

# What Can I Do?

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How these cuts affect MA libraries:



[mbic.state.ma.us/federal-cuts.php](http://mbic.state.ma.us/federal-cuts.php)

FAQ on Executive Order 14238:



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## The IMLS and Holliston

How the Institute of Museum and Library Services impacts you as a Holliston Public Library patron

# Background Information

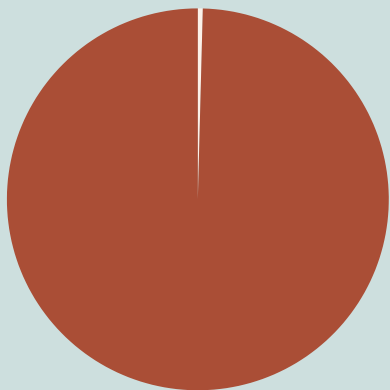
## What happened?

Executive Order 14238, signed on March 14, intends to dismantle several federal agencies, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). On March 31, the entire staff of IMLS was put on leave.

## What is the IMLS?

The IMLS is the the only federal agency dedicated to funding library services, and many institutions across the country depend on its funds.

- IMLS Budget
- Rest of US Budget



The IMLS requested \$280 million out of the \$7 trillion US budget for FY25.

# How does this affect MA?

## State Funding

The dismantling of the IMLS impacts every library in Massachusetts, due to the funds provided to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, or MBLC.

Federally funded service for Minuteman Library Network	Amount in FY2024
Commonwealth Catalog items requested & sent	<b>+25,000</b>
MLN digital materials borrowed	<b>+350,000</b>
Online resource visits	<b>+20,000</b>

The MBLC receives funds from both state and federal sources. This past year, Massachusetts received \$3.6 million from the IMLS.

Although revenue from the state funds most local services, many of these local services *depend* on federally funded employees within the MBLC.

# What services are affected?

## Services Impacted Immediately

The MBLC announced that the following services would be stopped immediately:

- Explore Grants that were awarded to 18 libraries
- Perkins Accessibility training sessions open to all members of the library community
- Access to training and continuing education for all librarians and support staff
- A grant to allow the MBLC to collaborate with librarians working in prison and jail libraries across the Commonwealth

## Additional Services that Could be Affected

The future of MBLC services is uncertain. Although the following services are provided for presently, they could be affected in the future:

- Statewide research databases
- The Commonwealth Catalog (ComCat)
- Summer Reading
- The Statewide eBook Program (Library eBooks and AudioBooks-LEA) Funding for the eBook platform and some eBook content.
- Data collection and reporting
- Federal funding also supports the E-Rate program