



## *City of Concord, New Hampshire* **CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

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 will greatly impact Concord residents and Granite Staters.

In our state, the New Hampshire State Library currently has \$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 Concord Public Library loaned out 2,191 items to other libraries using the ILL service, and borrowed 2,190 items from other libraries to support the needs of our patrons.

The State Library also uses IMLS money to provide you with Talking Book services, and [Libby](#), the eBook, eAudio and digital magazine platform. In 2024, Concord Library patrons borrowed, on average, nearly 6,000 titles per month through Libby.

As vital community hubs, our nation's 125,000 public, school, academic and special libraries of all types translate 0.003% of the federal budget into programs and services used in more than 1.2 billion in-person patron visits every year, and many more virtual visits.

#### ***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, crippling the collaboration between New Hampshire libraries, and drastically reducing access to materials library patrons would not otherwise have access to.

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

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