

Blairstown Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, April 2nd 6:00pm

Agenda:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Agenda Approval
- C. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- D. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Approval of Bills
 - b. Budget Review
- E. Public Participation
- F. Library Circulation Report
- G. Pending Library Legislation
 - a. **From ALA:** *On March 11, the White House released President Trump's proposed fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget, titled "A Budget for a Better America". Coming in at \$4.75 trillion, it's the largest budget ever proposed, calling for sharp cuts to domestic and social programs and increases in military spending.*
For the third straight year, the Trump budget proposes permanent elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent federal agency that provides library and museum grants, policy development, and research. Defunding the IMLS would effectively end all federal funding of public libraries. The proposal would also cut funding to the Department of Education by 10%, including support for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy program.
 - b. **Dear Appropriator Letters:** *Every Spring, library champions in Congress ask every Member of the House and Senate to sign two, separate "Dear Appropriator" letters directed to the Appropriations Committee: one urging full funding for LSTA (which benefits every kind of library), and the second asking the same for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy program.*
These letters are typically sponsored by both parties, the FY2020 LSTA Dear Appropriator letter, led by US Reps. Raul Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and Don Young (R-Alaska), calls on Congress to provide at least \$206 million for LSTA. The IAL Dear Appropriator letter, led by US Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Tex.), Jim McGovern (D-Mass.), and Young, calls on Congress to provide at least \$27 million for IAL. Companion letters in the Senate will be released in the coming weeks. This year, all four Iowa House of Representatives members and both Iowa Senators have signed the letters!
- H. Old Business
 - a. Unifirst
- I. New Business
 - a. Hoopla Contract
 - b. National Library Week
 - c. Bathroom
- J. Director's Report: IEEE Grant, May the Fourth Star Wars Day, Summer Reading Programs 2019

Projected Next Meeting Date: May 7th, 2019