



2025 STATE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT



Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State



ABOUT US

Who We Are

The Rhode Island State Library is operated by the Rhode Island Department of State under the leadership of Secretary of State Gregg M. Amore. Under his leadership since 2023, the State Library has continued its forward momentum of promoting civic engagement and literacy through collaborations across RI Department of State Divisions and external organizations.

The mission of the Department is to serve “Rhode Islanders by promoting transparent government, supporting businesses, and strengthening our democracy through a commitment to civic engagement, secure elections, and empowering voters.” The State Library supports this mission by providing access to legislative reference materials, creating physical spaces for civic involvement, and collaborating with other Divisions within the Department, as well as external organizations, to bolster civic engagement.



The Librarians

Kate Wells

State Librarian

Kate is responsible for managing the State Library and ensuring public access to government information. She joined the RI Department of State as the State Librarian in September 2024 with over twenty years of experience in special libraries.

Greg Facincani

*State Publications
Clearinghouse Director*

Greg is responsible for the State Publications Clearinghouse and maintaining the Library catalog and digital assets. He joined the RI Department of State in October 2000 after working as a contract librarian at the Environmental Protection Agency Laboratory in Narragansett.

Loretta M. Cimini

*Federal Government
Documents and
Reference Librarian*

Loretta manages the Federal Depository Library Program and the Library's research services. Our most recent hire, she joined the RI Department of State in December 2025 after serving as a librarian for the RI Department of Corrections for over a decade.

Ann Teixeira

*Federal Government
Documents Librarian
(through October 2025)*

Prior to her retirement in October 2025, Ann managed the Federal Depository Library Program for twenty-five years. Her career included positions in academic libraries at the Community College of Rhode Island and Roger Williams University.

Myshara Whittington

*Digitization
Assistant*

Myshara is responsible for digitizing Rhode Island's Public Laws, Acts, & Resolves. She joined the State Library in February 2025 and also works as a part-time reference librarian at Rhode Island College.



FROM SECRETARY GREGG M. AMORE



Dear Rhode Islander:

Each year, it is my honor to share a brief update on the many accomplishments and initiatives of the Rhode Island Department of State's Divisions, including the State Library. As always, the State Library continued to serve as a valuable resource to researchers, the General Assembly, fellow libraries, community groups and nonprofits, and so many others throughout our state—welcoming nearly 28,000 Library visitors, hosting over 100 events, and answering over 1,100 reference questions.

The State Library remained focused on outreach and community collaboration, as well as promoting research services and library collections. We established a new e-newsletter for the State Publications Clearinghouse program, expanded virtual research instruction and reference support for the State House Internship Program, and created opportunities for student interns to expand public access to Library collections, especially digital access to resources that are currently only available in print. The State Library also restarted its digitization program, making 2,694 Public Laws, Acts, & Resolves from 1982-1985 available online for the first time.

In 2025, the State Library celebrated 130 years as a member of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Through FDLP libraries, the US Government Publishing Office (GPO) provides free public access to US federal documents and resources.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize Ann Teixeira, who retired in October 2025 after 25 years of service to the State Library. Her tenure included managing the FDLP in the transition from physical to digital publications and serving as a core member of the State House tour program. Thank you, Ann! With Ann's departure, we welcomed Loretta Cimini, who brings vast expertise in library research from her time as a librarian with the RI Department of Corrections. We are grateful to have her on the team.

I commend the entire staff of the State Library, especially State Librarian Kate Wells, for another exceptional year, and I look forward to all we'll accomplish together in 2026.

Sincerely,
Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State

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ADDRESS

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HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

* During the legislative session, the Library is open until the rise of the General Assembly, which is usually on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, January through June.



LOOKING BACK: 2025 IN REVIEW

Research Statistics

The Librarians track research questions by type to provide better context on the type of work they do when serving the public.



