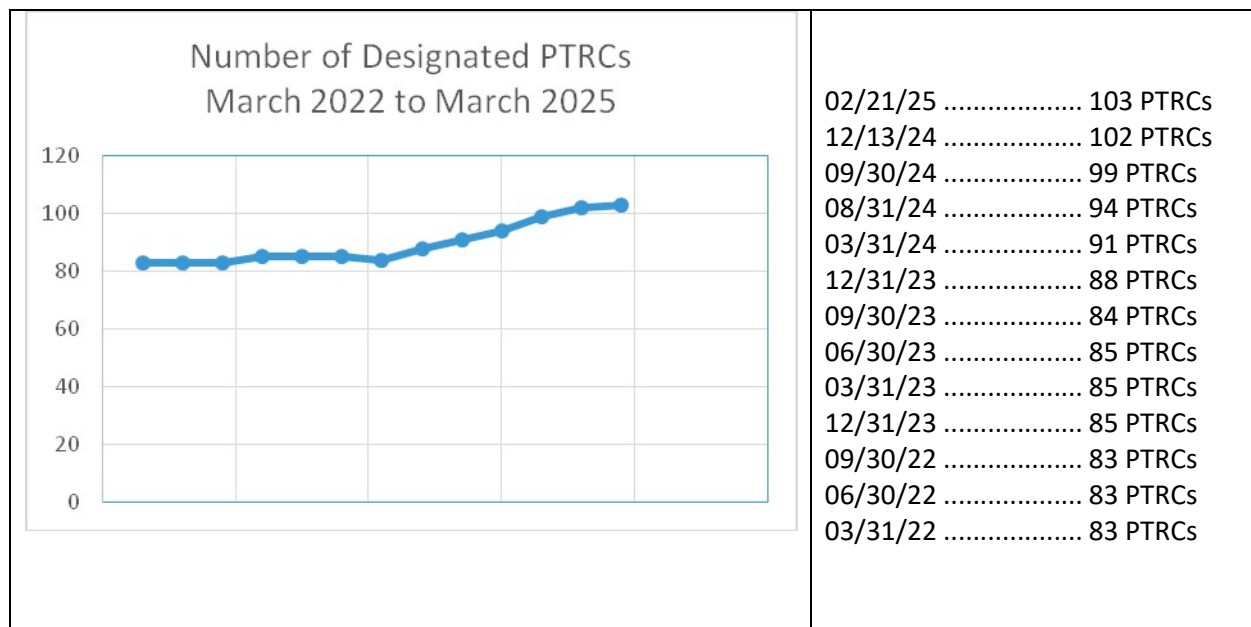


Report from the Patent and Trademark Resource Center Program (PTRCP) Manager, Spring 2025

Initiated under the leadership of former Director Kathi Vidal, 2025 saw the completion of a two-year expansion of the PTRC Program. For the first time in the Program’s history, the number of participating libraries now exceed 100, reflecting an expansion of more than 24%.



During this period the following twenty-six libraries were designated as PTRCs, including the first PTRC in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Recent designations are listed below with the most recently designated listed first:

1. University of Southern Mississippi Libraries, was designated by Acting Director Stewart on February 21, 2025.
2. Multnomah County Library (MCL) in Portland, Oregon was designated by director Vidal on December 13, 2024.
3. Oregon State University was designated by Director Vidal on November 27, 2024.

4. Tuskegee University was designated by Director Vidal on November 27, 2024.
5. The University of the Virgin Islands was designated by Director Vidal on November 26, 2024.
6. University of Texas at Arlington Libraries, was designated by Director Vidal on September 23, 2024.
7. University of Tennessee-Knoxville's John C. Hodges Library, was designated by Director Vidal on September 23, 2024.
8. University of Louisville's Kornhauser Health Sciences Library (KHSL), was designated by Director Vidal on September 16, 2024.
9. University of Texas Rio Grande Valley's University Library, Edinburg Campus, was designated by Director Vidal on September 16, 2024.
10. University of Texas Rio Grande Valley's University Library, Brownsville Campus, was designated by Director Vidal on September 16, 2024.
11. James Madison University, Rose Library, was designated by Director Vidal on June 24, 2024.
12. University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Frederick Douglass Library, was designated by Director Vidal on July 29, 2024.
13. Northern Arizona University, Cline Library, was designated by Director Vidal on June 5, 2024.
14. Mississippi State University, Mitchell Memorial Library, was designated by Director Vidal on April 5, 2024.
15. South Dakota State University, Hilton M. Briggs Library, was designated by Director Vidal on February 22, 2024.
16. St. John's University, University Libraries, was designated by Director Vidal on February 28, 2024.
17. The Ohio State University, The Ohio State University Libraries, was designated by Director Vidal on February 22, 2024.
18. Arizona State University, ASU Library, was designated by Director Vidal on January 22, 2024.
19. Northern State University, Beulah Williams Library, was designated by Director Vidal on December 14, 2023.
20. South Carolina State University, Miller F. Whittaker Library, was designated by Director Vidal on December 6, 2023.
21. Prairie View A&M University, John B. Coleman Library, was designated by Director Vidal on October 16, 2023.

22. Southern University and A&M College, John B. Cade Library, was designated by Director Vidal on October 12, 2023.
23. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia Tech University Libraries, was designated by Director Vidal on June 23, 2023.
24. Utah Tech University, Utah Tech University Library, was designated by Director Vidal on October 11, 2022.
25. University of Iowa, Lichtenberger Engineering Library, was designated by Director Vidal on October 11, 2022.
26. Georgia Southern University, Zach S. Henderson Library, was designated by Director Vidal on October 11, 2022.

It should be noted that a few institutions have also withdrawn from the Program in recent years—including Wright State University Libraries, Mesa County Public Library District, Northern Kentucky University's W. Frank Steely Library, University of Delaware Library, University of California, Riverside Libraries. Nonetheless, the overall vitality of the Program has remained strong, due in large part to the professionalism, collegiality and strong customer service orientation of the librarians who make up the national PTRC community.

Last year, the PTRC Program Office bid adieu to Christian Miner, who is now in a supervisory role with USPTO's Science and Technical Information Center (STIC), and to Spruce Fraser who retired at the end of February of this year after eight years of service to the PTRC Program and PTRC stewardship at St. Louis Public Library.

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