

Report to the State Library Board

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This report is prepared bi-monthly in conjunction with the regular meetings of the Connecticut State Library Board. The report, which will be included in the minutes of the January 26, 2026 meeting of the Board, covers the period of November 14, 2025, 2025 through January 16, 2026.

Office of the State Librarian

The State Library continues to coordinate with Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Real Estate & Construction Services staff and construction consultants on the pre-design study for a potential new State Archives building and is finalizing the study and recommendations for submission to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). The study findings will allow the State Library to provide detailed information and estimated costs to state decision makers as the agency seeks full project funding.

Deborah Schander will be embarking on a series of visits to libraries across the state beginning in early 2026 as both recognition of five years with CSL and to mark a continued commitment to strengthening relationships across our library community. These visits will provide an opportunity to see firsthand the amazing work Connecticut libraries engage in every day and to celebrate their ongoing service to the communities and the people of Connecticut. Visits already scheduled include: story times, a juried art show, indoor mini-golf, Ukulele club meeting, library anniversary celebrations, special collections “out of the vault” programs, a One Book One Town launch, Paper Day, and more.

Unit Activities

Partnerships and Community Engagement

In November and December 2025, Chris Gauvreau prepared the annual federal Grants to States’ **State Program Report**, which required gathering and updating data, narratives, and project outcomes for Division of Library Development (DLD) departments, including statistics, professional development, online resources, Middletown Library Service Center, CT Library for Accessible Books, deliverIT services, and children’s and teens services. The final report will be filed in January and later made available in summary form to Congress.

During the period of late November 2025 to early January 2026, staff from the Connecticut Library for Accessible Books (CT LAB) conducted **two outreach sessions** with Veterans Affairs (VA) Blind and Low Vision Outpatient Support Groups in West Haven and Newington. CT LAB staff connected with 21 CT military veterans, many of whom are already CT LAB patrons.

After five plus years of **Transformation for Libraries: The Futures School (TFSX)**, made possible by a supplemental grant following the successful IMLS grant (RE-250063-OLS-21) in the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, DLD and partner TFSX (Kedge: The Futures School) trained over 700 librarians and library staff from all types of libraries, museums, and archives across 48 states, American Samoa, and the West Indies in the discipline of Strategic Foresight using TFSX's Natural Foresight Framework. DLD is continuing the partnership with TFSX and activating our **Future of Libraries Network** to position itself and our Cohort Champions as a national resource for futures thinking in libraries. DLD hosted a half-day TFSX facilitated session for 53 Futures School alumni to generate dialogue and synthesize alignments, strategic opportunities, and innovative ideas to continue momentum of the Future of Libraries and allocate ownership for maximum impact. Four working groups were developed, and DLD will serve as the hub for these four groups as they pursue the Future of Libraries work initiated by this grant project.

[Under the Charter Oak - A podcast of the CT State Library Division of Library Development](#), a collaboration with Kymberlee Powe, Matt Geeza, and Ashley Sklar, dropped episodes three and four in November and December: Books for You, Connecticut! with Brad Bullis, the CT State Library Digital Content and Innovation Coordinator at DLD; and Small But Mighty: The People's Collection with Jennifer Matos, the Administrator at the Museum of Connecticut History at the Connecticut State Library. All in all, the podcast already has over 350 downloads!

DLD continued to work with **The GIANT Room** and participating libraries on planning activities for 2026. Remix publication stations were set up at Killingly Public Library, Babcock Library, Canterbury Public Library, and Ives Main Branch of New Haven Public Library in January. In addition, monthly meetups were held with libraries and GIANT Room staff in December and January.

Chris Gauvreau, the Project Manager for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Leadership Grant # 254838-OLS-23: **“Designing and Implementing a Regional Navigator Sharing Plan,”** prepared the final report for the funding agency and, with the help of Suzanne Kiss, completed a public LibGuide toolkit called “Sharing Digital Navigators Among Public Libraries.” The LibGuide provides guidance on building a sharing collaborative, hiring and training digital navigators, organizing navigator time, choosing and distributing large-screen devices, and telling the public about the impact via data collection and analysis.

