



Public Access at IMLS: Where We Are & Where We're Going

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IMLS Mission and Public Access History

- The mission of IMLS is to advance, support, and empower America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development.
- The 2013 Memo did not apply; however, IMLS developed “Increasing Access to the Results of IMLS and IMLS Funded Research and Data” in September 2013 (internal).
- The policy revisions were incorporated into our [General Terms and Conditions for IMLS Discretionary Awards](#) (external).
- The 2022 Memo does apply; we have been working on finalizing a Public Access Plan.



PROPOSED
PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN

*Ensuring Open, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Institute
of Museum and Library Services’ Funded Research*

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Articles: Current Terms and Conditions

Sharing Results and Work Products

- IMLS expects you to ensure that final peer-reviewed manuscripts resulting from **research** conducted under an award are **made available** in a manner that permits the public to access, read, download, and analyze the work without charge.
- ...IMLS requires that at the end of your project, you **provide IMLS at least one copy of any printed or physical distributable products and one copy of any electronic projects** produced with IMLS funds. Printed or physical products include items such as learning resources, promotional materials, publications like journal articles or book manuscripts, research instruments, and reports from consultants or external evaluators. Electronic products include materials such as research datasets or software tools produced during the project....



Data: Current Terms and Conditions

Data Collection and Data Sharing

- ...IMLS expects you to deposit **data resulting from IMLS-funded research** in a **broadly accessible repository** that allows the public to use the data without charge no later than the date upon which you submit your final report to IMLS. You should deposit the data in a **machine-readable, non-proprietary** digital format to maximize search, retrieval, and analysis.
- Your project budget may include the **costs of preparing the data for public release and for making the data publicly available**, as long as these activities are charged before closeout (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.461 for additional details). In your final report to IMLS, you will be required to identify where your data has been deposited and can be accessed by the public.



Where are we going?



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Grant Deliverables

	<u>OSTP</u> <u>Required</u>	<u>OSTP</u> <u>Recommended</u>
<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>	Peer-reviewed Research Publications	Additional Scholarly Publications
<u>DATA</u>	Research Data underlying peer-reviewed scholarly publications	Project research data not underlying peer-reviewed scholarly publications



Where are we going?

Period	Activity
Early 2019 (ongoing)	IMLS staff join Subcommittee for Open Science (SOS) working groups through OSTP
August 20, 2022	The 2022 OSTP Memo published
Early 2023	IMLS begins ongoing consultations with NEH
Aug - Dec 2023	Plan submitted to OSTP, two rounds of enhancements and revisions
January 1, 2024	IMLS convenes internal planning meetings & external listening activities*
December 31, 2024	IMLS publishes Public Access <u>Policy</u>
April 1, 2025	First FY-26 Notices of Funding Opportunity are sent to OMB that must include revised policies and instructions
October 1, 2025	IMLS Policy effective



Recent IMLS Awards Supporting Public Access



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Tangible Landscapes Coffee
and Viz Event, October 29,
2019



California Digital Library (UCOP) 2023

CDL (UC Office of the President)

Log Number: LG-254861-OLS-23

Federal Funds: \$668,048

The California Digital Library and the **Association of Research Libraries** will partner to enhance digital research data management infrastructures and services. The project addresses the urgent needs of academic and research libraries of varying sizes and budgets to respond to increasing requirements to share federally funded research data. By linking technical development with stakeholder engagement and coordination, the project team will focus on **enhancing the DMPTool and persistent identifier registries to meet evolving funding agency requirements for machine-actionable data management plans (maDMPs)**. maDMPs will allow for a simplified approach to track information about research project outputs from inception through publication and the sharing of results. The project will support strategic planning for libraries as they implement these policies, workflows, and technical solutions to build local capacity for effective data management, publication, and reuse.



Association of Research Libraries 2023

Association of Research Libraries (ARL)

Log Number: LG-254930-OLS-23

Federal Funds: \$741,921

The Association of Research Libraries, along with Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Minnesota, Duke University, the University at Buffalo, and advisory board members from across the **Data Curation Network**, will conduct critical **research on the economics of investments in public access to research data**. To optimize public access to research data, funding agencies, institutions, and organizations must better understand the local landscape and required investments. The research team will conduct **surveys and interviews** with campus-based administrators and researchers to enable the **development of expense and service models for public access to research data**. Project deliverables will empower libraries wishing to expand resources for research data management and sharing support while simultaneously informing U.S. federal policy on data sharing.



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