



Executive Order Reducing the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Its Impact on New Hampshire Library Users

In our state, the New Hampshire State Library receives \$1.3- \$1.5 million of IMLS money to fund its [interlibrary loan program](#) (ILL), as well as the online catalog & van service to support it. In 2024, The Library loaned out 724 items to other libraries using the ILL service, and borrowed 2,463 items from other libraries to support the needs of our patrons.

An [executive order](#) issued Friday, March 14th, 2025 calls for the reduction and elimination of functions of the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS), which is an independent federal agency that supports libraries and museums in all 50 states and U.S. territories. This decision could/will greatly impact Baker Free Library patrons and Granite Staters.

The State Library also uses IMLS money to provide you with Talking Book services, and the— platform for [Libby](#), the eBook, eAudio and digital magazine platform, and staff that support these services.

What does this mean for you?

This funding, if not available, will dramatically affect the above mentioned services that we currently provide to our patrons. If these funds are cut these services could be impacted.

We want to continue to provide our patrons with the resources they ask for and need. However, we wanted to make you aware that our ability to offer all these services may be impacted in the coming months.

If you object to the elimination of these funds and functions of IMLS, we encourage you to contact your [Congressional Delegation](#) expressing why IMLS and the funds they provide are critical.

Thank you for supporting the power of libraries and as we learn more we will keep you posted with updates!

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