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# Trump Admin. Funding Cuts Could Hit Efforts to Restore School Libraries

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Books sit on shelves in an elementary school library in suburban Atlanta on Aug. 18, 2023. The Trump administration's efforts to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the largest source of federal support for libraries, is throwing a number of library programs—including efforts to grow the ranks of school librarians—into a state of uncertainty.

— Hakim Wright Sr./AP

Philadelphia in recent years has had only two full-time librarians in a school district with 216 schools and 118,000 students. It's a challenge Debra Kachel, an affiliate faculty member at Antioch University, has been working to solve.

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