74% of questions came from the public
56% of questions were made in person
58% of questions were answered during legislative session
23,335 minutes spent by Librarians on research

VISITOR STATISTICS



27,694

LIBRARY VISITORS & RESEARCHERS

90% of Library visitors are public constituents

11,483 visitors
were part of State House tours



2,916

VISITORS VIEWED LIBRARY EXHIBITS



104

EVENTS HOSTED IN THE STATE LIBRARY

56% of programs were hosted by
community organizations

4,636 event attendees

NEW TO THE COLLECTION

2,711

ITEMS ADDED TO THE COLLECTION

2,694

PUBLIC LAWS, ACTS, & RESOLVES DIGITIZED



INCREASING ACCESS TO INFORMATION

What Can the State Library Answer?

Visitors are often surprised at the wide range of questions that researchers ask the State Library to answer.

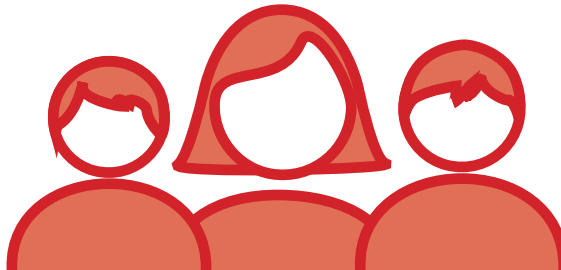
What are all the "bottle bills" introduced into the RI General Assembly since 1970?

Which US states have laws codifying universal accessibility design into their residential building code?

What is the history of the 401 telephone area code in Rhode Island?

Why didn't Rhode Island ratify the 22nd Amendment of the US Constitution?

What is the history of the phrase "cruel and unusual punishment" in Article 1, Section 8 of the Rhode Island Constitution?



Librarians use a variety of resources to find answers including materials within our Library print collections, digital resources and data from Federal government departments and State agencies, resources available at libraries across Rhode Island, and numerous databases, newspapers, and publications.

"WOW, indeed!! Thank you so much for all of this information so quickly. Fantastic job, thanks again!"
- Library patron



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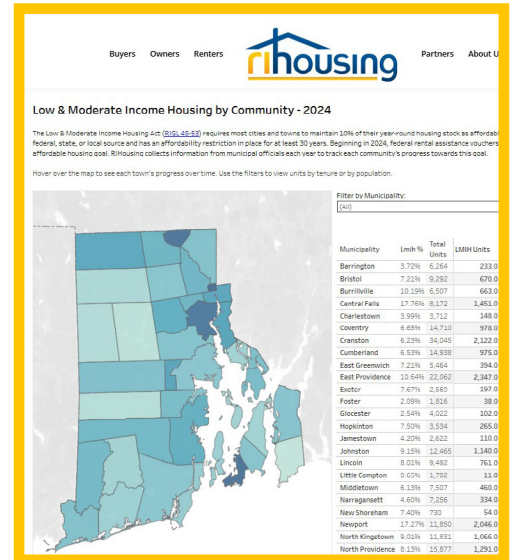
Research Instruction

Collaboration with the State Government Intern Program

Collaboration with the State Government Intern Program offered year-round research support for students studying public policy. The State Librarian taught all policy interns research basics about using federal, State, and municipal government resources as well as identifying reliable non-governmental reports and studies. Individual groups were provided in-depth research support on specific policies including resources and data for each topic.

Research topics included:

- Housing equity and impact on homelessness
- Incentivizing the development of vacant properties for affordable housing
- Impact of artificial intelligence on individual privacy
- Curbing pharmaceutical waste in Narragansett Bay
- Supporting Rhode Island agricultural businesses
- Eliminating daylight savings
- Supporting investment in public transit
- Addressing absenteeism in public schools
- Creating protected area policies for undocumented individuals



Data courtesy of RIhousing.

