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**First Lady to Present National Medal to Outstanding Museums, Libraries May 8**  
*White House Ceremony Celebrates Exceptional Contributions to Communities*

**WHAT:** In a White House Ceremony on May 8, First Lady Michelle Obama will join Director Susan Hildreth and the Institute of Museum and Library Services to present the 2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Ten institutions from across the country will be honored. In addition to the museum and library leaders, a member from each recognized community will participate in the ceremony to highlight how the museum or library has affected their lives.

**2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service recipients:**

- Boston Children's Museum, Boston, Mass.
- Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio
- Delta Blues Museum, Clarksdale, Miss.
- Discovery Science Center, Santa Ana, Calif.
- Marshalltown Public Library, Marshalltown, Iowa
- National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Pierce County Library System, Tacoma, Wash.
- Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Rancho Cucamonga Public Library, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
- Waukegan Public Library, Waukegan, Ill.

**WHO:** **First Lady Michelle Obama**  
**Director Susan Hildreth, Institute of Museum and Library Services**  
**Medal Winner Institution Directors & Community Members**  
**National Museum and Library Services Board**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 8, 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The White House, East Room

**CREDENTIALING:** Any reporter interested in covering this event must contact Sara Neumann at (202) 414-0788 or [sneumann@susandavis.com](mailto:sneumann@susandavis.com) by **Monday, May 6 at 1 p.m. EDT** to initiate the credentialing process.

**MEDIA NOTE:** To coordinate advance or on-site interviews with IMLS Director Susan Hildreth or 2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service recipients and community members, please contact Sara Neumann at (202) 414-0788 or [sneumann@susandavis.com](mailto:sneumann@susandavis.com).

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