

The Director, George M. Cunha, formerly Chief Conservator at the Library of the Boston Athenaeum, is co-author of *The Conservation of Library Materials*, a manual and bibliography on the care, repair and restoration of library materials, and is co-editor of *Library and Archives Conservation*, the proceedings of the Boston Athenaeum's 1971 Seminar in the Application of Chemical and Physical Methods to the Conservation of Library and Archival Materials. He is Vice President-at-Large of the Guild of Book Workers and is a member of the International Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (IIC), the International Council of Museums, the American Institute for Conservation, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He is a member of the Library Binding Institute's Advisory Panel and serves on the Library Advisory Board of the Pilgrim Society.

Guardians of library and archival materials and works of art on paper who wish to utilize the services and facilities of this non-profit, tax exempt institution are invited to submit their inquiries to:

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*New England Document Conservation Center*  
*Merrimack Valley Textile Museum*  
*800 Massachusetts Avenue*  
*North Andover, Massachusetts 01845*  
*(Telephone 617-686-9669)*



\*The laws of the six New England states establishing the Interstate Library Compact are:

- Maine Rev. Stats. 27 Sec. 141-152
- New Hampshire Rev. Stats. Anno. 201-B Sec. 1-6
- Vermont Stats. Anno. T22, Sec. 21-32
- Massachusetts Anno. Laws 1963 C. 693
- Rhode Island General Laws 29-5, Sec. 1-6
- Connecticut Gen. Stats. 11-38-11-43

## *New England Document Conservation Center*

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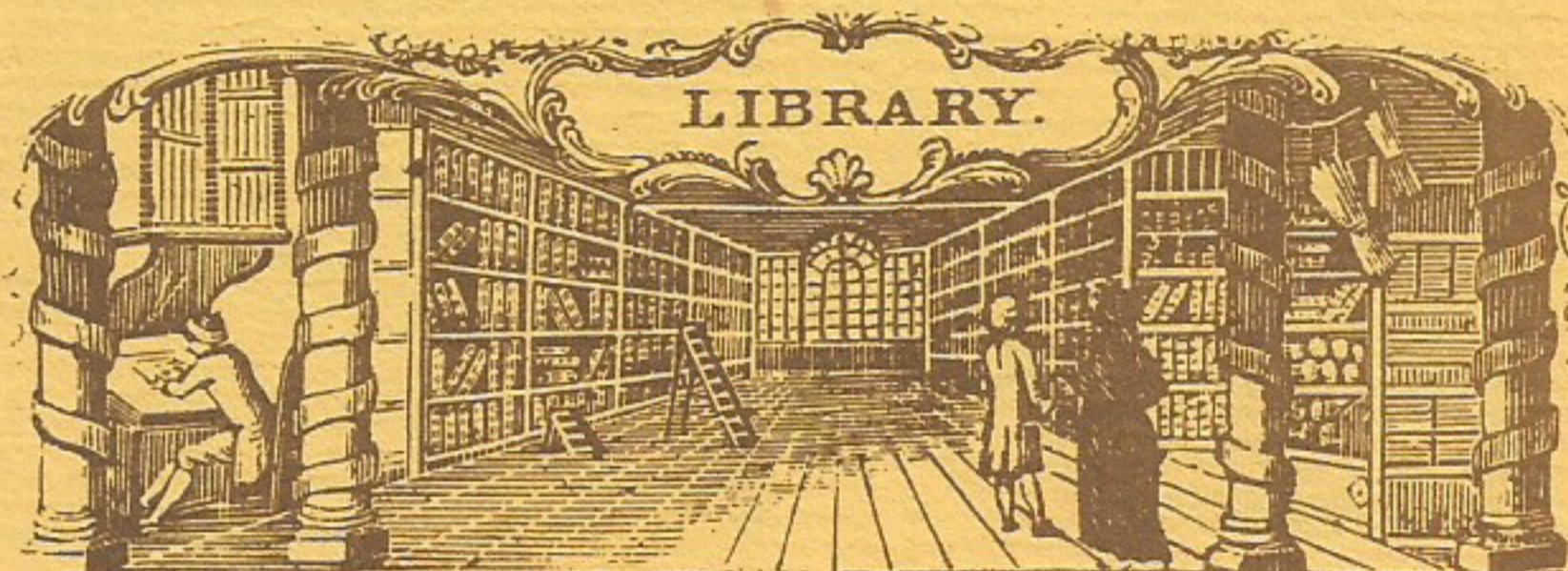
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"Because the desire for the services provided by libraries transcends governmental boundaries and can most effectively be satisfied by giving such services to communities and people regardless of jurisdictional lines, it is the policy of the states party to this compact to cooperate and share their responsibilities; to authorize cooperation and sharing with respect to those types of library facilities and services which can be more economically or efficiently developed and maintained on a cooperative basis, and to authorize cooperation and sharing among localities, states and others in providing joint or cooperative library services in areas where the distribution of population or of existing and potential library resources make the provision of library service on an interstate basis the most effective way of providing adequate and efficient service".

