



# PRESERVING NATIONAL HISTORY

## How Interstate Logistics Relocated 84,000 Irreplaceable Archives Without a Single Loss

When one of the nation's largest federal institutions needed to relocate a portion of its archives, it wasn't just any move. The project involved over 84,000 boxes containing rare books, films, historical records, and copyrighted materials. Each box held items that couldn't be replaced, and every single one had to arrive safely at its new location. The entire move had to be completed in just 12 weeks, with no room for error.

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### CHALLENGES

This move came with a unique set of challenges. The materials were highly sensitive and had to be handled with extreme care. Everything needed to be tracked, cataloged, and transported securely. The facility itself, a 50,000-square-foot warehouse in Landover, Maryland, required an organized and carefully executed plan to avoid delays. The project also had to meet strict federal security protocols, and the team had to operate only during business hours. With so many moving parts, coordination and precision were critical.



### OBJECTIVES

The goal was to safely relocate the entire archive on time, with zero losses or damage. On top of that, the institution needed constant access to all materials during the transition, which meant nothing could be misplaced or packed away out of reach.



### CONCLUSION

Interstate Logistics partnered with the institution to design a detailed relocation plan and a custom labeling system that allowed full chain-of-custody tracking. A dedicated team of background-checked staff, many with federal clearances, worked in shifts to sort, pack, and move boxes with care. Three trucks and twenty team members were deployed daily. Fragile materials were custom packaged, scanned, and precisely shelved at the new location to preserve the archive's structure.

To ensure security, Interstate worked directly with the United States Capitol Police. Every truck was sealed and tracked, and all personnel were cleared and badged. Daily progress reports were sent to keep stakeholders informed.

After three months, the job was complete. All 84,000 boxes were delivered safely, on time, and within budget. Not a single item was lost or damaged. The custom labeling system created for the move is now a permanent part of the institution's operations—a lasting sign of the project's success and the trust Interstate earned.