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Colorado Association of Libraries

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Massachusetts Library Association

# 2025 EveryLibrary

## IMPACT REPORT

### ***STANDING UP FOR LIBRARIES***

Massachusetts School Librarians Association

New Jersey School Librarians Association

New Mexico Rural Library Initiative

North Carolina Library Association



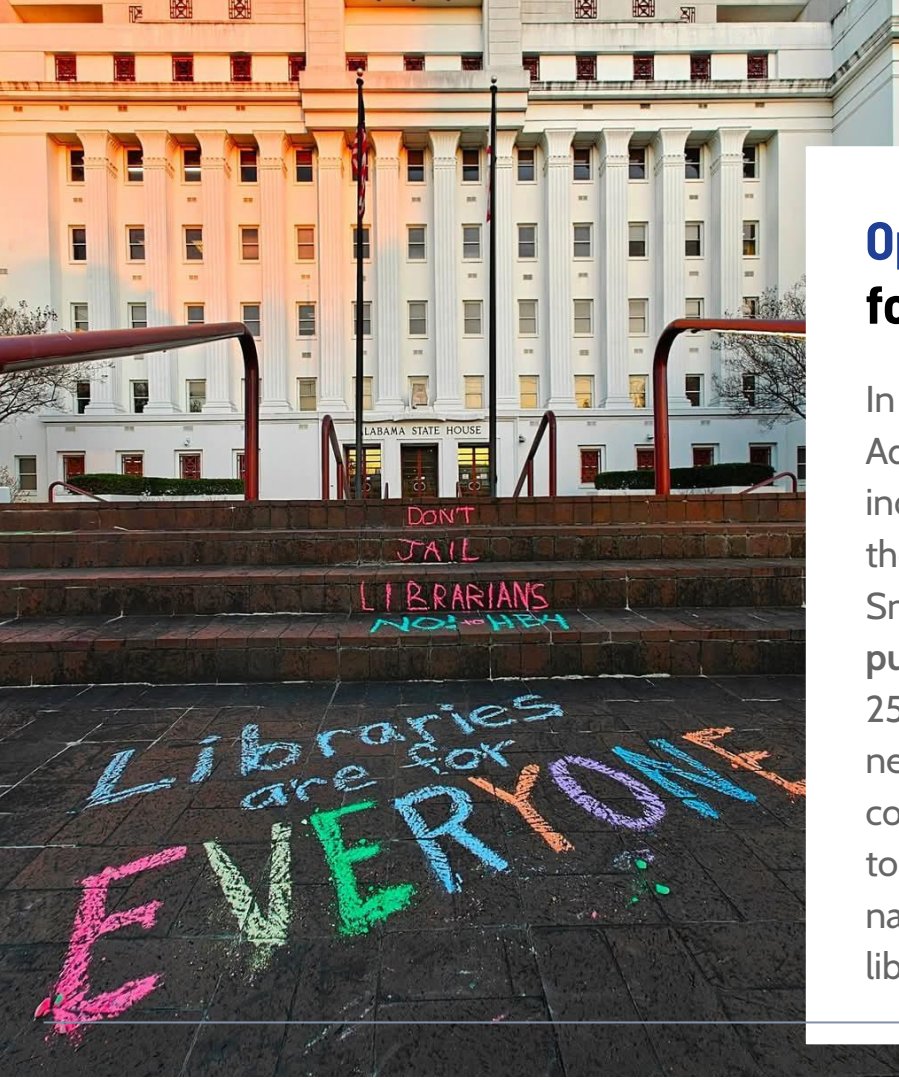
# WELCOME

The threats to libraries, librarians, and readers in 2025 included censorship, funding erosion, and unprecedented political interference. At the federal level, **President Trump ordered the closure** of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, fired the Librarian of Congress and the Archivist of the United States, and institutionalized censorship at Department of Defense K-12 schools and military academies. Across the States, **Texas criminalized librarianship**, Alabama instituted anti-LGBTQ collection rules, South Dakota nearly closed its state library, and the 5th Circuit said the First Amendment no longer applies in three states. Locally, school boards, library boards, and county commissions **continued to censor books and discriminate** against their own readers.





