

REAUTHORIZATION AT A GLANCE (OR TWO)

DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE (20 U.S.C. Section 9103)

Primary Responsibility -- The Director shall have primary responsibility for the development and implementation of policy to ensure the availability of museum, library, and information services adequate to meet the essential information, education, research, economic, cultural, and civic needs of the people of the United States.

The Director shall advise the President, Congress, and other Federal agencies and offices on museum, library, and information services in order to ensure the creation, preservation, organization, and dissemination of knowledge.

The Director shall engage Federal, State, and local governmental agencies and private entities in assessing the museum, library, and information services needs of the people of the United States, and coordinate the development of plans, policies, and activities to meet such needs effectively.

The Director shall carry out programs of research and development, data collection, and financial assistance to extend and approve the museum, library, and information services of the people of the United States.

The Director shall ensure that museum, library, and information services are fully integrated into the information and education infrastructures of the United States.

Coordination -- The Director shall ensure coordination of the policies and activities of the Institute with the policies and activities of other agencies and offices of the Federal Government having interest in and responsibilities for the improvement of museums and libraries and information services. Where appropriate, the Director shall ensure that such policies and activities are coordinated with (ESEA, Head Start, Workforce Investment Act, economic and community development, education and research, improving digital literacy skills, and disseminating health information).

Interagency Collaboration

The Director shall work jointly with the individuals heading relevant Federal departments and agencies, including Labor, Education, Small Business Administration, Federal Communications Commission, National Science Foundation, Health and Human Services, State, Environmental Protection Agency, Interior, Housing and Urban Development, National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities, and Office of Management and Budget, on initiatives, materials, or technology to support workforce development activities undertaken by libraries; resource and policy approaches to eliminate barriers to fully leveraging the roles of libraries and museums in supporting the early learning, literacy, lifelong learning, digital literacy, workforce development, and education needs of the people of the United States; and initiatives, materials, or technology to support educational, cultural, historical, scientific, environmental, and other activities undertaken by museums.

NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD (20 U.S.C. 9105a)

The Museum and Library Services Board shall advise the Director on general policies with respect to the duties, powers, and authority of the Institute relating to museum, library, and information services. The Museum and Library Services Board shall advise the Director in awarding national awards and medals under section 9107.

AWARDS AND MEDALS (20 U.S.C. 9107)

The Director, with the advice of the Museum and Library Services Board, may annually award national awards and medals for library and museum services to outstanding libraries and museums that have made significant contributions in service to their communities.

POLICY RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, DATA COLLECTION, AND DISSEMINATION (20 U.S.C. 9108)

The Director shall annually conduct policy research, analysis, and data collection to extend and improve the Nation's museum, library, and information services.

The policy research, analysis, and data collection shall be used to identify national needs for and trends in museum, library, and information services; measure and report on the impact and effectiveness of museum, library, and information services throughout the United States, including the impact of Federal programs authorized under this Act; identify best practices; and develop plans to improve museum, library, and information services of the United States and to strengthen national, State, local, regional, and international communications and cooperative networks.

LIBRARY SERVICES

New Purposes

- to enhance coordination among Federal programs that relate to library and information services;
- to promote continuous improvement in library services in all types of libraries in order to better serve the people of the United States;
- to facilitate access to resources in all types of libraries for the purpose of cultivating an educated and informed citizenry;
- to encourage resource sharing among all types of libraries for the purpose of achieving economical and efficient delivery of library services to the public;
- *to promote literacy, education, and lifelong learning and to enhance and expand the services and resources provided by libraries, including those services and resources relating to workforce development, 21st century skills, and digital literacy skills¹;*
- *to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and to recruit future professionals to the field of library and information services;*

¹ The term “digital literacy skills” means the skills associated with using technology to enable users to find, evaluate, organize, create, and communicate information. 20 U.S.C. 9101(2).

