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Four of the Big Five publishers and Sourcebooks sent a letter to Congress on April 3 expressing "deep concern" for the nation's libraries following a week of unprecedented turmoil orchestrated by the Trump administration at the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



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The staff of the Institute of Museum and Library Services was placed on 90-day administrative leave on March 31. A letter sent to acting director Keith Sonderling three days later by the institute's 19-member advisory board identified some big questions.

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The lead authors of the 2018 Museum and Library Services Act—two Democrats and two Republicans—wrote to Institute of Museum and Library Services acting director Keith Sonderling to remind him of his "obligation to faithfully execute the provisions of the law."

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