



August 9, 2010

Mr. Mario Gonzalez
Director
Passaic Public Library (Julius Forstmann Library)
195 Gregory Avenue
Passaic, New Jersey 07055

Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

On behalf of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, I want to express my sincere thanks for the considerable amount of time and expertise that you gave to the 2010 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program review process. Your evaluations contributed significantly to our funding decisions. Equally important, your comments provide valuable information that the staff can communicate to both successful and unsuccessful applicants so that they might improve their proposals or applications for future competitions.

Since 2003, in addition to aiding in the development of new curricula, building new avenues for continuing education, and funding research in professional education and workforce development issues, the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program has helped fund the education of 3,463 master's degree students, 178 doctoral students, 3,143 pre-professional students, and 30,466 continuing education students.

In this grant cycle, we received 110 eligible applications requesting more than \$62 million in grant funds. We awarded 38 institutions grants totaling a little over \$22.6 million.

Information on the awards for 2010 can be found at: <http://www.imls.gov>.

Again, we appreciate your service to IMLS and to our nation's libraries and museums.

Sincerely,

Marsha Semmel
Acting Director

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