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LIANZA SUPPORTS US LIBRARIES

LIANZA is concerned for libraries in the US, library users and the American Library Association who will be affected by the [cuts to the Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#). LIANZA understand this federal agency is charged with distributing funds to state libraries and to library, museum, and archives program grant recipients.

These cuts will have a major impact on the important work that library and information services do in the US. We are aware that this fund has enabled more than one billion in-person visits and many more virtual visits each year so libraries can advance learning and other opportunities for many Americans.

Libraries, archives and museums provide free access to knowledge, preserving cultural memory, and fostering civic engagement. They promote intellectual freedom and bridge the digital divide, providing inclusive spaces for social connection, and playing a vital role in sustaining a healthy, engaged society.

Public, special, school, tertiary, heritage libraries, archives, museums and whare taonga serve and engage with their communities and are trusted places for people to connect with information, knowledge and resources.

LIANZA sends our support to our peers at ALA and all US library and information services at this time.