

Taming the Paper (and Electronic) Tiger—DORIS Accomplishments in 2025

"We took office with a simple promise: to 'Get Stuff Done,' and, four years later, our administration can say we delivered that every day for working-class New Yorkers," said **Mayor Adams**. "We drove shootings to record lows and pushed jobs and small businesses to record highs. We rewrote the playbook on homelessness and mental health to finally get New Yorkers living on our streets the help they need, and, after decades of half-measures, passed historic housing legislation to turn New York into a 'City of Yes.' We overhauled the way our students learn to read and do math, cut the cost of child care, and forgave medical debt. We eliminated taxes for low-income families, launched free universal after-school programming, and improved the management and accessibility of the city's government records. We got scaffolding off our buildings, trash bags off our streets, and opened up new public spaces for New Yorkers to enjoy. The haters may have doubted us, but the results are clear. On issue after issue, we brought common-sense leadership to create a safer, more affordable city, and our work has changed our city for the better; it will stand the test of time because we made New York City the best place to live and raise a family."

The Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) is closing the books on a successful year of improving the management and accessibility of City government's records. Looking ahead to 2026, DORIS will be transferring the records of Mayor Adams' achievements to the Municipal Archives and Library Divisions of the agency.

DORIS 2025 Highlights include:

- **Launched Exhibition Showcasing New Impressions of Colonial New York**

In January 2025, DORIS opened *New Visions of Old New York*, a collaborative exhibit with the New Amsterdam History Center's Mapping Early New York project. The exhibit included an interactive 3-D display of New Amsterdam and replicas of archival records showing the role of women, Native Americans and enslaved people in colonial New York.

- **Expanded Public Engagement**

Thousands of people joined the agency's popular *Lunch and Learn* book talks during the course of the year.

DORIS added entries to the online interactive [Honorary Street Name Map](#) that connects New Yorkers to biographical information on streets, intersections and other locations that have been co-named after notable people. To date, more than 4,000 entries have been completed.

The Municipal Archives published three archival collections on a crowd-sourcing transcription [site](#) to engage audiences and promote the collections including, Records of Slavery, 1949 death certificates, and the 1890 Police Census volumes.

- **Improved City Government's Records Management**

During 2025, DORIS assisted 29 City agencies with deployment of the Electronic Records Management System to apply retention periods to born digital records. By year's end, 177,402,432 born-digital city records were managed using the tool.

Records employees disposed of more than 72,000 boxes of obsolete hard-copy records, a 200 percent increase over the number approved for disposal in 2024.

- **Provided Reference Service and Increased Records Available to the Public**

Reference staff in the Archives and Library assisted 33,000 researchers during the year.

Library staff coordinated with agency representatives to add more than 16,000 city publications to the online library <https://www.nyc.gov/site/records/nyc-government-records/publications-portal.page>

"During 2025, with support from the Adams administration, DORIS made great strides in its mission to provide access to historical and contemporary records of New York City government, and to implement modern records management standards across City government," said **Commissioner Pauline Toole**.

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About the Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS): Established in 1977, the Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) preserves and provides public access to historical and contemporary records and information about New York City government. We operate the Municipal Archives, the Municipal Library, and the Records Center. Learn more at <https://www.nyc.gov/site/records/index.page>.