NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request, Proposed Collection Requests:

Public Library Survey FY 2019 – FY2021

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review, comment request.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services announces the following information collection has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. By this notice, IMLS is soliciting comments concerning a change request approval of the IMLS administered Public Library Survey.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted to the office listed in the CONTACT section below on or before July 10, 2020.

OMB is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:
• Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn.: OMB Desk Officer for Education, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Connie Bodner, Director of Grants Policy and Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L’Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Dr. Bodner can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4636, or by e-mail at cbodner@imls.gov, or by teletype (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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development. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to work
together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit
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Current Actions: Pursuant to Public Law 107-279, this Public Libraries Survey collects
annual descriptive data on the universe of public libraries in the United States and the
Outlying Areas. Information such as public service hours per year, circulation of library
books, number of librarians, population of legal service area, expenditures for library
collection, programs for children and young adults, staff salary data, and access to
technology, etc., would be collected. The change request includes public library data
related to data previously collected and new data regarding to COVID-19. The Public
Libraries Survey has been conducted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services
under the clearance number 3137-0074, which expires November 30, 2022. This action is
to request a change in data previously collected and new data regarding COVID-19. The
expiration date will remain the same.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services

Title: Public Libraries Survey, FY 2019 – FY 2021

OMB Number: 3137-0074

Agency Number: 3137

Affected Public: State and local governments, State library administrative agencies, and
public libraries.

Number of Respondents: 56
Frequency: Annually

Burden hours per respondent: 84.9

Total burden hours: 4,585

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: n/a

Total Annual Costs: $130,168

Total Annual Federal Costs: $925,193.00

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