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Senate Appropriations Committee Increases Library Funding

On June 7, the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, with jurisdiction over many library programs, voted to fund in fiscal year (FY) 2008 \$253,517,000 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an increase over last year. The bill included \$167.5 million for the State Programs, \$3.638 million for Native American and Hawaiians, \$12.375 million for national leadership grants, \$23.76 million for Laura Bush recruitment and education programs and \$2 million for research and analysis.

Improving Literacy Through School Libraries (LSL) is level funded at \$19.486 million again this year.

The full Appropriations Committee is expected to meet on July 9 with the House expected to consider the bill before leaving for the August recess.

The Senate Appropriations Committee met Thursday, June 21, to mark up the bill. They included **\$171.5 million for the State Programs**, \$3.817 million for Native American, \$12.375 million for national leadership, \$23.76 million Laura Bush, \$1.715 million research and \$12.917 million for Admin.

LSL received a \$4 million increase to \$23 million.

Please call and thank your Senators for funding libraries!



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