

# ALA American Library Association

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Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs  
Attn.: OMB Desk Officer for Education  
Office of Management and Budget  
Room 10235  
Washington, DC 20503  
*via* reginfo.gov

Re: Collection of Information to Assess the Current State of Library and Museum Infrastructure  
to Identify Infrastructure Needs (ICR Reference Number: 202403-3137-002)

To whom it may concern:

The American Library Association (ALA) recommends that the Office of Management and Budget approve the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) proposed Collection of Information to Assess the Current State of Library and Museum Infrastructure to Identify Infrastructure Needs.

The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, pursuant to IMLS' responsibility for research and data collection under 20 U.S.C. § 9108. The collected information will have practical utility for IMLS, Congress, and the library community, as a significant step to fill important national data gaps.

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

Sincerely,



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