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The FY18 White House budget proposes the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which makes up about .003% of the federal budget. IMLS funds critical projects that help Americans in dozens of ways. Here's how YALSA has used IMLS funds to support libraries in their efforts to prepare all teens for college, careers and life:

The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: a Call to Action

With \$99,937 in support from IMLS, YALSA brought together leaders in education, libraries, research, youth development and more in 2013 to assess how libraries were currently serving teens. This effort led to the publication of this report, which outlines recommendations for how libraries need to evolve in order to meet the needs of 21st century teens.

www.ala.org/yaforum/future-library-services-and-teens-project-report

Future Ready with the Library: College & Career Preparation for Middle Schoolers

With \$351,632 from IMLS, YALSA is helping small, rural, and tribal library staff develop, deliver and evaluate college and career readiness programs and services for middle schoolers and their families. This project will yield free tools and resources that other libraries can adapt and use with youth in their communities. This is a three year project that began in 2016.

www.ala.org/yalsa/future-ready-library

National Agenda on Continuing Education for Library Staff

With \$99,784 from IMLS, YALSA will convene a group of leaders in libraries, higher education, and more in fall 2017 to develop a national continuing education (CE) agenda for libraries focused on teen services. The agenda will provide a roadmap for associations, institutes of higher learning and other CE providers that will ensure our nation's library workers have the knowledge and skills they need to successfully serve teens, so America's youth can become knowledgeable and productive citizens who help our nation's economy and democratic society thrive.

www.ala.org/yalsa/national-forum-transforming-teen-services-through-continuing-education

See these 10+ ways to take action for libraries & youth http://ow.ly/35nd30beD3Z

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