DLD continues to recruit academic and public library sites to participate in the **Palace Project**. There are a total of 187 sites sharing content from the Connecticut State Library through the Palace app. The eGO CT Community Sharing Program ended with the closing of Baker & Taylor in December 2025. DLD is actively working with Lyris to develop a platform for K12 sites to access the Connecticut State Library's eBook collection.

Over the last two months, **visitation to the Museum of CT History** included 1,053 school children and 33 adults as part of organized school and adult groups. Patrick Smith delivered the “Connecticut Sampler” program to 85 Madison third graders in November.

The Museum of CT History has been included in several **news articles** recently. Jennifer Matos was interviewed by Frank Jastrzembki, Senior Content Specialist at Delta Defense, LLC, for an article about the creation of the FBI Art Crime Team and some of the historical firearms recovered by its agents over the years, including the museum's 1847 Colt Whitneyville-Walker.

The article, entitled “National Treasures: The FBI Art Crime Team’s Recovery of Priceless Firearms” was published in the November/December 2025 issue of *Concealed Carry Magazine*. Jennifer was also interviewed by Malcom Gay of the *Boston Globe* for his November 19 article: “Plunder New England: The Louvre heist grabbed attention, but smaller museums are the more likely targets.”

The Museum of Connecticut History has loaned an exhibit, **Freedom: A History of US**, to a group of Groton-area libraries from January-August 2026. The exhibit was created by the Gilder Lehrman Center and covers topics such as the abolition of slavery, the civil rights movement, and how ideas about freedom have evolved over time. Organized by Bill Memorial Public Library, the exhibit will travel to Groton Public Library, Mystic and Noank Library, and the City of Groton Municipal Building as part of the area’s commemoration of the nation’s 250th anniversary.

On December 19, 2025, the State Library awarded a total of \$216,000 in FY2026 **Historic Documents Preservation Program** Cycle 2 grants to 40 municipalities in the amounts of \$5,000, \$7,000, and \$10,000. Nicole Besseghir completed the processing of the grant applications, and the grants were then approved by LeAnn Power. Nicole then prepared the award letters and grant contracts, which were emailed to the municipalities; the contracts are currently being executed and processed for fund disbursement.

Nicole Besseghir has been working with towns on **vault construction and renovation projects**, including projects for the Town of East Hartford, the Town of Farmington, the Town of Windsor Locks, the Town of Plainfield, the Town of East Windsor, the Town of Darien, the Town of Scotland, the Town of Stonington, the City of Norwich, the Town of Portland, the Town of Hamden, the Town of Vernon, and the Ellington/Vernon Probate Court. Vaults provide a high level of fire protection and security for towns’ permanent and essential records.

Wafaa Razeq distributed a survey to Connecticut State Documents depository libraries to assess readiness for expanded electronic distribution; results informed the decision to **pilot a selective electronic records distribution model** in 2026 with reevaluation planned for 2027. The pilot program will be undertaken in cooperation with Collection Services and the Federal Documents Coordinator.

Susan Bigelow and Mel Smith welcomed two classes from a special **high school in Hartford** that visited the State Library to explore various voting and election related materials along with general democracy themed items.

In early December Isabel Butterick of Southern Connecticut State University **completed her internship** in the History & Genealogy Unit under the supervision of Mel Smith. During her time at the State Library, she indexed two manuscript volumes of the Gov. Jonathon Trumbull Papers, scanned all of the Fairfield County County Court papers by subject, related loyalist court documents from the State Archives, and created a virtual tour of the History & Genealogy Unit that will be added to the Connecticut State Library webpage in 2026. She also created a visual display that pertains to Loyalists in Connecticut, which is found in the Law Reading Room and blog post on the *Nutmeg Navigator* on this topic. Isabel created a [wrap-up video](#) chronicling her internship experience, which was wonderful and enjoyed by the staff.

