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MALA Updates

Dear MALA Members, There are lots of questions about the statewide courier system with the Institute of Museum and Library Services staff being placed on administrative leave for up to 90 days. I have a few answers, but also many questions. You can always reach out to us to answer any questions, hopefully we'll have more information forthcoming.

1. The courier service has been paid through June 30, 2025.
2. Most of our 1 or 2 day stop libraries are fully funded through the grant we receive from IMLS/LSTA.
3. Many of our 3 or more day stop libraries are some combination of grant funded days and private pay days.
4. Private pay days rates are at a higher due to covering courier stops and MALA's operating costs.
5. Number of delivery days are determined by yearly volume of materials and evaluated each spring for the upcoming year.
6. The State Library makes the final determination of number of IMLS/LSTA funded days with input from MALA.
7. The annual contracts are currently on hold because there are so many unknown variables that MALA is still working to figure out with the contracted couriers and the state library for the next fiscal year. Sincerely, Jane Mulvihill-Jones *Executive Director*

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