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**To:** "Jean Public"  
**Subject:** RE: used to like libraris -now they are wokd and costing us billions oif dollars for nothing public comment on federal regiser  
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Good afternoon,

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has received your comment regarding the Federal Register Notice for the Public Libraries Survey FY 2024-FY 2026. We appreciate the time you have taken to write us, and we assure you that we consider all comments we receive for this information collection.

Best regards,

**Julie Balutis** (she/her/hers)

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biden has turned libraries into woke crap full of drag queeens, queers and child molesters. libraries are centers of hell insteadof the best example of america. i do not support this collection of information and this huge seeking of tax dollars for nothing worthwhile. i would grade the present admnistration of imls work as a grade of f minus or zero they are not worth the money being paid to them. we can easilhy have this agency shut down and get zero taxd dollars for all the lack of good we

get from it these days. libraries should be for education,  
not sex crap. this comment is for the public record. close  
down the top administration which is on the wrong  
footing and thinking. jean publice  
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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Request: Public  
Libraries Survey FY 2024-FY 2026

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation  
on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice, request for comments on this collection of information.

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SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part  
of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden,  
conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general  
public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed  
and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act. This pre-clearance consultation program helps  
to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format,  
reporting burden

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(time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are  
clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on  
respondents can be properly assessed. The purpose of this Notice is to  
solicit comments concerning the modifications to and continuance of the  
Public Libraries Survey for Fiscal Years 2024-2026. The Agency is  
particularly interested in public comments addressing the following  
issues: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for  
the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including  
whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of  
the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of  
information; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the  
information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the  
collection of information on those who are to respond, including the  
use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other  
technological collection techniques or other forms of information  
technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). A  
copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by  
contacting the individual listed below in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
CONTACT section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the  
ADDRESSES section below on or before October 4, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Julie Balutis, Director of Grants Policy  
and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant

Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Ms. Balutis can be reached by telephone at 202-653-4636, or by email at [jbaltis@imls.gov](mailto:jbaltis@imls.gov). Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing (TTY users) can contact IMLS at 202-207-7858 via 711 for TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the documents contact: Matthew Birnbaum, Ph.D., Director of Research and Evaluation, Office of Research and Evaluation, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Birnbaum can be reached by telephone: 202-653-4760, or by email at [mbirnbaum@imls.gov](mailto:mbirnbaum@imls.gov). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing (TTY users) can contact IMLS at 202-207-7858 via 711 for TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov).

##### II. Current Actions

Pursuant to Public Law 107-279, this Public Libraries Survey collects annual administrative data on the universe of public libraries in the United States and the Outlying Areas. Information such as public service hours per year, circulation of library books, number of librarians, population of legal service area, expenditures for library collection, programs for children, young adults, adults, and general, staff salary data, and access to technology, etc., would be collected. The request includes new public library data regarding electronic content and circulation of electronic materials. The Public Libraries Survey has been conducted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the clearance number 3137-0074, which expires November 30, 2024. This action is to request a new three-year approval.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Public Libraries Survey, FY 2024-FY 2026.

OMB Number: 3137-0074.

Agency Number: 3137.

Affected Public: State and local governments, State library administrative agencies, and public libraries.

Number of Respondents: 56.

Frequency: Annually.

Burden Hours per Respondent: 138.3.

Total Burden Hours: 7,744.8.

Total Annual Costs: \$239,701.56.

Total Annual Federal Costs: \$877,063.96.

Public Comments Invited: Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Dated: July 30, 2024.

Suzanne Mbollo,

Grants Management Specialist, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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