In November, **Kevin Johnson performed** a hat-trick of presentations, offering the Oxford Historical Society a portrayal of Professor Jim; introducing Jordan Freeman to the New Haven Juvenile Detention Center in Hamden, Connecticut; and reprising the role of Private William

Webb at the Old State House as part of the celebration of the return to Hartford of the 29th Connecticut Colored Regiment at the end of the Civil War.

Work is progressing on the federally funded **Planning to Preserve Connecticut's Digital Government History Project**, with State Archives staff collaborating with Slalom and Amazon Web Services (AWS) to enhance the automated redaction tool. On December 11, Allen Ramsey and Brittney Rankins participated in a follow-up workshop session with AWS and Slalom to identify priorities for improvement. These include redaction accuracy with contextual awareness; eliminating manual downloading and reuploading of documents; feedback loops to strengthen the redaction knowledge base; and a dashboard with metrics and analytics to monitor performance. The discussion also highlighted initial plans for a taxonomy system to further improve accuracy and efficiency.

Planning continued for an upcoming National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant application under the *Rediscovering Our Revolutionary Tradition* program. The proposed three-year project, **Preserving Connecticut's Revolutionary Archive**, will unite a statewide consortium, including the State Library (lead applicant); Connecticut Museum of Culture and History; Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center; Native Northeast Research Collaborative; University of Connecticut including the Tribal Education Initiative (TEI), Office of State Archaeology, Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, State Historian, and the Connecticut Digital Archive (CTDA); and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Library, to preserve and digitally connect Revolutionary-era primary source materials. During this period, Allen Ramsey worked with consortium partners to refine the narrative, send reminders about required attachments (including work plans and subrecipient budgets), respond to questions about attachments, and upload the application submission into Grants.gov.

Programs and Training

Kym Powe facilitated the workshop **Learning Together: How CT Libraries Can Use Sparkler to Support Families with 0-5 Year Olds** with Sparkler representatives. The CT Office of Early Childhood is making Sparkler's mobile app available for free to all families in Connecticut with children 0-5 years old. It's a fun app that parents and caregivers can use to spark healthy early childhood development. Families can access: Ages & Stages Questionnaires® developmental screening; off-screen, educational playtime activities; tips for parents; and connections to local supports and resources, including Help Me Grow CT and 211 Child Development.

Creator of The Healing Library, Megan Schadlich, presented twice for the CT State Library, once in partnership with librarian Kara Reiman for **Nontraditional Lending to Aid Your Community's Environmental & Safety Efforts** on the new kit created in partnership with the Maine State Library. Megan also presented in the workshop **Deepening Your Strength's-Based Practice** and shared an updated tool she designed for the DC Public Library system to find the blind spots in strengths-based practice as they relate to personal practice in librarianship, specifically, through the lens of the HOPE Framework from Tufts.

Matt Geeza, Suzanne Kiss and Ashley Sklar the second year of the **Towards Inclusive Accessibility in Libraries (TIAL)** this fall. In partnership with the CT Age Well Collaborative, a new four-part series called **Ageing, Ability, and Inclusion** began on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 with Building Community Authority: Empowering Older Adults and will continue bi-monthly through May 2026. This series grew from a fall 2024 survey of the CT library community to identify learning needs for creating more inclusive libraries for every age and ability.

TIAL continued in December with a three-part series called **Understanding Web Accessibility and the Department of Justice's 2024 Title II Ruling** in recognition of the first implementation deadline of April 2026 for these new regulations on the accessibility of Web content and mobile apps that apply to state and local governments. The series was led by Geoff Freed of OnFocusAccess Consulting, formerly of Perkins Access, a division of Perkins School for the Blind, and with over 40 years of accessibility experience. Geoff led *The Basics of Web Accessibility and Basic Testing for Accessibility*; *Understanding the Department of Justice's Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability Regulation*; and held office hours where he did accessibility assessments on three CT public library websites.

