

Simmons College GSLIS
State and public libraries IMLS grant
Draft definitions
MLIP/PhD

We adhere to the following definitions developed by IMLS:

Public Library

Established under state enabling laws or regulations to serve a community, district, or region, and provides at least the following: an organized collection of printed or other library materials, or a combination thereof; paid staff; an established schedule in which services of the staff are available to the public; the facilities necessary to support such a collection, staff, and schedule, and is supported in whole or in part with public funds.

(<http://harvester.census.gov/imls/publib.asp>)

The MLIP program recognizes that public libraries may be involved in networks, consortia, or partnerships. Any applicant from any one of these must have direct experience managing in a public library.

State Library Agencies

Referred to as StLAs, they are the official agencies charged with state-wide library development and the administration of federal funds authorized by the Library Services and Technology Act. These agencies vary greatly. They are located in various departments of state government and report to different authorities. They are involved in various ways in the development and operation of electronic information networks. They provide different types of services to different types of libraries. StLAs are increasingly receiving broader legislative mandates affecting libraries of all types in the states (i.e., public, academic, school, special, and library systems). For example, their administrative and developmental responsibilities affect the operation of thousands of public, academic, school, and special libraries in the nation.

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