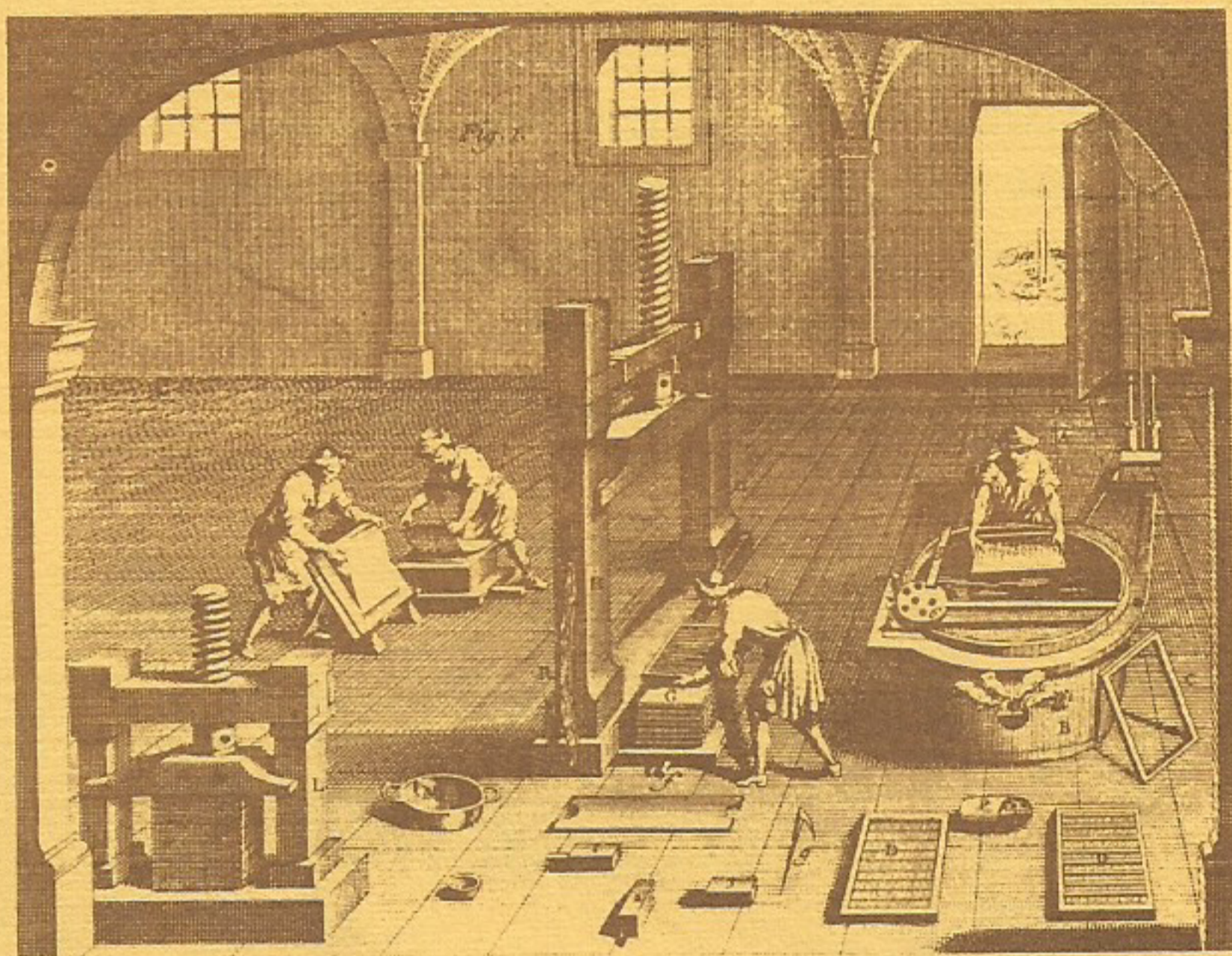
*(Article I, Interstate Library Compact)\**