In response to the federal government shutdown, Kymberlee Powe and Ashley Sklar partnered to bring an information session to CT libraries staff: **End Hunger CT: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** on Thursday, November 6, 2025. Meg Hadley Zimmerman, End Hunger CT Program Manager, covered the basics of SNAP, recent and upcoming changes to the program—including the impacts of the federal government shutdown and H.R.1—and what these mean for Connecticut residents. This session covered FAQs, key messaging to share with the public, advocacy opportunities, food security resources, and practical ways libraries can support both SNAP households and other CT families. The virtual program had 39 live attendees and to date has had 41 views.

EBSCO and DLD are identifying school districts to work with to build awareness of and make access easier and more transparent to state-funded resources available in researchIT CT, beginning with New Haven Public Schools.

On November 13, retired judge and historian Michael Shay delivered a talk on his book **“The Whites of Their Eyes: The Life of Revolutionary War Hero Israel Putnam from Rogers’ Rangers to Bunker Hill”** in the Museum of CT History’s Memorial Hall. Shay provided details about the life and times of one of Connecticut’s most famous Revolutionary War heroes, General Israel Putnam, who was a Brooklyn, CT farmer and tavern keeper before he became a folk hero. As part of the program, a dinner napkin used by General Putnam in 1776 from the museum’s collection was displayed. The program was part of the “Connecticut 250” series planned by the museum and members of the Library’s 250 Committee leading up to the opening of the *Connecticut’s Revolution* exhibit.

On November 20, Jennifer Matos participated in a **safety training session offered by United Academy** and received a “Push Around Vertical Lift 1a Operator Certification” from United Rentals. This certification provides authority for a member of the museum staff to operate the building’s 25-ft. and 40-ft. vertical lifts to examine the paintings hanging in Memorial Hall, etc.

On December 18, Beth Burgess and colleague Jodi Polsgrove, Curator of Collections for the Department of Economic & Community Development museums, held their first **“Government Museum Employee Working Group”** meeting that included federal, state, and municipal workers from 15 states. The idea for the Working Group came out of a conference session proposal Burgess and Polsgrove submitted for the joint American Association for State and Local History / National Council on Public History conference being held in Fall 2026. The Working Group is designed to serve as a roundtable for government museum workers to brainstorm and troubleshoot common challenges.

Jenny Groome provided a two-hour training session on **how to use Libguides** for the Government Documents Roundtable subgroup Government Information for (Teachers) and Children.

State Archives staff participated in the **Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council (CPGC) meeting** on December 2, 2025, hosted via Zoom. Allen Ramsey and Damon Munz, with Mel Smith and Susan Bigelow from the History & Genealogy Unit, shared updates on **digitization projects**, including the New Haven County Court Records milestone and additions to Chronicling America through the Library of Congress newspaper grant. They also highlighted **indexing initiatives** for the Governor Jonathan Trumbull Papers, new probate and municipal research guides, and recent **State Archives developments**, such as acquisitions and planning for a new permanent facility. This session strengthened partnerships with the genealogical community and promoted awareness of State Library resources.

Resource Updates

Collection Services staff has made arrangements with a shipping service to deliver the 2024 **U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs** from Washington, D.C., to Hartford, CT. CSL is one of nine libraries nationwide who still serve as a depository for the printed Supreme Court briefs.

Collection Services staff continues to **deaccession materials** that CSL Reference staff have identified for weeding. During November-December 2025, staff deaccessioned 406 bound volumes of law digests. This freed 63 linear feet of shelf space in the Stacks. Gertrude Owusu also reviewed 12 bound volumes of photostat copies of Connecticut Archives Series to be deaccessioned. This content has been digitized and made available in FamilySearch and is also preserved in our collection on microfilm.

