

Connecticut State Library

SERVICE AREA: THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

POPULATION SERVED: 3.6M+

» GOAL

With a mission to support and inspire researchers, students, historians, local and state governments, and all residents of Connecticut, the [Connecticut State Library \(CSL\)](#) was searching for a statewide ebook platform to underpin its “[eGO Program](#)”. CSL needed a system that was easy to use and accessible to all, able to accommodate existing digital collections in use at public libraries, did not lock them into acquiring content from just one provider, and could extend to other use cases in the future, such as supporting leisure reading throughout the state’s academic institutions.

» SOLUTION

CSL began using [The Palace Project](#) as the foundational software for the eGO Program in 2018. Available to all public libraries across the state, as well as academic libraries, the State Library has not only provided the platform for free but also built a robust collection of digital materials, including content sourced from Lyris and Baker and Taylor, that provides a much-needed supplement to local library collections feeling the pressures of increased demand for digital materials. Today, over 180 Connecticut libraries, ranging from public to academic, are live in Palace.

» IMPACT

With public libraries across the United States facing ever-increasing budgetary challenges, coupled with the continually growing usage of digital materials, the Connecticut State Library has been able to augment local library collections with Palace. CSL also launched its library in Palace, allowing any resident in the state who cannot take advantage of their local public library to easily create a barcode and gain access to digital materials without leaving the comfort of their homes.

Read more about how the Connecticut State Library is using Palace and the experience of other Palace partner libraries at thepalaceproject.org/partner-success-stories.