



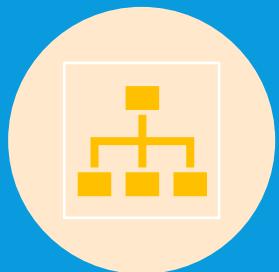
# State Librarian Report

December 2025

# Personnel Changes

- Administrative Assistant Cheryl Pollert is retiring at the end of December
- Grants Specialist James Murphy resigned in August
- Library Assistant- Talking Books Austen Beck resigned in August
- We are currently reassessing needs before filling the latter two positions

# Library Vision Grants



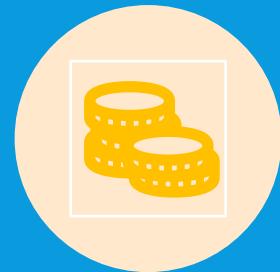
Grant management system: Webgrants



Small grant: Maximum of \$3,000



Next opportunity will open in January



Large grant: Maximum of \$10,000



Monday Dec. 15 at 1:00 CT



Previous sessions have had representatives from academic, public and school libraries attend and from different staff levels



One-on-one feedback sessions are an option if you are unable to attend a focus group sessions

## Focus Groups

## IMLS Update

- Both chambers included almost full funding for IMLS in initial budgets
- Will need to go through reconciliation process
- Continuing Resolution (CR) through January 31, 2026
- Have not received FFY26 (Oct 1, 25-Sep 30, 26) funding notice

# Library Visit

Librarian for a Day

Celebrations

Staff Development

Leadership meetings

We are now working with State Historical to utilize Preservica for state docs



Eventually all URLs will need to be updated to point to the new server

Working with ODIN to figure out a way for this to happen automagically ☺



Better searching capabilities and easier access for patrons

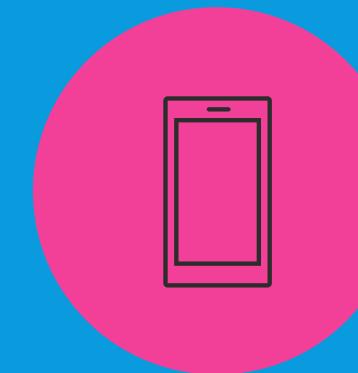
## State Docs Update



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