

## Levies Helping Libraries

Our congratulations to libraries in counties where levies passed in the November 6 election; our regrets to libraries where the levies did not pass.

- **Barbour County School Levy** (included designated library funding) lost with 37% of the vote. This new levy included designated line items for the Philippi and Belington Public Libraries.
- **Boone County Library Levy** passed with 86% of the vote. This levy passed with the highest percentage of the popular vote of any in the state this year.
- **Doddridge County Excess Levy** (included dedicated library funding) passed with 62% of the vote.
- **Roane County Fire/Ambulance/Library Levy** passed with 72% of the vote.
- **Wayne County Library Levy** passed with 67% of the vote.
- **Wood County Library Levy** passed with 61% of the vote.



Sources: WOWK, WSAZ, WBOY, WVVA, WVLC LD Records and the State Auditor's Office

## Sparks! Ignition Grants Available

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is accepting applications for Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums. "The grants are designed to help libraries and museums solve challenging problems," said Susan Hildreth, IMLS Director. "They promote creativity and innovation by supporting promising new approaches to issues affecting libraries and museums across the country."

The grants range from \$10,000-\$25,000. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2013. Web conferences about the grants are available December 5 and January 9. For more information about the grants and the web conferences, [visit the IMLS web site](#).



## Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections Grant Available



The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is offering a Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections Grant. The grant will help cultural institutions like libraries meet the challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials. Grants can go up to \$40,000 for planning projects and up to \$350,000 for implementation projects. **The deadline to apply is December 4, 2012.** [Visit the web site for more information](#), call 202-606-8570 or send email to [preservation@neh.gov](mailto:preservation@neh.gov).

## Survey of Summer Reading Programs

Library developers and LSTA coordinators should note that a survey effort aims at identifying the different types of summer reading programs available in public libraries across the country. The survey is being managed by the Public Library Association (PLA) and promises to provide a wealth of new information about the characteristics of summer reading programs, the type of evaluative information that is gathered, and the resources needed to improve program efficacy. For information about the effort and a link to the survey instrument, [visit the web site](#).

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