



## **Nevada Library Association Statement on Executive Order Targeting the Institute of Museum and Library Services**

The Nevada Library Association (NLA) is dismayed by and greatly opposes the Executive Order dated March 14, 2025 targeting the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This action threatens to devastate critical library programs and services that countless Nevadans depend on, from rural areas to urban centers. IMLS plays an invaluable role in promoting literacy, workforce development, and community enrichment, and we urge members of Congress to take immediate action to reverse this decision.

IMLS is the sole federal agency dedicated to supporting libraries and represents just 0.003% of the federal budget – funds used for 125,000 public, school, academic, and special libraries across America. This funding empowers libraries to serve their communities efficiently and effectively and reductions to this funding will negatively impact Nevada libraries and their communities.

Since 2020, Nevadans have benefited from just over \$10 million in federal funding awarded from IMLS. These funds support essential services, such as:

- Bookmobile outreach to rural communities;
- Statewide databases;
- The Nevada Talking Book Services;
- Summer Reading Programs; and
- Workforce and economic development programs.

Without this vital support, many of these programs would be drastically reduced or eliminated, leaving our communities vulnerable and underserved.

Libraries in Nevada are not just “warehouses” for books; they are community hubs that provide essential services – tax help, language learning, after-school programming, technology access, resume workshops, and much more. They serve people of all ages, backgrounds, and economic statuses, ensuring equal access to education and information. Reducing or eliminating IMLS funding will endanger these services and rural and low-income communities will be disproportionately affected by these cuts.

The Nevada Library Association urges the administration to reconsider this harmful executive order. We call on Nevada's Congressional delegation, state legislators, and local officials to stand up for libraries and the communities they serve. Libraries are essential to our democracy and our future. NLA asks all Nevadans who value literacy, learning, and opportunity to reach out to their elected officials and advocate for the continued support of IMLS.

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