Collection Services and Reference are working together to identify **Federal Documents** in our collection that were cataloged with Library of Congress (LC) call numbers in the Stacks location. In November-December 2025, staff identified 23 Federal Documents that fit this description. Kris Aberly reclassified the documents using Superintendent of Documents (SuDoc) call numbers and updated our catalog. Tamra Coleman relabeled the items. Elizabeth Esquillin shifted and reshelfed the materials. This project protects our Federal Documents collection, enables us to pull better reports for the Federal Depository Library Program, and frees up space in the LC Collection areas of the Stacks.

During November-December 2025, Reference Services and Collection Services staff issued 584 new **State Library borrowing cards** to Connecticut residents, state employees, and students.

CSL received a **National Digital Newspaper Program grant award** of \$249,194 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to continue to digitize historically significant Connecticut newspapers over the next two years. This is the seventh grant award received for newspaper digitization, which will allow Connecticut to add another 100,000 pages of newspapers published in the state between 1690 and 1963 to the Library of Congress' Chronicling America database. The grant will run from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

In November and December 2025, the Digitization and Digital Collection Services Unit digitized just over 8,600 pages of **State Library collection materials**, including ten volumes of historical Connecticut General Assembly proceedings transcripts from 1961 and 1963, 32 Connecticut state documents, and 15 volumes from the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of

Connecticut's Connecticut Bicentennial Series. Thirty-eight digitized state documents were added to the Connecticut Digital Archive for digital preservation and public access.

The Digitization and Digital Collection Services Unit completed a project to digitize the ***General Index of the Land Records of the Town of Hartford, From the Year 1639-1927***. Four volumes had been previously digitized in 2012 and 2016, so the remaining 26 volumes were digitized for a total of 11,656 pages. The volumes are now available for public access in the [Connecticut Digital Archive](#).

John Bednar continued to catalog the unprocessed items from the State Library' collection of materials related to the **political, ecclesiastical, and scholastic history** of Connecticut municipalities. Among these titles are 24 issues of the Annual Report of the Visiting Nurse Association of Stamford, Connecticut and the catalog of the Stamford Military Academy for 1917.

The Cataloging Unit regularly reviews **unassigned digital inventory** of copies of state library physical resources and of born-digital titles. Verna Thomas-Green has undertaken to update and correct a large set of bibliographic records for which electronic inventory had not migrated accurately to our current software platform. For the current reporting period Verna completed updates for 310 titles, including a group of reports and information circulars on the dangers of anabolic steroid use among young persons, produced by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration Office of Diversion Control, and the 2002 edition of Facts about the Status of Women in Connecticut, a publication of the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

The Connecticut State Library's three original catalogers, John Bednar, Laura Diller, and William Anderson, contributed 82 records to the **Name Authority Cooperative (NACO) database**. Among these contributions are records for the War Against Depression Campaign. Connecticut Division, which body issued instructions to local groups for mitigating the effects of the Great Depression, and for the Connecticut Wildlife Conservation Committee.

Significant **USGPO titles** cataloged include a 2022 report from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office entitled *Inventing AI: tracing the diffusion of artificial intelligence with U.S. patents*, and *Lessons from the British Regimental System 1868-1919: recruiting, retention, and reconstitution*, a monograph prepared by Benjamin F. Stork, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army.

Significant materials cataloged for the **History and Genealogy map collections** include an 1856 map of New Haven County, Connecticut (available at the Connecticut State Library as a 12-section negative photostat) and a reproduction from the early twentieth century of a 1659 map showing "Some proprietors' original home lots" in Norwich Town, Connecticut.

eGO CT usage continues to grow. There are currently 15,315 patrons actively using the Palace Project app from 185 sites.

In 2025, DLD purchased 6,057 new items for the **eGO CT** program and **the Palace app** for a total of 45,138 items that are now provided for free to public libraries, academics, and schools. Circulation increased by 43% in calendar year 2025: 40,980 versus 2024: 28,639.

Usage in **requestIT/fulfillment** for 2025 was 14,357 versus 13,788 in 2024. This is an increase of 569 lends (4% increase).

