The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the independent grant-making agency that administers the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which is federal funding designated exclusively for libraries. States are required to match one-third of the federal funding they receive which ensures local investment.

With $189.3 million in LSTA funds, more than 120,000 public, academic, government and special libraries are able to advance entrepreneurship, employment, and education in communities across the country.

• LSTA prepares students for today's job market by providing coding and STEM activities.
• LSTA funds business development assistance programs for entrepreneurs, provided by skilled business and technology outreach librarians.
• 98% of libraries provide technology training.
• 73% of public libraries assist job seekers with applications and interviewing skills.

To cut funding for libraries means to undercut opportunities provided to all Americans. We urge Congress to continue to make full funding for our nation’s libraries a priority for FY2019.

Fund Libraries

The $189.3 million in LSTA funding allows more than 120,000 public, academic, government, and other libraries to advance employment, entrepreneurship, education, empowerment, and engagement in communities across America. Please fully fund libraries in FY19.

Museum & Library Services Act of 2017

S. 2271 is bipartisan legislation to reauthorize IMLS. The bill improves on the previous reauthorization by allowing libraries to use grants to develop and implement disaster readiness plans; expanding eligibility for tribal libraries; and providing libraries with data-driven accountability tools.

• Senate: Please support S. 2271. Contact Sen. Jack Reed's Legislative Director: Elyse_Wasch@reed.senate.gov
• House: Please support House companion to MLSA. Contact Rep. Raúl Grijalva's Senior Policy Advisor: Norma.Salazar@mail.house.gov
The Museum and Library Services Act of 2017 (S. 2271) is bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The below list are Senators who are currently sponsoring the bill.

- **Sponsor: Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]**
- Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]*
- Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]*
- Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]*
- Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]*
- Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]
- Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]
- Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]
- Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]
- Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]
- Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]
- Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]
- Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]
- Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]
- Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]
- Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]
- Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]
- Sen. King, Angus [I-ME]
- Sen. Casey, Bob [D-PA]

* = Original cosponsor

*As of June 20, 2018.*