to develop more online services that could be delivered at the library



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services



# Content



**IMLS supports exemplary stewardship of museum and library collections and promotes the use of technology to facilitate discovery of knowledge and cultural heritage.**

# Preservation

## *Connecting to Collections*

- Give priority to providing safe conditions for collections
- Encourage private and public sector support for collections care
- Developing survey to review progress in 2014



Connecting to Collections:  
A Report to the Nation

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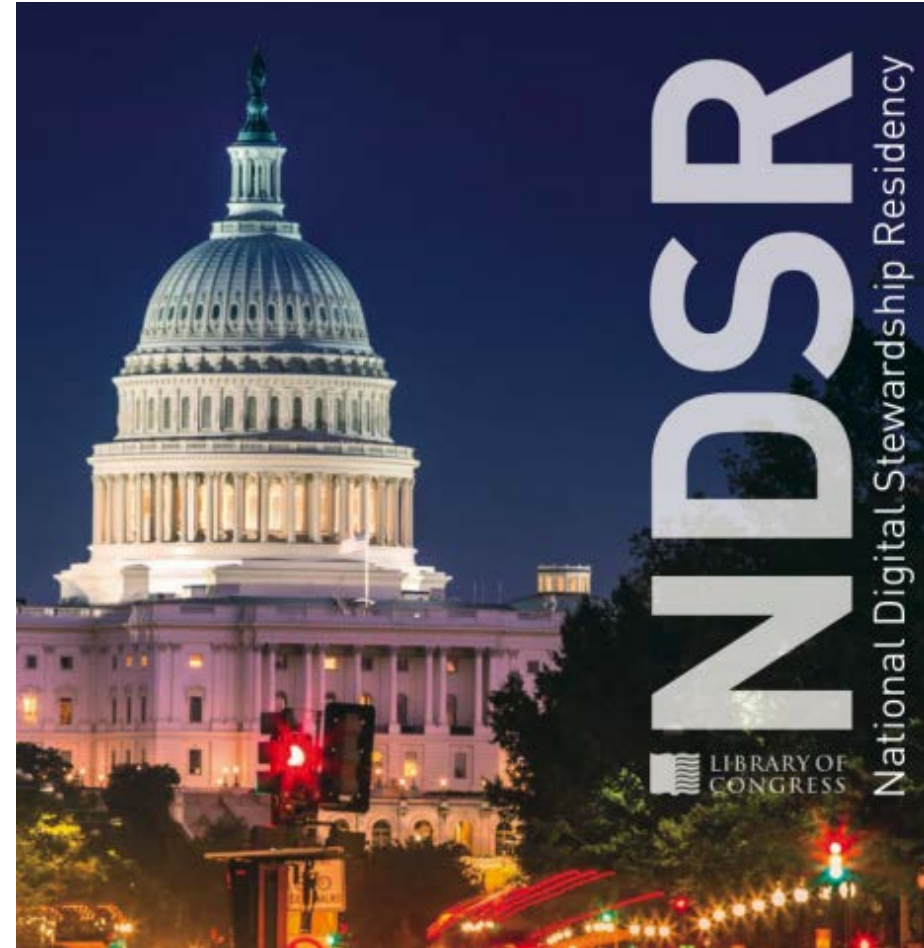


# All Things Digital

- ConnectEd – President Obama’s initiative to build high-speed digital connections to libraries/schools in 5 years
- E-rate – Funding for library/school connectivity. Undergoing major review by FCC (Federal Communications Commission)
- The Edge – Set of tools to support robust library technology services

# National Digital Platform

- Digital Public Library of America
- Digging Into Data
- Digital Stewardship Residency
- Data Curation





# Equitable Access to Knowledge



**IMLS advises the President and Congress on plans, policies, and activities to sustain and increase public access to information and ideas.**



# Research and Statistics

- Opportunity for All: How the American Public Benefits from Internet Access at U.S. Libraries
- InterConnections: The IMLS National Study on the Use of Libraries, Museums and the Internet
- Public Libraries in the US: Annual Survey
- State Library Agencies: Biennial Survey



# Public Management Excellence



**IMLS achieves excellence in public management and performs as a model organization through strategic alignment of its resources and prioritization of programmatic activities, maximizing value for the American public.**



# Public Management Excellence

- Cultivate a culture of planning, evaluation and evidence-based practice to maximize the impact of public investments
- Support prudent risk-taking
- Encourage and promote an engaged and energized workforce

# Continuing Education

- Partnering with WebJunction
- Coalition for National Learning
- Strengthening CE content for libraries



# National Initiatives

National Medal for Museum and Library Service:  
Honors outstanding institutions that make  
significant contributions to their communities



# E-communications

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