

**(2) Formats to be used**

The information described in paragraph (1) shall be shared in formats that facilitate access and ease of use and are searchable.

**(g) Authorization of appropriations****(1) In general**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$3,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2025.

**(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; Pub. L. 115-410, §5, Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5413.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), 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

2018—Pub. L. 115-410, §5(1), substituted “Policy research, data collection, analysis and modeling, evaluation, and dissemination” for “Policy research, analysis, data collection, and dissemination” in section catchline.

Subsecs. (a) to (f). Pub. L. 115-410, §5(3), added subsecs. (a) to (f) and struck out former subsecs. (a) to (e) which required the Director annually to conduct policy research, analysis, and data collection to improve the Nation’s museum, library, and information services, set out requirements and objectives for the research, required dissemination of the results, and provided contract authority. Former subsec. (f) redesignated (g).

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 115-410, §5(2), redesignated subsec. (f) as (g).

Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 115-410, §5(4), substituted “each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2025” for “fiscal year 2011 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016”.

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 \$17,000,000 of the total funds appropriated under sections 9108(g), 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; amended Pub. L. 115-410, §6, Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5415.)

## 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.

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-410 substituted “\$17,000,000 of the total funds” for “a total of 7 percent of the funds” and “sections 9108(g), 9123, and 9176 of this title” for “sections 9108(f), 9123, and 9176 of this title”.

**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, education, 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, including by building learning partnerships with school libraries in our Nation’s schools, including tribal schools, and developing resources, capabilities, and programs in support of State, tribal, and local efforts to offer a well-rounded educational experience to all students;

(6) to enable libraries to develop services that meet the needs of communities throughout the Nation, including people of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic back-

grounds, individuals with disabilities, residents of rural and urban areas, Native Americans, military families, veterans, and caregivers;

(7) to enable libraries to serve as anchor institutions to support community revitalization through enhancing and expanding the services and resources provided by libraries, including those services and resources relating to workforce development, economic and business development, critical thinking skills, health information, digital literacy skills, financial literacy and other types of literacy skills, and new and emerging technology;

(8) to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and to recruit future professionals, including those from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds, to the field of library and information services;

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

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

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

(12) to encourage, support, and disseminate model programs of library and museum collaboration.

(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; Pub. L. 115-410, §7, Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5415.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Par. (1). Pub. L. 115-410, §7(1), inserted “, education,” after “library”.

Par. (5). Pub. L. 115-410, §7(2), added par. (5) and struck out former par. (5) which read as follows: “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;”.

Pars. (6), (7). Pub. L. 115-410, §7(4), added pars. (6) and (7). Former pars. (6) and (7) redesignated (8) and (9), respectively.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 115-410, §7(3), (5), redesignated par. (6) as (8) and inserted “, including those from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds,” after “professionals”.

Pars. (9) to (11). Pub. L. 115-410, §7(3), redesignated pars. (7) to (9) as (9) to (11), respectively.

Par. (12). Pub. L. 115-410, §7(6)-(8), added par. (12).

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) a tribal library;

(D) an academic library;

(E) 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

(F) 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 procedures necessary to the implementation of all programs under this subchapter, submits