BILL

1. **H.R. 139** — 119th Congress (2025-2026)
Sunshine Protection Act of 2025
Sponsor: **Buchanan, Vern** (Rep.-R-FL-16) (Introduced 01/03/2025) Cosponsors: (31)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 01/03/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (All Actions)
Tracker: **Introduced** > Passed House > Passed Senate > To President > Became Law

BILL

2. **H.R. 1630** — 119th Congress (2025-2026)
To allow States to elect to observe year-round daylight saving time, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: **Rogers, Mike D.** (Rep.-R-AL-3) (Introduced 02/26/2025) Cosponsors: (0)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Latest Action: House - 02/26/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (All Actions)
Tracker: **Introduced** > Passed House > Passed Senate > To President > Became Law

BILL

3. **S. 29** — 119th Congress (2025-2026)
Sunshine Protection Act of 2025
Sponsor: **Scott, Rick** (Sen.-R-FL) (Introduced 01/07/2025) Cosponsors: (18)
Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Latest Action: Senate - 01/07/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Tracker: **Introduced** > Passed Senate > Passed House > To President > Became Law

Federal legislative research via US Congress.

"Yesterday you presented a splendid presentation for us about how the State Library can be of great use to individuals, whether for interns like me or regular citizens...I am eager to see and explore the State Library in the State House and see how looking for information works at a more prestige library. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to show and tell us about the endless information and resources the State Library offers."

- State Government Policy Intern



INCREASING ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The State Library Collection

The State Library collection includes both State and Federal publications and holds a small reference collection to support research on Rhode Island. We collect, catalog, preserve, and provide access to print and digital materials.

State Publications Clearinghouse

The State Library is statutorily responsible for the State Publications Clearinghouse which collects, catalogs, and distributes State publications to a number of libraries across Rhode Island to ensure access to State information for residents within their own communities. All State agencies are mandated to send publications to the State Library in either print or digital format.

Following statutory updates in 2024, Greg Facincani focused the work of the State Publications Clearinghouse on outreach of participating libraries, a biannual e-newsletter, and two site visits.

"Thanks so much for the truly informational and enjoyable gathering you hosted for us on the 18th! It was great to meet you all and to learn about ways we can connect researchers with the information they're looking for."

- Amanda Izenstark, URI Librarian



Approximately
14,906
of linear feet
materials



More than
213,000
individual
publications



Over
24,015
public digital
items

Federal Depository Library Program

In 1895, the State Library officially became a member of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), which is administered by the US Government Publications Office (GPO) to provide free, ready, and permanent public access to government information. Currently, the State Library receives about a quarter of all materials distributed by the GPO annually. In addition to larger annual publications such as the US Congressional Series Set and US Census data, the State Library collects items of state and regional relevance as well as national significance.

Prior to her retirement, librarian Ann Teixeira's work focused on collection management including a shelf inventory and shelving project and identifying items for future conservation. Ann updated over 9,000 catalog records with digital access links to the US Government Publications Office and weeded outdated physical microfiche. Librarian Loretta M. Cimini was hired in December 2025 to manage the FDLP.



INCREASING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

Cataloging and Digitization

Cataloging

The ability to access information depends entirely on a well-maintained and organized collection, both on the shelves and in the catalog. Collection maintenance takes many different forms, from traditional cataloging of new materials, to reviewing the collection, to ensuring that the items on the shelves match what is in the catalog.

Digitization

The State Library is working to increase digital access to historic State publications through our digitization project. The digitization program was renewed in 2025 after being paused for several years. Our current focus remains the continued digitization of the Rhode Island Public Laws, Acts, & Resolves, however, we often digitize other titles by special request based on researcher need.

To ensure accuracy in editing and due to the complexity of imaging, all digitization work occurs in the State Library. In her role as Digitization Assistant, Myshara Whittington works primarily on imaging and editing the Rhode Island Public Laws, Acts, & Resolves. In the past year, Myshara completed scanning and editing of 2,694 items from 1982-1985.



2,711
New items
cataloged in 2025



2,694
RI Public Laws,
Acts, & Resolves
digitized and
cataloged

The Digitization Process

1

Photograph each page of a publication using a camera-mounted book scanner.

2

Export the image file to a pdf.

