

FEDERAL FUNDING for LIBRARIES

Reauthorize the Institute of Museum and Library Services

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- expanding eligibility for **tribal libraries** to receive funding.
- providing libraries with **data-driven accountability tools** that they can use to meet their oversight and programmatic responsibilities.

2018 Requests

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➔ Fund Libraries

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Libraries – Essential for America’s Communities

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Employment

- 73% of public libraries assist patrons with job applications and interviewing skills.
- LSTA funds train school and public librarians to prepare students for today’s competitive job market by providing coding classes and other STEM activities.

Entrepreneurship

- Nearly 100% of libraries offer economic/workforce services; about half of those provide entrepreneurship and small business development services.
- LSTA funds allowed entrepreneurs in rural areas to receive business development assistance from a skilled business & technology outreach librarian.

Education

- 98% of libraries provide technology training.
- LSTA funds created a virtual reality lab at a university to provide access to emerging technologies for faculty and students.

Empowerment

- Nearly 100% of public libraries offer no-fee public access to Wi-Fi and computers.
- LSTA funds provided online exam tools at libraries, enabling patrons to improve career and advance their education.

Engagement

- 97% of public libraries help people apply for government services online. LSTA funds enabled veterans to claim well-earned benefits to further their education, get medical treatment, start a business and transition to civilian life.

S. 2771 Cosponsors

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.

- 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]

* = Original cosponsor

As of April 25, 2018.