The mission of the Connecticut State Library is to preserve and make accessible Connecticut’s history and heritage and to advance the development of library services statewide.

If the State Library goes away there will be no more:

- State Law Library
- State Archives (7.67 miles of records dating from 1631)
- Museum of Connecticut History
- Genealogy and Connecticut History Collection
- Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
- State Library Website with its unique resources on Connecticut
- Federal Documents Collection (over 1 million items)
- State Documents Collection (only complete print and electronic collection)
- Premier Research collections (nearly 1.3 million items)
- Connecticut Newspaper comprehensive statewide collection
- iCONN Databases
- Statewide Catalog/Interlibrary Loan
- State funding for the Connecticut Library Consortium
- Access to the state’s aerial surveys
- State Records Center and records management program
- Federal library funds (nearly $2 million annually)
- Transporting of library material between libraries (Connecticar Delivery Service)
- Free borrowing from any library in Connecticut (Connecticard Program)
- State Aid to Public Libraries
- Public Library Construction grant program
- Library Service Centers
- Training, consulting and professional resources for library staff statewide
- Public Library Statistics
- Large Print Book Collections
- Downloadable books
- Summer Reading resources and training
- Access to Legislative Histories
- Indexing for legislative materials and the Legislature’s website
- Access over 36,000 digitized images of Connecticut History
- Permanent public access to 12,000 existing and all future digital state publications
- Video archive for The Connecticut Network
- Publication of the Public Records of the State of Connecticut
- Historical Probate record books and files
- Historic Documents Preservation grant program
- Historical Programming in schools
- Resources for teachers such as “Connecticut Invents” (over 18,000 visits to this blog annually)

Who will be affected?

- Anyone using a public library
- Nearly 9,000 Blind and physically handicapped CT citizens who use LBPH
- Lawyers, law students, the self represented
- Students and teachers
- Librarians, Trustees, Friends of Libraries
- Genealogists
- Researchers
- State Agencies
- Legislators
- School children who visit the museum (18,000/yr)
- Judges
- Town Clerks
- Historical Societies
- Museum visitors (10,000/yr)
- Environmental engineers
- Department of Transportation federal funding

What is Lost?

- Access to government information
- The ability to freely use any library in the state
- The historical record of state and municipal government
- Cooperative resource sharing
- Oversight of public records
- The only library in the state serving the blind and physically handicapped
- Equitable statewide access to online resources through iCONN
- Training programs to keep library staff current on library services and issues
- The cost benefits of cooperative purchasing
- Ability for environmental impact reviews to be completed for federal funds
- Ability to complete commercial private phase one reviews for mortgages, land development