3

Edit the pdf to ensure that the text is accurate and readable at the highest standards for digital accessibility tools.

4

Export the file to internal server storage for long term digital file preservation.

5

Add the file to the Library catalog for public access.



INCREASING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

Improving Services

Visitor Experience

The Library undertook several initiatives to improve the visitor experience and create a more welcoming atmosphere.



Visitor Experience Improvements:

- A new entrance banner for the State Library
- An upgraded digital kiosk with improved site navigation and information
- Installing a display of the current state map of Rhode Island
- Reorganizing bulletin boards for open meetings
- New counter displays for handouts
- New signage for WiFi



Collection Maintenance

Librarians worked throughout the year to improve access to and preservation of the collection.



Collection Maintenance Improvements:

- Inventory and preservation of the General Laws of Rhode Island.
- Shelf maintenance.

Rhode Island State Library

Research, Engage, Empower

The Library encourages civic engagement by supporting public access to information related to the State and federal government.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Library was created in January 1852 by a joint Resolution under the purview of the Secretary of State. The Library moved into its current location in the Rhode Island State House in 1901, coinciding with the General Assembly's first legislative session in the new building.

First page of the Rhode Island Public Laws, 1750, the Library's oldest book.

How We Can Help You

- › Research Assistance
- › Legislative History
- › Legal Research
- › State House Information
- › Notary Services



The Rhode Island Linear display was gifted to the State by NASA. It includes particles of moon rocks and the State flag which accompanied astronauts during the Apollo 11 mission in 1969.

The Library building is decorated with sixteen gilded marks in gold leaf representing the logos of European printers from the 15-17th centuries.

Visitors Welcome!

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*
* Until the Rise of the House and Senate when in Session

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INCREASING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

Student Projects

Volunteering 190 hours of time, student interns began long-term projects to increase access to collections currently only available in print.

Indexing General Assembly Acts & Resolves, 1750-1816

Access to the oldest printed volumes in the State Library, the Rhode Island Acts and Resolves of the General Assembly, is limited because they are not indexed. In order to increase use and preservation of the fragile volumes, interns indexed details from General Assembly sessions from 1750-1778, including meeting date and location, attendance from elected representatives, and important topics of interest. They were able to indicate many legislative acts leading to the American Revolution, including reactions to the Stamp Act, the burning of the Gaspee, the Act of Renunciation, and the raising of Rhode Island military regiments.

Interns on this project included:

- Heaven Higginson is a junior at Rhode Island College and history major who completed her internship as part of the requirements for the Public History course curriculum.
- John Vaughan is a freshman at Rhode Island College and a secondary education history major. John's contributions to the project were in addition to his work as a State House tour guide.

Digitizing the Legislative Action Index, 1902-1989

One of the State Library's most valuable research resources is a physical card catalog maintained by librarians from 1902-1989 that provides the only access point to legislative actions in that period. Each card represents a single piece of legislation and includes the title, sponsors, and key dates related to its introduction, committee hearings, and votes.

Intern Megan Kelley tested the use of AI tools and traditional data entry to determine the most efficient and accurate method to digitize the cards and to document work processes for future volunteers. In addition to beta testing the project, Megan entered over 500 individual bills from 1989 into the database.

- Megan Kelley is a junior at the University of Rhode Island with a major in Economics and minor in Computer Science. She was assigned to the State Library as part of the Rhode Island State Government Intern Program in Fall 2025.



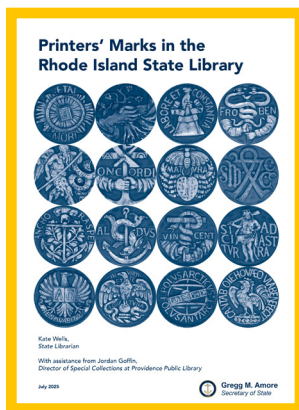


INCREASING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

Promoting Library Collections

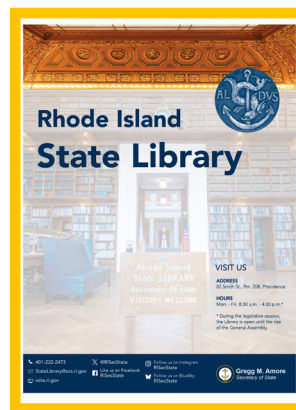
Librarians increased awareness of the State Library's history and collections through a variety of publications and small-scale library exhibits throughout the year.