In December 2025, CT LAB's federal partner, the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) fully launched the **My Talking Books Skill** for Alexa-enabled smart speakers. This skill was previously available to patrons as part of a pilot program. The “My Talking Books” skill is now accessible to all NLS patrons, including CT LAB patrons, who own an Alexa enabled smart speaker. The skill allows NLS patrons to access BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download service from NLS. Using voice commands associated with the My Talking Books skill, patrons can search for books and listen to books on their smart speaker.

One hundred seventy-four public libraries submitted their **Annual Report** on October 1, 2025. A draft of the Statistical Profile was released in December.

In early December, DLD's Communication Team – Suzanne Kiss and Ashley Sklar – produced and distributed the [DLD Yearly Wrap-Up for 2025](#), highlighting many of the programs and services provided by the Division of Library Development over the past year.

Objects from the **Museum of CT History's collection** were made available to researchers. In December, staff from the CT Museum of Culture and History (CMCH) visited to review Fuller Brush Company and Cushman Chuck employee artifacts. A selection of artifacts will likely be loaned to the CMCH for an upcoming exhibit on immigration in the Northend of Hartford.

Beth Burgess and Christine Pittsley made a trip to the **Connecticut National Guard Armory in Branford** on December 19 to review collection items for possible loan to the Museum of CT History. This is part of an ongoing effort to source objects from across the state to be borrowed for the museum's upcoming *Connecticut's Revolution* exhibit.

The Museum of CT History **acquired new collection items**: a small fragment of the Charter Oak tree and a second small collection of political campaign and U.S. Bicentennial buttons collected by an Orange, CT resident ca. 1975-2010. Beth Burgess traveled to the offices of the *Waterbury Republican American* newspaper with State Archives staff and accepted five photographs and prints, a newspaper carrier service button, and a worker belt buckle for the museum's collection. This grouping is part of a larger donation of company materials accepted by the State Archives and Collection Services units.

Maintenance was conducted in the Museum of CT History since the last report. At the request of the museum staff, the Judicial Facilities team acquired and installed new lightbulbs in the chandeliers in Memorial Hall on November 17. The old lightbulbs were of industrial strength and created a dangerous atmosphere for the objects on display. The new Edison-style bulbs provide a gentler light that reduces the lux (the intensity of light actually reaching the artifacts), which is necessary to prevent permanent light damage to artifacts. On December 15, Facilities brought in an electrician to replace all the light fixtures in the arch ways on the upper level of Memorial Hall. The new LED light fixtures bring light to the top of the room and accentuate the beautiful architectural detail.

The Office of the Public Records Administrator issued two new **agency specific records series** for an Office of Policy and Management records retention schedule (OPM-2, effective 12/22/2025).

LeAnn Power and Cherie Miles processed 283 municipal and 129 state agency authorization forms for **records disposals**.

The **State Records Center** provides off-site inactive records storage for state agencies free of

charge. Doug Yaeger and Mike Soltesz accessioned 637 cubic feet of agency records, processed 149 reference requests and processed 39 re-files and inter-files.

In December, museum staff completed a long-term project to clear and relocate collection items from the “Nutmeg Gallery” space located behind Memorial Hall. The gallery, designed to hold a Civil War exhibit that never happened, had become a catch-all for exhibit components and artifacts over the past 20 years. This project, started in early 2024, completes one of the goals from the museum’s Collections Assessment for Preservation report received in December 2023. The Judicial Facilities team has begun work to remove old exhibit components and renovate the space with the goal of transforming the Gallery into a classroom and meeting space.

Award information for the “**Celebrate America!**” grant the Museum of CT History received from the National Endowment for the Humanities has been reviewed and approved by both the State Librarian and the Office of the Attorney General. Personal Service Agreements are in progress for the three consultants whose services the \$25,000 grant will cover as part of the implementation of the *Connecticut’s Revolution* exhibit.

