

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**Institute of Museum and Library Services, Office of Library Services; Submission for OMB Review; Proposed Collection, Comment Request**

April 30, 1997.

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation may be obtained by calling the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Public Information Officer, Tania Said (202) 606-4646. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-8636 between 9 am and 4 pm EST, Monday through Friday.

Background

Public Law 104-208 enacted on September 30, 1996 contains the Library Services and Technology Act, a reauthorization and refocusing of federal library programs. This legislation retains the state-based approach to library programs and sharpens the focus to two key priorities: information access through technology and information empowerment through special services.

Pub. L. 104-208 authorizes the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services to make grants to States to assist them to—

(1) Consolidate Federal library service programs;

(2) stimulate excellence and promote access to learning and information resources in all types of libraries for individuals of all ages;

(3) promote library services that provide all users access to information through State, regional, national and international electronic networks;

(4) provide linkages among and between libraries;

(5) promote targeted library services to people of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to people with limited functional literacy or information skills.

Under Section 224(a)(2), the State plan shall cover a period of 5 years.

Section 224(b) requires that the State plan shall

(1) Establish goals, and specify priorities, for the State consistent with the purposes of the subtitle;

(2) describe activities that are consistent with the goals and priorities established under paragraph (1), the purposes of this subtitle, and section 231, that the State library administrative agency will carry out during such year using such grant;

(3) describe the procedures that such agency will use to carry out the activities described in paragraph (2);

(4) describe the methodology that such agency will use to evaluate the success of the activities established under paragraph (2) in achieving the goals and meeting the priorities described in paragraph (1);

(5) describe the procedures that such agency will use to involve libraries and library users throughout the State in policy decisions regarding implementation of this subtitle; and

(6) provide assurances satisfactory to the Director that such agency will make such reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Director may reasonably require to carry out this subtitle and to determine the extent to which funds provided under this subtitle have been effective in carrying out the purposes of this subtitle.

Section 224(c) requires each State library administrative agency receiving a grant under this subtitle to independently evaluate, and report to the Director regarding, the activities assisted under this subtitle, prior to the end of the 5-year plan.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by July 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn.: OMB Desk Officer for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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 submissions of responses.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Library Services and Technology Act Five Year Plan.

OMB Number: 3137-0034.

Agency Number: 3137.

Frequency: Once.

Affected Public: State Library Administrative Agencies.

Number of Respondents: 55.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 90 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 4,950.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total Annual Costs: 0.

Description: This State plan is needed to assist in determining each State's compliance with the enabling statute, and to provide information for the IMLS Director's Report to Congress on the status of library services nationwide.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tania Said, Public Information Officer, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20506, telephone (202) 606-4646.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**National Endowment for the Arts; National Council on the Arts 131st Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Council on the Arts will be held on May 15, 1997 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. and on May 16, 1997 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room M-09 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506.

The Council will meet in closed session on May 15 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. for discussion of National Medal of Arts nominations. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 28, 1997, this session will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to