

Always remember when you are advocating that you are doing so as a private individual not the library.

5/14/2025

Update from the Rhode Island v Trump Litigation

The Judge in the Rhode Island v Trump case has given a preliminary injunction order.

Link to read the full Preliminary Injunction:

https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.ri.59257/gov.uscourts.ri.59257.60.0_1.pdf

There are 7 orders within this preliminary injunction. As an overview the judge has ordered that all employees and functions of the agencies affected by President Trump's Executive order are reversed.

2. The Agency Defendants must promptly take all necessary steps to reverse any policies, memoranda, directives, or actions issued before this Order that were designed or intended, in whole or in part, to implement, give effect to, comply with, or carry out the directives contained in Executive Order 14238 with respect to IMLS, MBDA, or FMCS.

The injunction does give the agencies leeway in reducing funds if the decisions can be shown to be justified.

3. The Agency Defendants shall not take any further actions to eliminate IMLS, MBDA, and FMCS pursuant to Executive Order 14238. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to preclude the Agency Defendants from taking actions that would improve Agency efficiency or reduce the size or scope of the Agency Defendants as long as (a) the Agency Defendant provides a reasoned explanation for such action, and (b) the action will not prevent the Agency Defendant from fulfilling any of their statutory obligations.

5/5/2025

Case Decisions:

Updates on the latest court decisions from the two cases concerning IMLS. These decisions will more than likely be appealed:

Links to Decisions:

Rhode Island v Trump Preliminary Injunction Ruling
(https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.ri.59257/gov.uscourts.ri.59257.57.0_2.pdf)

And the Executive does not have the “unilateral authority to refuse to spend the funds.” pg 38

Under the Constitution, the President is required “take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed,” U.S. Const. art. II, § 3, “across the entire Executive Branch— including ‘independent’ agencies.” [pg 39](#)

The Court finds that the States have demonstrated irreparable and continuing harm from the Defendants’ de facto dismantling of IMLS, MBDA, and FMCS. [pg 41](#)

Thus, the Court finds that “there is no competing harm to the government with the issuance
Case 1:25-cv-00128-JJM-LDA Document 57 Filed 05/06/25 Page 46 of 49 PageID #: 1403 47 of preliminary relief that orders compliance with governing statutes and the Constitution.” [pg 46-47](#)

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For all these reasons, the Court finds based on the record evidence before it that a preliminary injunction is appropriate and necessary. The States shall prepare and submit to the Court a preliminary injunction form order, after consultation with the Defendants. Additionally, because of the finding of likelihood of success by the States and the large-scale irreparable harm that would occur without the preliminary injunction, the Court DENIES the Defendants’ request to stay this Order for seven days. See ECF No. 41 at 38. IT IS SO ORDERED. [pg 49](#)

ALA et al. v Sonderling Preliminary Injunction Ruling Temporary Restraining Order (TRO)

(https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.dcd.279257/gov.uscourts.dcd.279257.36.0_1.pdf)

Here, plaintiffs have met their burden to obtain a TRO. *First*, they have shown a substantial likelihood of success on the merits.³ The wholesale termination of grants and services and the mass layoffs appear to violate the clear statutory mandates outlined in the MLSA. *See, e.g.*, 20 U.S.C. § 9103(a)(3) (The Director “shall be appointed from among

Second, plaintiffs have demonstrated irreparable injury. Plaintiffs point to myriad harms—supported by declarations—to ALA, AFSCME, and their members. *See* Pls.’ PI Mem. 28–35. Plaintiffs have established that the grant terminations, loss of access to IMLS expertise and services, and loss of access to IMLS data have forced libraries to end programs midstream, fire employees, and, in some cases, completely shutter. *See id.* These are not merely economic harms. *See, e.g.*, Alan Inouye Decl. [Dkt. #13-2] ¶ 9 (terminating

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harms the public interest, *see* Defs.’ Opp’n 43–44, but the Court finds that the public interest in compliance with MLSA’s mandates and in preserving crucial access to library services outweighs defendants’ claimed interest.

