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STATE ARCHIVES PARTNERSHIP TRUST RECEIVES \$150,000 GRANT FROM THE ROBERT D.L. GARDINER FOUNDATION TO EXPAND *NEW YORK ARCHIVES* MAGAZINE FOR YOUNG READERS

Award-winning *New York Archives* Magazine is expanding to include a new *Jr!* educational insert and other related enhancements thanks to a \$150,000 grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation. The *Jr!* insert expands access to young New Yorkers and offers educators another tool for bringing primary sources into the classroom. Each issue contains learning activities specific to a local history story published in the quarterly magazine and geared to building historical thinking and civic literacy skills that meet 4th-7th grade curriculum standards. Each *Jr!* will be filled with fun regional facts, activities, and ideas for students to learn more about the history of their community.

New York Archives Magazine is the only education publication in circulation on New York State history written for a general audience as told through historical documents from around the state. Educators in search of student-friendly resources will find *New York Archives Jr!* available for free on *ConsidertheSourceNY.org* beginning in 2025.

“For over twenty years, *New York Archives* Magazine has served as the flagship publications of the New York State Archives Partnership Trust. This project is an effort to capture the imagination of the next generation of readers, making them aware of the diverse and rich history in their own communities, and the historical organizations that keep their local history alive,” said Stephen Pagano, President, APT Board of Directors.

“Teachers encourage students to make discoveries every day, and teaching with primary sources is an excellent way to spark discovery in the classroom. *New York Archives Jr.!* offers an engaging way to teach civics issues, broaden the historical narrative to include more voices from diverse audiences, and promote local history engagement through activities and connections to local historical organizations, said Dr. Kristi Fragnoli, APT Board Member and Professor of Education at College of St. Rose.



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The grant project also includes funding for *The Best of New York Archives Volume II, Selections from the Magazine 2012-2022* with an educator companion guide, and development of a regional tool kit for educators, students, and history organizations to contribute information to be included in *New York Archives Magazine* and the *Jr!* edition.

The [Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation](#), established in 1987, primarily supports the study of New York State history. Robert David Lion Gardiner was, until his death in August 2004, the 16th Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island, NY. The Gardiner Family and their descendants have owned Gardiner's Island since 1639, obtained as part of a royal grant from King Charles I of England. The Foundation is inspired by Robert David Lion Gardiner's personal passion for New York history.

[The New York State Archives Partnership Trust](#) is a statewide non-profit whose mission is to keep over 350 years of New York's rich documentary heritage within the New York State Archives accessible and alive through preservation, outreach, and education programs such as [ConsidertheSourceNY.org](#). The [New York State Archives](#) is the largest repository of state government records in the nation, holding over 250 million records of state and colonial governments dating back to the Dutch colonial period in 1630. The New York State Archives is a program of the New York State Education Department's Office of Cultural Education.

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