

award national awards and medals for library and museum services to outstanding libraries and museums that have made significant contributions in service to their communities.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §209, as added Pub. L. 108-81, title I, §105, Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 996; amended Pub. L. 111-340, title I, §105, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3598.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-340 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Director, with the advice of the Museum and Library Services Board, may annually award National Awards for Library Service and National Awards for Museum Service to outstanding libraries and outstanding museums, respectively, that have made significant contributions in service to their communities.”

§ 9108. Policy research, analysis, data collection, and dissemination

(a) In general

The Director shall annually conduct policy research, analysis, and data collection to extend and improve the Nation’s museum, library, and information services.

(b) Requirements

The policy research, analysis, and data collection shall be conducted in ongoing collaboration (as determined appropriate by the Director), and in consultation, with—

- (1) State library administrative agencies;
- (2) national, State, and regional library and museum organizations; and
- (3) other relevant agencies and organizations.

(c) Objectives

The policy research, analysis, and data collection shall be used to—

- (1) identify national needs for and trends in museum, library, and information services;
- (2) measure and report on the impact and effectiveness of museum, library, and information services throughout the United States, including the impact of Federal programs authorized under this chapter;
- (3) identify best practices; and
- (4) develop plans to improve museum, library, and information services of the United States and to strengthen national, State, local, regional, and international communications and cooperative networks.

(d) Dissemination

Each year, the Director shall widely disseminate, as appropriate to accomplish the objectives under subsection (c), the results of the policy research, analysis, and data collection carried out under this section.

(e) Authority to contract

The Director is authorized—

- (1) to enter into contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and other arrangements with Federal agencies and other public and private organizations to carry out the objectives under subsection (c); and
- (2) to publish and disseminate, in a form determined appropriate by the Director, the re-

ports, findings, studies, and other materials prepared under paragraph (1).

(f) Authorization of appropriations

(1) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2011 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016.

(2) Availability of funds

Sums appropriated under paragraph (1) for any fiscal year shall remain available for obligation until expended.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §210, as added Pub. L. 108-81, title I, §105, Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 996; amended Pub. L. 111-340, title I, §106, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3598.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (c)(2), was in the original “this Act” and was translated as reading “this title”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 94-462, known as the Museum and Library Services Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-340 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “From amounts described in sections 9123(c) and 9176(b) of this title, the Director shall carry out and publish analyses of the impact of museum and library services. Such analyses—

“(1) shall be conducted in ongoing consultation with—

- “(A) State library administrative agencies;
- “(B) State, regional, and national library and museum organizations; and
- “(C) other relevant agencies and organizations;

“(2) shall identify national needs for, and trends of, museum and library services provided with funds made available under subchapters II and III of this chapter;

“(3) shall report on the impact and effectiveness of programs conducted with funds made available by the Institute in addressing such needs; and

“(4) shall identify, and disseminate information on, the best practices of such programs to the agencies and entities described in paragraph (1).”

§ 9109. Prohibition on use of funds for construction

No funds appropriated to carry out this chapter, subchapter II of this chapter, or subchapter III of this chapter may be used for construction expenses.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §210A, as added Pub. L. 108-81, title I, §105, Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 997.)

§ 9110. Hearings

The Director is authorized to conduct hearings at such times and places as the Director determines appropriate for carrying out the purposes of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §210B, as added Pub. L. 111-340, title I, §107, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3599.)

§ 9111. Administrative funds

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Director shall establish one account to be used to pay the Federal administrative costs of carrying out this chapter, and not

more than a total of 7 percent of the funds appropriated under sections 9108(f), 9123, and 9176 of this title shall be placed in such account.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §210C, as added Pub. L. 111-340, title I, §108, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3599.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act” and was translated as reading “this title”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 94-462, known as the Museum and Library Services Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

SUBCHAPTER II—LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY

§ 9121. Purpose

It is the purpose of this subchapter—

(1) to enhance coordination among Federal programs that relate to library and information services;

(2) to promote continuous improvement in library services in all types of libraries in order to better serve the people of the United States;

(3) to facilitate access to resources in all types of libraries for the purpose of cultivating an educated and informed citizenry;

(4) to encourage resource sharing among all types of libraries for the purpose of achieving economical and efficient delivery of library services to the public;

(5) to promote literacy, education, and lifelong learning and to enhance and expand the services and resources provided by libraries, including those services and resources relating to workforce development, 21st century skills, and digital literacy skills;

(6) to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and to recruit future professionals to the field of library and information services;

(7) to ensure the preservation of knowledge and library collections in all formats and to enable libraries to serve their communities during disasters;

(8) to enhance the role of libraries within the information infrastructure of the United States in order to support research, education, and innovation; and

(9) to promote library services that provide users with access to information through national, State, local, regional, and international collaborations and networks.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §212, as added Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(e) [title VII, §702], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-295; amended Pub. L. 108-81, title II, §201, Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 997; Pub. L. 111-340, title II, §201, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3599.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Par. (1). Pub. L. 111-340, §201(1), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “to consolidate Federal library service programs;”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 111-340, §201(2), inserted “continuous” after “promote”.

Pars. (5) to (9). Pub. L. 111-340, §201(3)–(5), added pars. (5) to (9).

2003—Pars. (2) to (5). Pub. L. 108-81 added pars. (2) to (4) and struck out former pars. (2) to (5) which read as follows:

“(2) to stimulate excellence and promote access to learning and information resources in all types of libraries for individuals of all ages;

“(3) to promote library services that provide all users access to information through State, regional, national and international electronic networks;

“(4) to provide linkages among and between libraries; and

“(5) to promote targeted library services to people of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to people with limited functional literacy or information skills.”

§ 9122. Definitions

As used in this subchapter:

(1) Library

The term “library” includes—

(A) a public library;

(B) a public elementary school or secondary school library;

(C) an academic library;

(D) a research library, which for the purposes of this subchapter means a library that—

(i) makes publicly available library services and materials suitable for scholarly research and not otherwise available to the public; and

(ii) is not an integral part of an institution of higher education; and

(E) a private library or other special library, but only if the State in which such private or special library is located determines that the library should be considered a library for purposes of this subchapter.

(2) Library consortium

The term “library consortium” means any local, statewide, regional, interstate, or international cooperative association of library entities which provides for the systematic and effective coordination of the resources of school, public, academic, and special libraries and information centers, for improved services for the clientele of such library entities.

(3) State

The term “State”, unless otherwise specified, includes each of the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

(4) State library administrative agency

The term “State library administrative agency” means the official agency of a State charged by the law of the State with the extension and development of public library services throughout the State.

(5) State plan

The term “State plan” means the document which gives assurances that the officially designated State library administrative agency has the fiscal and legal authority and capability to administer all aspects of this subchapter, provides assurances for establishing the State’s policies, priorities, criteria, and