

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Dr. Rebecca Danvers, Director of the Office of Research and Technology, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 802, Washington, DC 20506. Dr. Danvers can be reached on Telephone: 202-606-2478 Fax: 202-606-1077 or at rdanvers@imls.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Institute of Museum and Library Services is an independent Federal grant-making agency. The IMLS provides a variety of grant programs to assist the nation's museums and libraries in improving their operations and enhancing their services to the public. Museums and libraries of all sizes and types may receive support from IMLS programs. The Museum and Library Services Act of 1996 includes a strong emphasis on supporting library services through the use of technology and on assisting museums in their educational role and in modernizing their methods and facilities. This solicitation is to develop plans to collect information to assist IMLS in understanding the current status and capacity of museums and libraries to participate in national networks to deliver educational resources to students, life-long learners, underserved populations, and the general public.

II. Current Actions

The core duties of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, as stated in its strategic plan, are to promote excellence in library services and to promote access to museum and library services for a diverse public. This goal will be accomplished in part by promoting access to learning and information resources held by museums and libraries through electronic linkages. IMLS is seeking assistance in developing specific plans to collect information from the US library and museum communities to assess the digitization readiness and capacity of libraries and the technological readiness and capacity of museums. These information collections will be developed based on the varying characteristics of each community. A great deal of information has been collected on the internet access of libraries for internal and public access. The information IMLS collects should build on but not duplicate existing or ongoing collections.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Museum Technology Survey.
OMB Number: Agency Number: 3137.
Frequency: Once.

Affected Public: museums and museum organizations.

Number of Respondents: 650.
Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1/2 hour.

Total Burden Hours: 325.
Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: 0.

Total Annual Costs: 0.
Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: Library Digitization Survey.
OMB Number: Agency Number: 3137.
Frequency: Once.
Affected Public: Libraries and library organizations.

Number of Respondents: 1000.
Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Total Burden Hours: 1000.
Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: 0.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities, NFAH.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval as required by the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13,44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling Susan G. Daisey, Deputy Director, Grants Office, the National Endowment for the Humanities (202-606-8494) or may be requested by e-mail to sdaisey@neh.gov. Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202-3995-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is

particularly interested in comments which:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities.

Title of Proposal: Generic Clearance Authority for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

OMB Number: 3136-0134.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Affected Public: Applicants to NEH grant programs, reviewers of NEH grant applications, and NEH grantees.

Number of Respondents: 20,569.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Varied according to type of information collection.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 91,301 hours.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Cost: 0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: This submission requests approval from OMB for a three year extension of NEH's currently approved generic clearance authority for all NEH information collections other than one-time evaluations, questionnaires and surveys. Generic clearance authority would include approval of forms and instructions for application to NEH grant programs, reporting forms for NEH grantees, panelists and reviewers and for program evaluation purposes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan G. Daisey, Deputy Director, Grants Office, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 311, Washington, DC 20506, or by email to: sdaisey@neh.gov. Telephone: 202-606-8494.

John W. Roberts,
Deputy Chairman.

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