State Library Publications



Printers' Marks

Kate Wells researched and wrote the essay "Printers' Marks in the Rhode Island State Library" in collaboration with Jordan Goffin, Director of Special Collections at Providence Public Library. The essay provides a printer biography and design information associated with each of the ornamental designs on the ceiling of the Library.



State Library Timeline

Kate Wells and Ann Teixeira collaborated to update a history of the State Library last compiled in 1982. This updated version includes notable achievements from the past forty years and includes additional contextual information about the work of the Library.



Exhibit at the State Library

A rotation of exhibits highlighted Library collections connecting visitors to legislative history.

- An exhibit celebrating the work of the first female elected representatives in the General Assembly was created in acknowledgement of Women's History Month.
- An exhibit highlighted braille books in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Some of the earliest volumes from the federal print collection were put on display during the 130th anniversary of the Federal Depository Library Program.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

130th Anniversary of the Federal Depository Library Program

Since 1895, the State Library has been a member of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), helping to ensure access to United States government public records. In 2025, we celebrated our 130th anniversary as members of the FDLP, as well as the role of government information in libraries as a tool for civic engagement, public trust, and an informed citizenry.



Through the FDLP, the US Government Publishing Office (GPO) provides free public access to US federal documents and resources. Serving as an FDLP member entails maintaining a physical collection of materials as well as, increasingly, helping library patrons navigate the vast collection of US government materials available online.

Visit from US GPO Superintendent of Documents

In early September the State Library hosted Scott Matheson, US GPO Superintendent of Documents. The visit included a presentation of an anniversary plaque from Mr. Matheson to Secretary Amore as well as a collection tour and meeting with Kate Wells and Ann Teixeira. This site visit provided a wonderful opportunity for librarians to learn more about upcoming changes to the FDLP as well as to show off our historic federal publications collection.

Anniversary Event

The State Library marked the membership anniversary on September 22, 2025 with a series of passionate speakers and an enthusiastic group of library supporters in attendance. The event was attended by over fifty guests and leaders from the library, archives, and cultural community. Hosted by Secretary Amore and State Librarian Kate Wells, speakers included US Senator Jack Reed, Lt. Governor Sabina Matos, General Treasurer James Diossa, RI Senator Mark McKenney, RI Representative David Morales, and Professor Wendy Schiller of Brown University. The slate of speakers celebrated the fundamental right of public access to information and the value of libraries in preserving and providing access to government information. In addition, the State Library recognized the twenty-five-year career and contributions of Federal Government Documents Librarian Ann Teixeira.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Library Programs

The State Library provides value far beyond its four walls and special collections. In order to fulfill its mission, the Librarians work diligently to expand access to information, increase information literacy, encourage use of the physical space, and collaborate with internal and external stakeholders.

Designated Grants

The State Library is statutorily responsible for administering several State designated grants to cultural heritage organizations in Rhode Island per RI General Law, Chapter 29-2. As appropriated in the FY2025 State budget, the State Library managed grants for the following organizations:

- Rhode Island Historical Society
- Rhode Island Council for the Humanities
- We The People Civics Challenge
- Rhode Island Black Heritage Society
- Newport Historical Society



MORE THAN

450

PEOPLE ATTENDED STATE
LIBRARY-SPONSORED
PROGRAMS IN 2025.

"Thank you again so much for hosting the THRIVE event with us yesterday. The celebration had a wonderful spirit that really highlighted how meaningful these grants are to RI organizations and the communities they serve. We're so grateful to count you as a partner and deeply appreciate your solidarity."

