



INDIANA LIBRARY FEDERATION 2025

IMLS Funding Cuts Will Directly Impact Hoosiers



Card catalog at the Indiana State Library.

The Indiana Library Federation opposes the proposed defunding of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as it represents a devastating blow to libraries across the nation, including those here in Indiana. IMLS funding is not merely a line item in a budget; it is a lifeline that sustains essential services and resources vital to Hoosiers of all ages. This comes at a time when literacy programming is already being cut at the state level.

In 2024, Indiana received \$3,589,863.00 in grants provided by IMLS to fund essential statewide and local library materials and services.

Data Retrieved from <https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grants-state/state-profiles/indiana>

Take Action:

Contact Federal Legislators:

Senator **Todd Young**
(317) 226-6700

Senator **Jim Banks**
(260) 321-7130

Your US Representative
Find Here
<http://bit.ly/41zUYiz>

Hoosiers VALUE Libraries

Indiana residents use libraries to thrive. Eliminating IMLS funding would decimate essential services, limiting access to information, educational resources, and community support for countless Hoosiers. Defunding would disproportionately impact vulnerable populations, including students, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those in rural areas.

- 21,491,630 total library visits annually
- 39,000,000 physical materials checked out
- 15,000,000 digital materials checked out
- >20,000,000 physical books available
- 20,000,000 wifi uses
- 2,400,000 computer uses
- 117,000 programs hosted



Materials available for the blind from the Indiana State Library.

Data Retrieved from the Indiana State Library's Annual Report of Public Library Use - 2023

In Indiana, IMLS funding directly supports critical infrastructure and programs that benefit every resident.

STATEWIDE RESOURCE SHARING:

- **INSPIRE:** A statewide collection of databases providing access to invaluable research materials to students and the general public. These databases are essential for Indiana's institutions of higher learning and workforce development.
- **Evergreen Indiana:** A collaboration of Indiana libraries that empowers materials sharing especially in rural areas, and provides efficient technology services including a shared catalog system, and access to collections that facilitates interlibrary loan.
- **Info Express:** A vital courier service that facilitates the rapid and cost-effective transportation of interlibrary loan materials across the state, ensuring equitable access for all Hoosiers.
- **WorldCat:** A global cataloging database that enables libraries to share resources, improving efficiency and access to information.
- **Indiana Digital Library:** A statewide digital library providing ebooks for Indiana libraries via the Libby App.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES:

- **Books and Materials for the Blind, Visually Impaired, and People with Print Disabilities:** Funding that ensures individuals with visual impairments and print disabilities have access to accessible reading materials and resources.
- **Indiana History Digitization:** Preserving Hoosier history including Indiana Memory and Hoosier Chronicles.
- **Office of Professional Development:** Provides training for Hoosier library directors and staff in order to provide high quality library services throughout the state. Library Board of Trustees are trained to ensure accountability over budgets and services.



InfoExpress delivery from Porter County Public Library System to Evergreen consortium members throughout Indiana. Library patrons can use inter library loan to share resources and maximize budget savings.