Fundraising for **Connecticut’s Revolution** exhibit continues. The CT Supreme Court Historical Society launched a fundraising campaign for the exhibit at an event on November 12. Thus far, those efforts have generated \$7,000 in corporate sponsorships. An additional \$10,000 sponsorship was received from Liberty Bank, through the efforts of the museum team. The total raised thus far is \$74,500 (\$57,500 in grants, \$17,000 in sponsorships). With a total estimated cost of \$110,000, an additional \$35,500 still needs to be raised for the exhibit. An Exhibit Prospectus prepared for potential sponsors / donors is available for anyone wishing for more information.

Wafaa Razeq met with staff of the Department of Transportation regarding the State Library’s continual **preservation of state agency websites**. They were extremely appreciative of the solution to the URLs for both completed and ongoing projects that they needed to offload from their servers, as well as the location of a webpage they could no longer access that had been previously captured by the State Library.

Following digitization by Asaf Aliev and processing by Nick Beams, Steve Mirsky create **bill file collections** in the Connecticut Digital Archive for 1941 (6,275 files) and 1939 (2,770 files).

CSL received **two boxes of donated items from the Legislative Office Building**, demonstrating the ongoing growth of our physical collection in the world of digital publication. Wafaa Razeq evaluated the materials for retention, resulting in items being sorted, discarded, or added to the collection as appropriate with the assistance of Eric Paiva.

With the assistance of Eric Paiva and Elizabeth Esquilin, the Federal Documents program processed **1,603 discards submitted by selective depository libraries** in Connecticut and Rhode Island in November and December and claimed 32 documents to be added to the State Library’s collection.

The **extensive improvement of the federal documents collection** continues: Kris Aberly cataloged and barcoded over 350 items, relocated many serials and monographs from the law and general collections back into their federal document classifications, and worked to barcode and itemize titles added to the Preservation Steward Memorandum of Agreement in order to create a detailed inventory for the Government Publishing Office.

Recent Archives Accessions include:

- **Town of Enfield** land records, 1939-1962, 95 volumes (RG 062:049)
- **Stamford Probate Court** files, 1970-1976, 112 cubic feet (RG 004:135)

CTDA Digital Records Uploaded:

- New Haven County, County Court, Black, African American, Indigenous Case, Files (RG 003)
- New Haven County, County Court, Black, African American, Indigenous Case, Papers by Subject (RG 003)
- New Haven County, Superior Court, Black, African American, Indigenous Cases, Files (RG 003)
- New Haven County, Superior Court, Black, African American, Indigenous Cases, Criminal Files (RG 003)
- New Haven County, Superior Court, Black, African American, Indigenous Cases, Judgments (Civil Case Files) (RG 003)
- New Haven County, Superior Court, Black, African American, Indigenous Cases, No Appearance Files (RG 003)
- New Haven County, Superior Court, Black, African American, Indigenous Cases, Papers by Subject (RG 003)

Digital Records Processing Project Updates:

The following digital records have been processed:

- Governor Dannel P. Malloy Born-Digital Records
 - Constituent Services

During November-December 2025, Collection Services staff added 880 **new tangible items** to the State Library's collections. This includes books, periodicals, newsletters, pocket parts, Connecticut newspapers, Federal Documents, Connecticut state and town documents, and more.

Collection Services staff processed 192 **Interlibrary Loan requests** for books and articles. This service is provided Connecticut libraries, Connecticut state agencies, and other libraries nationwide.

Staff News

Kris Abery was appointed to the Northeast National Collection Service Area Cataloging and Access Working Group.

During the past year, the State Library staff have received several generous acknowledgements and recognition for the assistance they provided to State Library patrons. Such positive feedback often comes directly from patrons via e-mail or in the acknowledgement section of published books or journal articles. A recent example of recognition can be found in the Fall 2025 issue of the **Connecticut Genealogy News** issue which highlighted work of State Library staff in helping preserve and provide access to the valuable resources housed in the Connecticut State Library.