

OCLC Distinguished Seminar Series

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Libraries, Their Role And Relationship To Other Cultural Institutions

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9:00-9:30 am
Coffee and Pastries

9:30-11:00 am
Presentation

OCLC Auditorium
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You are welcome to attend this presentation.

Registering in advance allows us to plan sufficient refreshments and to alert you if for any reason the lecture needs to be rescheduled.

To RSVP, please email bakerk@oclc.org or call OCLC Research at (614) 764-6073 indicating your name, affiliation, and telephone number by January 29, 2003.

Advance registration is encouraged, but not required.

Dr. Robert Martin, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will provide an overview of IMLS and its role as a federal grant-making agency promoting leadership, innovation, and lifetime learning through support for museums and libraries across the nation. Consistent with its role, IMLS manages a variety of programs that support research and encourage innovation.

The principal focus of IMLS is to articulate the educational mission of museums and libraries and to express the important role they play in developing a new learning society for the 21st century, particularly by supporting and enhancing education and providing information for daily living. The mission of IMLS is to support the efforts of museums and libraries to improve and enhance the services they provide to their communities.

Robert Martin was nominated Director of IMLS by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate in July of 2001. Prior to his appointment, he was Professor and Interim Director of the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University. From 1995 to 1999, he served as Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. In addition, Dr. Martin has held positions at Louisiana State University, the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Dr. Martin is a librarian, archivist, administrator, and educator. He has authored several publications and served on editorial boards of scholarly library journals such as *American Archivist*, *Library Quarterly*, *Libraries* and *Culture and Meridian*. He has held elected and appointed roles in professional library and archives organizations, and has been honored for his contributions. Among his many awards is the Justin Winsor Prize from the American Library Association.

Background information:

Robert S. Martin's biography:
<http://www.ims.gov/about/rmartin.htm>

IMLS Web site:
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