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III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the Court will **GRANT IN PART** plaintiffs' motion for a TRO. The Court will not, at this time, issue a TRO providing all of the relief sought by plaintiffs. Instead, the Court will issue a narrow TRO preserving the status quo as of this Order.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that defendants Keith Sonderling, Institute of Museum and Library Services ("IMLS"), Amy Gleason, U.S. DOGE Service, U.S. DOGE Service Temporary Organization, Russel Vought, and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (together, the

“agency defendants”) shall not take any further actions to dissolve IMLS or its operations;
it is further

ORDERED that the agency defendants shall not place any additional IMLS staff
on administrative leave; it is further

ORDERED that the agency defendants shall not terminate the employment of any
IMLS staff; it is further

ORDERED that the agency defendants shall not further pause, cancel, or otherwise
terminate IMLS grants or contracts or fail to fund such grants or contracts for reasons other
than grantees’ or contractors’ non-compliance with applicable grant or contract terms; and
it is further

ORDERED that by May 6, 2025, the parties shall submit a joint status report (1)
informing the Court whether the parties require any supplemental briefing on the
preliminary injunction and, if so, proposing a briefing schedule; and (2) stating whether
the parties consent to the Court extending this temporary restraining order until the Court
issues a ruling on the preliminary injunction or the case is otherwise resolved.

SO ORDERED.



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Federal Budget and IMLS

As for the Federal Budget...As President Trump did during his first term he is requesting that the
IMLS funding be terminated in the next budget cycle.

3/31/2025

Update today concerning IMLS:

It is being reported that the IMLS staff have all been placed on administrative leave. As the article on EveryLibrary's link this means that if you were receiving funding this year or working on a grant through IMLS to get funding there will be no one at the IMLS offices to get in touch with concerning them.

Link to EveryLibrary: https://www.everylibrary.org/statement_imls_staff_administrative_leave

Link to Federal News Network:

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/workforce/2025/03/agency-funding-libraries-and-museums-puts-all-employees-on-leave-ahead-of-major-cuts/>

Link to the Executive Order concerning IMLS

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/continuing-the-reduction-of-the-federal-bureaucracy/>

When talking about the situation remind people that you are speaking on your own behalf. Directors and Library Board members need to make sure this is understood as well.

Know Directors and Library Board members if they get an official stance that the library board has decided on then they can speak for the board. The stance of the library board has to be decided in a board meeting and voted on to cover any that speak on the library board's behalf.

State Library of Kansas IMLS Reports

<https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grants-state/state-profiles/kansas>

How does this affect Kansas Libraries?

IMLS funds account for 30% of the State Library of Kansas' budget, including the following:

- Librarian positions that provide statewide services
- Resource sharing platform (SHAREit ILL)

- Authentication system for electronic resources
- ProQuest databases
- Infobase databases
- Encyclopedia Britannica products
- Learning Express
- 1/3 of cloud library purchases (eBooks)
- Bookflix collection
- Vooks collection
- Librarian position in library development
- Tool for collecting public library statistics
- Web Junction (library training resources)
- Notable books grants
- Summer reading program grant
- Librarian positions in Talking Books

Legislative Map –

Finding the Federal Level

<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

Finding the State Level – **The Maps that show up on the 2024-2025 webpage are still from 2022.**
Needless to say they don't keep their page updated. Check with your County Clerk to verify who your legislators are

Home page:

<https://kslegislature.gov/li/>

Senate:

https://kslegislature.gov/li/districts_curr_s.html

2022 map shows:

District 33:

Ransom	Kinsley	Coldwater
Ness City	Lewis	Wilmore
Protection		

District 38:

Jetmore	Cimarron City	Meade
Hanston	Montezuma	Plains
Spearville	Minneola	Kismet
Dodge City	Ashland	Liberal
Bucklin	Fowler	Sublette
Satanta		

District 39:

Hugoton	Lakin	Scott City
Rolla	Syracuse	Dighton
Elkhart	Tribune	Ulysses
Leoti		

House:

https://kslegislature.gov/li/districts_curr_h.html

District 115:

Cimarron City	Fowler	Spearville
Dodge City	Minneola	Kinsley

Montezuma	Bucklin	Lewis
Meade	Ashland	

District 116:

Coldwater	Wilmore	Protection
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District 118:

Tribune	Leoti	Scott City
Dighton	Ness City	Ransom

District 119:

Dodge City

District 122:

Lakin	Jetmore	Hanston
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District 124:

Syracuse	Elkhart	Rolla
Hugoton	Ulysses	Satanta

Sublette

District 125:

Liberal	Kismet	Plains
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American Library Association has set up a webpage with a FAQ concerning the Executive Order concerning IMLS and their statement on the issue.

https://www.ala.org/faq-executive-order-targeting-impls?_zs=f1gbm1&_zl=3sF8A

https://www.ala.org/news/2025/03/ala-statement-white-house-assault-institute-museum-and-library-services?_zs=f1gbm1&_zl=2Oa7A

From EveryLibrary/Peter Bromberg –

Peter in his email stated that this page will be updated periodically

<https://action.everylibrary.org/saveimls2025>