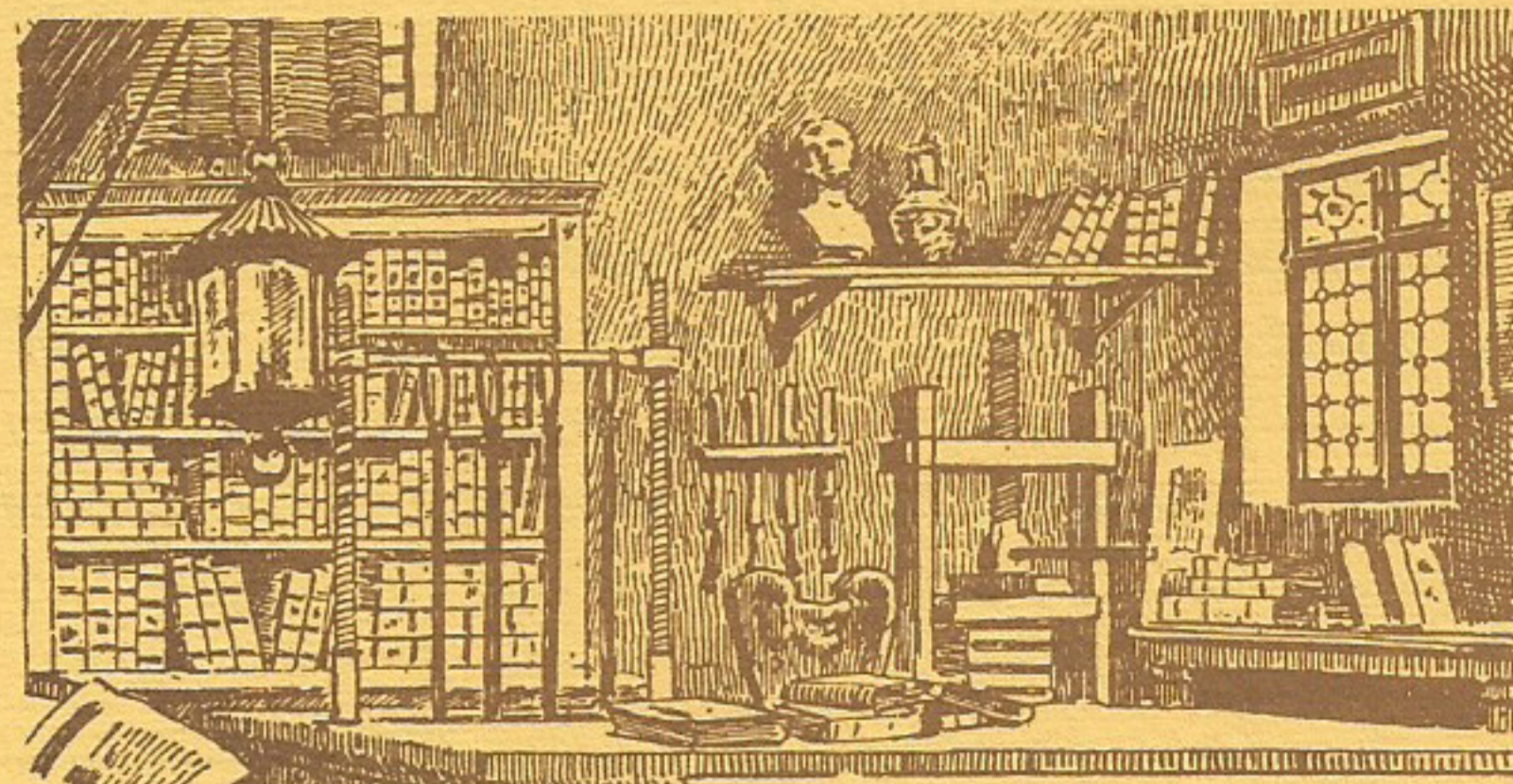
Every town, city and state record repository, every public or private library, archive and historical society in New England faces the problem of serious deterioration of its records. The administrators of the New England Interstate Library Compact, a political subdivision of the governments of the six states, have established a document conservation center to make available to public libraries, state and local archival agencies and participating non-profit historical, educational and cultural institutions on a cooperative basis the means for preserving, repairing and restoring at cost important or unique documentary materials. Documentary materials in this sense include, in addition to essential state and local records, books, prints, maps, manuscripts, broadsides and works of art on paper.

The New England Document Conservation Center is authorized by the terms of a library agreement subscribed to by the six Library Compact administrators\* and approved by the Attorneys General of each state. The government of the Center is vested in a Board of Trustees. The Director, appointed by the Board and charged with the operation of the Center under the Board's direction, is a non-voting member of the Board. An Advisory Committee, representing the users of the Center's services and facilities is expected to keep the Board advised of their point of view and provide constructive criticism of the activities of the Center.

The purpose of the Center is to administer and supervise a workshop with the necessary facilities



and staff to restore, preserve and maintain the physical condition of books, prints, maps, broadsides, manuscripts and similar documentary materials of historic, archival or cultural interest. At the discretion of the Board and as funds are available, the Center's programs will expand to include a laboratory to investigate materials and equipment and conduct studies and tests in order to develop methods to pro-



tect, preserve and maintain the integrity or improve the physical condition of such documentary materials; provide field inspection and consultation services to assist institutions to carry out conservation programs and render conservation services to them; conduct seminars, schools, workshops and other training aids for staffs of libraries and archives; publication of guides, manuals and information bulletins. However, in no event shall the cost of restoration of a document subsidize the foregoing or any other programs not an essential part of the restoration process.

The services and facilities of the Document Center are available to public libraries, state and local archival agencies and private non-profit historical, educational, and cultural institutions on an "at cost" basis. At cost is understood to be the sum of the costs of labor and materials used and a pro-rated share of the overhead charges involved in the operation of the Center. Others may avail themselves of the services and facilities of the Center on a "cost plus" basis. Cost plus is understood to be the sum of the labor and materials used, a pro-rated share of the overhead charges and a surcharge. These surcharges will be returned to the Center's operating account to reduce the overhead charges levied for its services. Funds may be deposited in advance for application against future services.