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US budget proposal 2019 and restrictions feared for libraries

Dear ALA President,
dear Jim Neal,

We have learned with great dismay from the announcements on Twitter that the White House's financial draft for 2019 published on February 12, 2018, will bring huge budget cuts to federal funds for the cultural sector. These would affect both libraries and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The mentioned sum of \$ 183 million has shocked us as much as the announcement of the liquidation of the IMLS.

With admiration, we take note of your members' powerful campaigns, such as #FundLibraries or #SaveIMLS, to clarify the need for libraries and the associated stable funding. We hope very much that your voice will be heard.

As President of the umbrella organization for all institutional and personal members' associations in professional librarianship in Germany, I would like to express our solidarity on behalf of our members.

Yours faithfully

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