- Rhode Island Council for the Humanities



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

National Library Week

In celebration of National Library Week, a display in the State Library encouraged visitors to contribute their answers to several prompts related to their experiences with libraries, reading, and media literacy.

The State Library hosted Library Advocacy Day in collaboration with the Rhode Island Library Association on April 6, 2025. This event engaged legislators to support the Freedom to Read Bill and advocated for support of libraries in Rhode Island.



Civic Engagement and the Impact of Artificial Intelligence

Civic Engagement and the Impact of Artificial Intelligence, held on April 28, 2025, focused on the opportunities and challenges of generative artificial intelligence as a tool for public information. Featured panelists included Congressman Jim Langevin, Distinguished Chair of the Institute for Cybersecurity & Emerging Technologies at Rhode Island College; Jim Ludes, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at Salve Regina University; and Renee Hobbs, Professor at the Harrington School of Communication and Media at the University of Rhode Island. The conversation was moderated by Terrance Jackson, Director of Information Technology for the RI Department of State.

Civic Learning Week

State Librarian Kate Wells and Stacy DiCola, Director of Public Information, presented **Access & Advocacy** as part of Sunshine Week, a nonpartisan series of events that shines a light on the importance of public records and open government. The public workshop provided a demonstration of the State Library's resources to research State legislative history and a tutorial for how to register as lobbyists.





CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

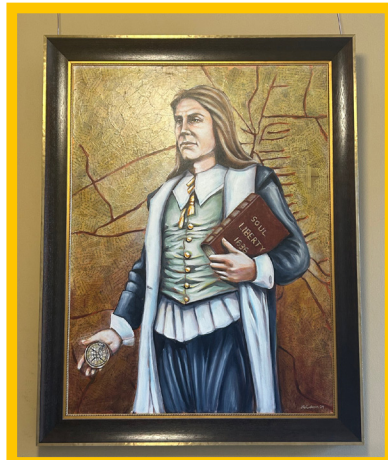
Civic Education & Engagement Division Support

The Librarians collaborate closely with the Civic Education & Engagement Division through support of programs and State House tours.



State House Tours

Librarian Ann Teixeira, continued to work closely with the Civic Education & Engagement Division as a docent for the tour program giving several tours per week to walk-in visitors, individual tour groups and a wide range of students, the General Assembly, and RI Department of State Summer Fellows.



Roger Williams Portrait

Secretary Amore commissioned and unveiled the portrait of Roger Williams by artist Jennifer Gillooly Cahoon in 2024. The portrait remained on display in the State Library through the end of June 2025 where it was viewed by over 2,500 visitors before it was installed as part of the permanent State House display of Rhode Island governors.



Spooky State House

The State Library is a key stop during the annual Halloween celebration hosted by the RI Department of State. Participating with a number of State offices, the State Library included a story time corner with Halloween stories and a Harry Potter sorting hat and selfie station. Approximately 135 people came through the Library during the event.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Lower-Level Gallery Exhibits

The Lower-Level Gallery was developed by Secretary Amore to provide an exhibition space for area artists, and to bring new and diverse audiences into the State House. The Gallery hosts multidisciplinary exhibits in partnership with community artists, curators, and local arts and cultural organizations.

In collaboration with Eileen Sweeney, Director of Community Outreach & Engagement, the State Librarian was responsible for the installation of two new exhibitions in 2025.



A Church in a Triangle: Race, Religion, and Power 1720-1850

The exhibit, A Church in a Triangle, on loan from the First Unitarian Church of Providence, opened on December 22, 2025 and will run through March 2026. Based on original research commissioned and published as part of the Church's 300th anniversary, the exhibit offers new insight into the relationship between Providence's white elite and the slave trade. In addition to artifacts and panels, the exhibit includes the painting *Do You Feel Like Shouting?* by Renée Elizabeth Neely-Tanner, the 2024 Artist Research Resident of the RISD Museum of Art and the 2023 Heimark Artist in Residence for the Ruth J. Simmons Center at Brown University.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Somos Rhode Island

Curated by Rhode Island Latino Arts, Somos Rhode Island was on display from September 2-November 28, 2025 in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Translating to "We Are Rhode Island," the exhibit featured thirty-one portraits by local artist Rene Gomez of Latino/a pioneers in Rhode Island. The exhibit included a number of elected officials, community activists, business owners, faith leaders, and civil rights advocates.