- *to ensure the preservation of knowledge and library collections in all formats and to enable libraries to serve their communities during disasters;*
- *to enhance the role of libraries within the information infrastructure of the United States in order to support research, education, and innovation; and*
- *to promote library services that provide users with access to information through national, State, local, regional, and international collaborations and networks.*

Grants to States Program:

Minimum Allotments (20 U.S.C. 9131)

For purposes of this subsection, the minimum allotment for each State shall be \$680,000, except that the minimum allotment shall be \$60,000 in the case of the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

State Plans (20 U.S.C. 9134)

The State plan shall describe how the State library administrative agency will work with other State agencies and offices where appropriate to coordinate resources, programs, and activities and leverage, but not replace, the Federal and State investment in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Head Start Act, Workforce Investment Act, and other Federal programs and activities that relate to library services, including economic and community development and health information;

Use of Funds (20 U.S.C. 9141)

At least 96 percent of such funds for –

- *expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages in order to support such individuals' needs for education, life-long learning, workforce development, and digital literacy skills;*
- *establishing or enhancing electronic and other linkages and improved coordination among and between libraries and entities, as described in 9134(b)(6), for the purpose of improving the quality of and access to library and information services;*
- *providing training and professional development, including continuing education, to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership, and advance the delivery of library and information services; and enhancing efforts to recruit future professionals to the field of library and information services;*
- *developing public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;*
- *targeting library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills;*
- *targeting library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line (as defined by the*

Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with section 9902(2) of title 42) applicable to a family of the size involved;

- *developing library services that provide all users access to information through local, State, regional, national, and international collaborations and networks; and*
- carrying out other activities consistent with the purposes [of LSTA], as described in the State library administrative agency's plan.

National Leadership (20 U.S.C. 9162)

- building workforce and institutional capacity for managing the national information infrastructure and serving the information and education needs of the public;
- *research and demonstration projects related to the improvement of libraries or the enhancement of library and information services through effective and efficient use of new technologies, including projects that enable library users to acquire digital literacy skills and that make information resources more accessible and available; and dissemination of information derived from such projects;*
- preserving or digitizing of library materials and resources, giving priority to projects emphasizing coordination, avoidance of duplication, and access by researchers beyond the institution or library entity undertaking the project, *including the development of national, regional, statewide, or local emergency plans that would ensure the preservation of knowledge and library collections in the event of a disaster; and*
- model programs demonstrating cooperative efforts between libraries and museums.

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (20 U.S.C. 9164)

It is the purpose of this chapter to develop a diverse workforce of librarians by –

- recruiting and educating the next generation of librarians, including by encouraging middle or high school students and postsecondary students to pursue careers in library and information science;
- developing faculty and library leaders, including by increasing the institutional capacity of graduate schools of library and information science; and
- enhancing the training and professional development of librarians and the library workforce to meet the needs of their communities, including those needs relating to literacy and education, workforce development, lifelong learning, and digital literacy.

Activities:

- increase the number of students enrolled in nationally accredited graduate library and information science programs and preparing for careers of service in libraries;
- recruit future professionals, including efforts to attract promising middle school, high school, or postsecondary students to consider careers in library and information science;
- develop or enhance professional development programs for librarians and the library workforce;
- enhance curricula within nationally accredited graduate library and information science programs;
- enhance doctoral education in order to develop faculty to educate the future generation of library professionals and develop the future generation of library leaders; and
- conduct research, including research to support the successful recruitment and education of the next generation of librarians.

MUSEUM SERVICES

New Purposes (20 U.S.C. 9171)

- to encourage and support museums in carrying out their public service role of connecting the whole of society to the cultural, artistic, historical, natural, and scientific understandings that constitute our heritage;
- to encourage and support museums in carrying out their educational role, as core providers of learning and in conjunction with schools, families, and communities;
- to encourage leadership, innovation, and applications of the most current technologies and practices to enhance museum services through international, national, regional, State, and local networks and partnerships;
- to assist, encourage, and support museums in carrying out their stewardship responsibilities to achieve the highest standards in conservation and care of the cultural, historic, natural, and scientific heritage of the United States to benefit future generations;
- to assist, encourage, and support museums in achieving the highest standards of management and service to the public, and to ease the financial burden borne by museums as a result of their increasing use by the public;
- to support resource sharing and partnerships among museums, libraries, schools, and other community organizations; and
- *to encourage and support museums as a part of economic development and revitalization in communities;*
- to ensure museums of various types and sizes in diverse geographic regions of the United States are afforded attention and support; and
- to support efforts at the State level to leverage museum resources and maximize museum services.

