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TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Centerpiece Collections Celebrating 200 Years of the New York State Library

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

The State Library has identified 50 “Centerpiece Collections” which represent unique, rare and special materials in the Library’s collections. These collections will be the focus of exhibits (online and physical) as we move to the Library’s Bicentennial year in 2018.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For information.

Background Information

The New York State Library is working on activities to celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2018. Among the celebratory projects is a review of the Library’s 50 special/unique collections. These will form the basis for online exhibits and a series of descriptive cards featuring collection highlights. This will be a “hands-on” presentation. Gloves will be available and Regents will be invited to handle materials from five selected collections.