

**TRUMP'S 2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL THREATENS TO DEFUND LIBRARIES**

On March 11, the White House released President Trump's proposed fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget, titled "A Budget for a Better America". Coming in at \$4.75 trillion, it's the largest budget ever proposed, calling for sharp cuts to domestic and social programs and increases in military spending. For the third straight year, the Trump budget proposes permanent elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent federal agency that provides library and museum grants, policy development, and research. Defunding the IMLS would effectively end all federal funding of public libraries. The proposal would also cut funding to the Department of Education by 10%, including support for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy program.

**American Library Association has launched Advocacy Alert:**

#FundLibraries 2020 Campaign  
 This morning the White House released its budget proposal for FY2020. Once again, the administration has proposed to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which provides approximately \$189.3 million in direct funding to libraries through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The proposal also cuts the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program administered by the Department of Education.

This year's "Dear Appropriator" letters have started to circulate in the House, asking representatives to preserve more than \$210 million in federal funding for libraries. Now is the time to let your representative know how important libraries are to their constituents. Many representatives will only sign a "Dear Appropriator" letter if their constituents ask them. Use ALA's Action Center to send an email and urge your representative to contact Rep. Raul Grijavla (D-AZ) to sign on to the LSTA letter and Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) to sign on to the IAL letter. The more signatures we have, the better our chances will be to protect funding for libraries across the country. The House deadline is March 28. Send your emails now, as letters will close a few days before the 28th. Stay tuned for a similar call to action for the Senate in the coming days.

HUMANITIES FESTIVAL SPRING 2019  
**THE UNDERDOG**

MONDAY APRIL 1

10am-3pm	Commons	Makers' Market
10:15am	Room 200	<i>Kiki's Delivery Service</i> Film Viewing and Conversation
Noon	Room 206	<i>True Grit</i> Film Conversation
1:45pm	Room 200	Give Up on Your Dreams to Succeed

TUESDAY APRIL 2

10am-3pm	Commons	Makers' Market
10:15am	Room 200	The Fight to Protect the Pullman National Monument
Noon	Room 200	Underdog Flash Stories
1:45pm	Room 315	A Student's Stories from the Stage
3:30pm	Room 200	Underdog to Middledog: Spiritual Aspects of the Path to Financial Stability
5pm	Room 265	Calumet Revisited Forum: Calumet Regional Archives

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3

10:15am	Room 200	My Favorite Underdog Essay Contest
Noon	Room 200	Speech Day
1:45pm	Room 200	Saturday Morning Cartoons
3:30pm	Room 315	<i>The Mighty Ducks</i> Film Viewing and Conversation
5pm	Blackbox	<i>This Is Me: A Recital of Oddities</i>

THURSDAY APRIL 4

8:30am	Back Lot	Underdog Sidewalk Chalk
10:15am	Athletic Center	Keynote Address from Paralympian Jared Arambula
Noon	Room 315	Magical History Tour: The Underdog in Art History
1:45	Library	Philosophy Poster Conference
4pm	Bernard Gallery	<i>Against the Grain</i> Reception and Poetry Reading
5pm	Bernard Gallery	Underdog Art Exhibit Opening Reception

FRIDAY APRIL 5

Noon	Room 315	<i>Hoosiers</i> Film Viewing and Conversation
5pm	Blackbox	The Underdog Shall Rise: A Readers' Theatre

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