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this survey every year is far too expensive. no need for that. it can be done every 3 years to cut spending. and we need to cut down on the number of alleged "museums" we are saving. fact is many of them nobody gives one bit of care about and they have no visitors at all. why are we taking national taxes to fund such sites. if nobody cares, it can be shut down and used as a residence or some useful purpose. far too many new alleged museums are founded and none are ever let go. that does not make sense. if people are not going to them, it shows they are not needed. this comment is for the public record we need the spending cut at the federal level. far too many fat cat bureaucratic things are being done that are completely unnecessary. the fact is this agency talks only to librarians, and is not considering what the public wants. we don't necessarily want our libraries to be community center. the idea of a library for reading and books still has a lot of meaning. this comment is for the public record please receipt. jean public1@gmail.com

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES  
Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Request: Public  
Libraries Survey FY 2019--FY 2021

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation  
for 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 (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 continuance of the Public Libraries Survey for Fiscal Years 2019--2021. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before August 6, 2019.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

Evaluate 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;

Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of

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information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Dr. Sandra Webb, Director of Grants Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Webb can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4718, Fax: 202- 653-4604, Email: [swebb@imls.gov](mailto:swebb@imls.gov), or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the documents contact: Marisa Pelczar, Ph.D., Program Analyst, Office of Impact Assessment and Learning, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Pelczar can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4647, Fax: 202-653-4604, Email: [mpelczar@imls.gov](mailto:mpelczar@imls.gov), or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

#### 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. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. 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 descriptive 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 and young adults, staff salary data, and access to technology, etc., would be collected. The Public Libraries Survey has been conducted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the clearance number 3137-0074, which expires January 31, 2020. This action is to request a new three year approval.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Public Libraries Survey, 2019- 2021.

OMB Number: 3137-0074.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Number of Respondents: 56.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: TBD.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: TBD.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: N/A.

Total Annual costs: TBD.

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

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