Definitions (20 U.S.C. 9172)

The term "museum" means a public or private nonprofit agency or institution organized on a permanent basis for essentially educational or aesthetic purposes, that utilizes a professional staff, owns or utilizes tangible objects, cares for the tangible objects, and exhibits the tangible objects to the public on a regular basis. **Such term includes museums that have tangible and digital collections** and includes aquariums, arboretums, botanical gardens, art museums, children's museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums, and zoological parks.

Museum Service Activities (20 U.S.C. 9173)

The Director, subject to the policy advice of the Museum and Library Services Board, may enter into arrangements, including grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other forms of assistance, with museums, *States, local governments*, and other entities as the Director considers appropriate, to pay the Federal share of the cost of –

- supporting museums in providing learning and access to collections, information, and educational resources in a variety of formats (including exhibitions, programs, publications, and websites) for individuals of all ages;
- supporting museums in building learning partnerships with the Nation's schools and developing museum resources and programs in support of State and local school curricula;
- *supporting the conservation and preservation of museum collections, including efforts to provide optimal conditions for storage, exhibition, and use; prepare for and respond to disasters and emergency situations; establish endowments for conservation; and train museum staff in collections care;*
- *supporting efforts at the State level to leverage museum resources, including statewide assessments of museum services and needs and development of State plans to improve and maximize museum services through the State;*
- *stimulating greater collaboration, in order to share resources and strengthen communities among museums and libraries; schools; international, Federal, State, regional, and local agencies or organizations; nongovernmental organizations; and other community organizations.*
- encouraging the use of new technologies *and media, including new ways to disseminate information*, to enhance access to museum collections, programs, and services;
- supporting museums in providing services to people of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds and to individuals with disabilities;
- supporting museums in developing and carrying out specialized programs for specific segments of the public, such as programs for urban neighborhoods, rural areas, Indian reservations, and State institutions;
- supporting professional development and technical assistance programs to enhance museum operations and the skills of museum staff, at all levels, and to support the development of the next generation of museum leaders and professionals, in order to ensure the highest standards in all aspects of museum operations;
- supporting museums in research, program evaluation, and the collection and dissemination of information to museum professionals and the public; and
- encouraging, supporting, and disseminating model programs of museum and library collaboration.

Grant Distribution -- In awarding grants, the Director shall take into consideration the equitable distribution of grants to museums of various types and sizes and to different geographic areas of the United States.

ADMINISTRATIVE FLEXIBILITIES

Interagency Agreements

The Director may enter into interagency agreements to promote or assist with the museum, library, and information services-related activities of other Federal agencies, on either a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis, and use funds appropriated under this Act for the costs of such activities.

Experts and Consultants

The Director may use experts and consultants, including panels of experts, who may be employed as authorized under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code.

Contracting for Policy Research, Analysis, Data Collection, and Dissemination

The Director is authorized to enter into contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and other arrangements with Federal agencies and other public and private organizations to support this activity.

Hearings for Policy Research, Analysis, Data Collection, and Dissemination

The Director is authorized to conduct hearings at such times and places as the Director determines appropriate for carrying out the purposes of this subsection.

APPROPRIATIONS**Policy Research, Analysis, Data Collection, and Dissemination (20 U.S.C. 9108)**

There are authorized to be appropriated \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2011 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016. *Sums appropriated for any fiscal year shall remain available for obligation until expended.*

Library Services (20 U.S.C. 9123)

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out Grants to States, Services for Native Americans, and National Leadership Grants \$232,000,000 for fiscal year 2011 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016; and to carry out Laura Bush Librarians for the 21st Century, \$24,500,000 for fiscal year 2011 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016.

Museum Services (20 U.S.C. 9176)

For the purpose of carrying out this subtitle, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Director \$38,600,000 for fiscal year 2011 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016. *Sums appropriated for any fiscal year shall remain available for obligation until expended.*

If the amount appropriated for a fiscal year is greater than the amount appropriated under such subsection for fiscal year 2011 by more than \$10,000,000, then an amount of not less than 30 percent but not more than 50 percent of the increase in appropriated funds shall be available, from the funds appropriated under such subsection for the fiscal year, to enter into arrangements to carry out the State assessments and to assist States in the implementation of such plans.

Administrative Funds (20 U.S.C. 9108c)

The Director shall establish one account to be used to pay the Federal administrative costs of carrying out this Act, and not more than a total of 7 percent of the funds appropriated under Policy Research, Library, and Museum Chapters shall be placed in such account.