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ALA and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), [filed a lawsuit](https://democracyforward.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/001.-2025.04.07-ALA-v.-Sonderling-Complaint.pdf) ([https://democracyforward.org/wp-](https://democracyforward.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/001.-2025.04.07-ALA-v.-Sonderling-Complaint.pdf)



[content/uploads/2025/04/001.-2025.04.07-ALA-v.-Sonderling-Complaint.pdf](https://democracyforward.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/001.-2025.04.07-ALA-v.-Sonderling-Complaint.pdf)) April 7 that challenges the Trump administration's gutting of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The suit asks the US District Court for the District of Columbia to block the dismantling of IMLS as directed by Trump's [March 14 executive order](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/continuing-the-reduction-of-the-federal-bureaucracy/) (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/continuing-the-reduction-of-the-federal-bureaucracy/>). The suit follows another [filed by the attorneys general of 21 states](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/dem-attorneys-general-sue-trump-admin-over-order-eliminating-several-federal-agencies/ar-AA1Cj1I9) (<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/dem-attorneys-general-sue-trump-admin-over-order-eliminating-several-federal-agencies/ar-AA1Cj1I9>) April 4 against the attempted elimination of IMLS and other agencies. Prior to the lawsuits, [California](https://www.library.ca.gov/uploads/2025/04/California-State-Library-Notice-of-IMLS-Grant-Termination-Press-Release.pdf) (<https://www.library.ca.gov/uploads/2025/04/California-State-Library-Notice-of-IMLS-Grant-Termination-Press-Release.pdf>), [Connecticut](https://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/dld/Federal-Library-Funding-CT) (<https://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/dld/Federal-Library-Funding-CT>), and [Washington](https://www.facebook.com/reel/1887674438660146) (<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1887674438660146>) received written notification from Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Acting Director Keith Sonderling that their IMLS grants were cancelled.

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AL: [The Scoop, Apr. 8](#); [The Hill, Apr. 5](#); [California State Library, Apr. 3](#); [Connecticut State Library, Apr. 4](#); [Washington Secretary of State, Apr. 4](#)

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Ada EZach Knippen writes: "In honor of National Library Week, teachers and staff [at Ada



(Ohio) Exempted Village Schools] cooperated on a fun event for their students. Teachers volunteered to be a 'Masked Reader' and picked a book to read in their mask, and just like the show *The Masked Singer*, their voices were modified so the students couldn't easily guess them. 'I've heard kids of all ages, I'm saying kindergarten through 12th grade, who have just been chattering this week about the videos that they saw and guessing who they were,' said District Librarian Chanda Smith."

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