

ALA American Library Association

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Ms. Sandra Narva
Acting Director of Grants Policy and Management
Institute of Museum and Library Services
via email to snarva@imls.gov

Re: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests: Collection of Information To Assess the Current State of Library and Museum Infrastructure To Identify Infrastructure Needs (88 FR 88980)

Dear Ms. Narva,

The American Library Association (ALA) welcomes the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) notice proposing the Collection of Information to Assess the Current State of Library and Museum Infrastructure to Identify Infrastructure Needs.

We agree that the proposed collection appropriately responds to Congressional direction authorizing this study, pursuant to H. Rept. 117–403 and the explanatory statement for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee's fiscal year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Furthermore, the proposal is consistent with IMLS' authority and responsibility for research and data collection under 20 U.S.C. § 9108.

This information collection is needed, and we believe the collected information will have practical utility for IMLS, Congress, and the library community.

Thank you for your consideration. If we can provide more information, please contact Gavin Baker (gbaker@alawash.org).

Sincerely,



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