Despite all of those crises, EveryLibrary has helped bring about positive changes for libraries, librarians, and readers in 2025. We activated over half a million Americans to send messages to Congress opposing the Trump Project 2025 agenda, as well as to their state legislators and governors, urging them to protect libraries, safeguard reading, and restore funding. In Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, and Rhode Island, **we helped write, advance, and pass new right-to-read legislation.** In New Hampshire and North Dakota, we campaigned to **secure gubernatorial vetoes** of anti-access legislation. And, like we have since our founding in 2012, we helped libraries win new funding on local election days for collections, programs, services, staffing, and facilities.



## Opposing the Trump Project 2025 Agenda for Libraries, Archives, and Museums

In 2025, EveryLibrary led the national response to the Trump Administration's Project 2025 agenda, which targeted the independence of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the Smithsonian Institution. Through **rapid-response organizing, public education, and congressional engagement**, more than 250,000 Americans took action through the EveryLibrary network to oppose executive overreach and defend these cornerstone institutions. We connected federal threats directly to local consequences, helping communities understand how national policy decisions shape what happens in their schools, libraries, and cultural institutions.

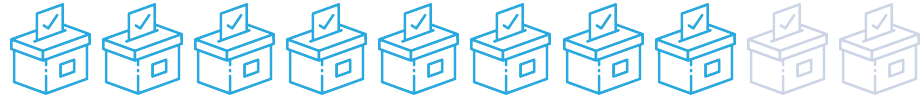


# 2025 BY THE NUMBERS

EveryLibrary was founded as the national 501c4 political action committee for libraries because we believe that effective advocacy needs a national infrastructure, not episodic campaigns.



## Election Days for Libraries - 2025



**10 ballot measures in 9 communities with 8 wins!**

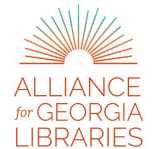
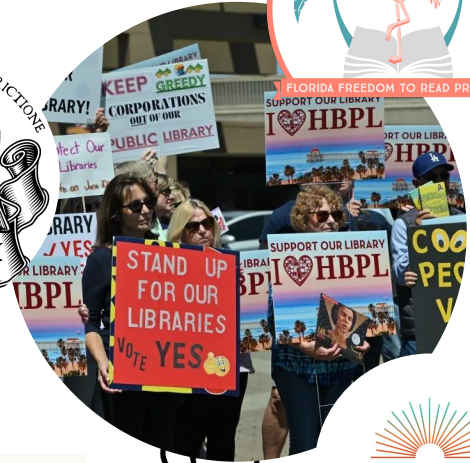
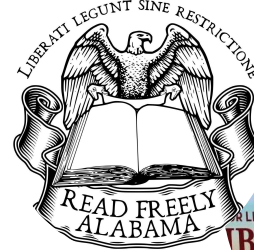
- Over \$3.8 million in new and renewed annual funding for library operations, collections, services, and staffing.
- A city-council imposed censorship panel is now null and void.
- A new library will be built!

Since 2012, we have helped 155 communities with their public library ballot measures. We win 85% of the campaigns and have helped secure over \$3 billion in stable tax money for these libraries.



## Defending the Rights of Readers

EveryLibrary led or supported campaigns in dozens of states to defeat book bans, prevent the criminalization of librarianship, and advance new Right to Read protections. We stopped some of the most harmful legislation of this generation while promoting positive policy reforms in several states. At the federal level, we mobilized Americans to defend the nation's library, archives, and museum infrastructure against political interference. Collectively, these efforts preserved access, protected civil rights, and reaffirmed the constitutional foundations of free expression.





# Fight for the First Campaigns to Return Censored Books to the Shelves



## 140

petitions in  
schools and public  
libraries



## 2,100

local organizers  
supported by our  
network



## 52,300

people have been  
activated for local  
campaigns



## 1,749

people attend  
in-person rallies  
and events



## 112,300

messages sent to  
boards, councils,  
and commissions



## National Voter File of Activists and Advocates

575,000 activists and advocates are now in our contact file. This is the largest list of everyday Americans who are activated and engaged about libraries, librarianship, and the right to read *anywhere*.

In 2025, we grew our network by 175,000 people!

We added 4,903 new personal donors and had a record fundraising year! In 2025, our average monthly donor gave \$8.30 a month, an increase from \$7.48 in 2024. Our average one-time donor made a \$73.81 gift, which is also up from \$55.60 last year.