A reception hosted by Secretary Amore was attended by over eighty guests from the community. In addition, a school visit from students in Spanish classes at North Kingstown High School introduced over forty students to local RI Hispanic history.



"Thank you for giving us the chance to visit the exhibit. It was really meaningful to learn about the different people who make up our community. I especially appreciated how you explained the stories behind the exhibit; it made me think about how every person has a story worth sharing."

- Student visitor





CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Events held in the State Library

As an apolitical community space, the State Library provides event space to support civic education and civic involvement. It is often used for meetings, presentations, press conferences, and other events by various State offices and agencies as well as public organizations.

In 2025, a total of 104 events were held in the State Library attended by 4,636 people.

While the RI Department of State hosts the largest number of events in the State Library, each of the State executive offices, as well as a number of legislators, hosted events. In addition, 60 different community non-profit organizations and advocacy groups also held events in the State Library in 2025.



Some of those organizations included:

- American Cancer Society
- Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island
- Centro de Innovación Mujer Latina
- Children's Friend
- Economic Progress Institute
- Environmental Council of Rhode Island
- Generation Citizen
- National Education Association Rhode Island
- Paid Family Leave Coalition
- Project Green Schools
- Protect RI Healthcare Coalition
- Rhode Island Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
- Rhode Island Center for the Book
- RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Rhode Island Community Food Bank
- Rhode Island Council for the Humanities
- Rhode Island Library Association
- Save RIPTA Coalition
- United Way
- Women's Fund of Rhode Island

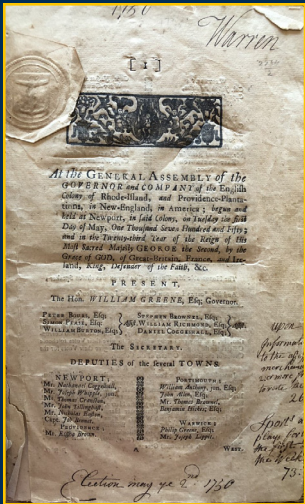


"We could not have had such a successful event without you-THANK YOU! We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout at our event. Social work students and practitioners across Rhode Island learned so much about the legislative process and key priority bills to the social work profession. The feedback from the event has been overwhelmingly positive. We hope to partner with you again soon! "

- National Social Workers, RI Chapter

BRIEF HISTORY

The Library was created by a joint resolution in January 1852, under the purview of the Secretary of State. The Library moved into its current location on the second floor of the Rhode Island State House in the spring of 1901, which coincided with the General Assembly's first legislative session in the new building. It is responsible for the State Publications Clearinghouse, accepts a quarter of the Federal Core Collection through the Federal Depository Library Program, and facilitates government transparency by providing legislative and governmental reference services.



The oldest book in the collection is the 1750 printed volume of the Rhode Island Acts & Resolves. This was the first year the laws were published and not written as a manuscript.

Did You Know?



There are only two State Capitol buildings in the US that include libraries – Rhode Island and Iowa.

We are a public library – anyone can come in to use the books and resources, but the materials don't circulate.

We have almost 3 miles of shelves to store collections in the Library and in the Sub-Basement of the State House. That's equivalent to the length of 39 football fields!



The ceiling design includes sixteen decorative elements that represent 15th and 16th century printer's marks.



The spiral staircases in the Library are made of iron but painted to look like mahogany to match the shelving cabinetry.



You can see a display of Moon Rocks collected from the Sea of Tranquility during the Apollo 11 mission in 1969.