### The 5 Sites that Make the Difference for Advocacy and Organizing success:

- Digital organizing - [Fight For The First](#)
- Coalition infrastructure - [National Library Alliance](#)
- Calls to Action - [Action.EveryLibrary.org](#)
- Issue Advocacy - [SaveSchoolLibrarians.org](#)
- Voter Engagement - [Libraries2025.org](#)

We provide scalable digital advocacy infrastructure to dozens of library stakeholder groups each year, free of charge.



## Growing the National Library Alliance

With 14 state organizations now online and active in the fight for the right to read, EveryLibrary is the only national partner providing a digital communications and advocacy backbone alongside fiscal sponsorship and consulting services.

### 2025 National Library Alliance Members

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# Building the Infrastructure of Advocacy

National Library Alliance Members receive tremendous support for their digital communication and activism, as well as frequent in-person consulting as they build their volunteer-run organizations. Being a part of the Alliance **jump-starts their organizing and accelerates their work**. Every group is offered the opportunity to take advantage of EveryLibrary and the EveryLibrary Institute's free ecosystem-building infrastructure.



**Every volunteer run state organization in the National Library Alliance receives free pro-bono resources to help them get moving and active fast:**

- Dedicated branded campaign websites with tech support
- Issue Briefs
- Email Campaigns to supporters
- Coalition Letters and Statements
- Coordinated advertising on social media
- Fundraising on FundLibraries.org
- Press and media relations support
- Fiscal Sponsorship / Fiscal Agent Services from the EveryLibrary Institute
- Storytelling on Medium

By building enduring alliances instead of one-off campaigns, EveryLibrary increased the sector's long-term capacity to defend libraries, influence policy, and safeguard our rights.

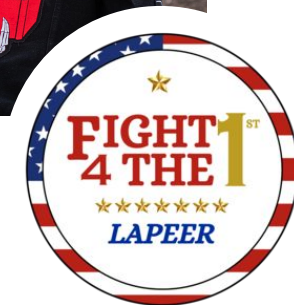


## Empowering Local Advocacy

At the heart of EveryLibrary's impact is our collaboration with local communities. In 2025, we delivered strategy, digital infrastructure, campaign coaching, and rapid-response support through **FightForTheFirst.org** to numerous grassroots right-to-read groups nationwide. This support empowered local leaders, often volunteers, to run professional-grade campaigns that could overcome well-funded opposition. Our model transforms community concern into lasting civic power for libraries, civil liberties, and civil rights.



Grassroots  
Movement





# State & Federal Legislation

## We helped pass **5 new Right to Read bills**

in Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island, and Nevada as the lead national partner for the state coalitions.

We helped secure **2 vetoes** of anti-access, pro-censorship legislation in North Dakota and New Hampshire as the lead partner to the state right to read coalitions.

**Over 130,000** Americans sent messages to Congress opposing President Trump's actions over the IMLS, Library of Congress, and National Archives.

With **133 bad bills in 21 states**, EveryLibrary was a key partner to 14 state right to read groups and a dozen state library associations on their opposition campaigns.

We are coalition partners on **5 new** or returning bills in Congress that would strengthen the right to read and the future of libraries.





## Expanding Our Cultural Advocacy

EveryLibrary expanded its national reach in 2025, achieving remarkable growth in public engagement, media visibility, and digital organizing. Hundreds of thousands of supporters participated in state and federal campaigns, while millions more were reached through library advocacy via media coverage, social platforms, and EveryLibrary programming. Through projects like **EveryLibrary Live!** and **Take Your Child to the Library Day** we connected tens of thousands of readers with authors and publishers, strengthening the culture of reading and shifting the public narrative about libraries and censorship.



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# LOOKING AHEAD

The coming year will be decisive. With the approach of the nation's 250th anniversary and impending Midterm Elections, the battles over culture, education, and free expression will intensify. **EveryLibrary will remain on the front lines** defending institutional independence, advancing new protections for readers, and expanding the movement that supports libraries. Our work in 2025 has positioned us to face these challenges with confidence and clarity.

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# JOIN THE MOVEMENT



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None of this progress is possible alone. EveryLibrary's wins are made possible by a national community of supporters, partners, authors, publishers, advocates, and donors who believe in the essential role of libraries in democracy. As the next year begins, we invite everyone who values access, freedom, and the right to read to stand with us. Together, we will continue building a future where libraries remain open, independent, and accessible to all.



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