

## Report to the State Library Board

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This report is prepared bi-monthly in conjunction with the regular meetings of the Connecticut State Library Board. The report, which will be included in the minutes of the January 27, 2025 meeting of the Board, covers the period of November 26, 2024 through January 17, 2025.

### Office of the State Librarian

The **1662 Royal Charter** has returned to the State Library. Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) staff notified Lizette Pelletier on December 16<sup>th</sup> that the conservation and digitization work had been completed. Lizette, Jennifer Matos, Damon Munz, and Brittney Rankins travelled to North Andover, Massachusetts, to receive the document and escort it back to Connecticut on January 15. Prior to the return trip, NEDCC staff interviewed Lizette and Jenn about the history of the document, its historical context, and how the original and reproductions will be used for future exhibit and education for a promotional video. The Connecticut State Police again provided the transport security detail. Massachusetts State Police provided additional escorts until the convoy reached the state border. A commemoration event is being planned for early February to allow interested state officials and the public to view the original Charter for one day. Moving forward, the original now will be kept off public display and in its new fire resistive case where the enclosed environment will protect it for many more years to come. A 1:1 high resolution reproduction of the Charter post treatment will be displayed in the Museum in the historic oak frame carved by Hartford sculptor Albert Entress.

The State Library was asked to provide a special “Behind the Scenes” tour as an auction item supporting the work of *Connecticut Explored* magazine. On January 7, auction winner Kevin Salisbury and his family, of Southington, were given an in-depth look at the State Library & Supreme Court Building, including time in the Museum of Connecticut History, History & Genealogy Department, and the new Digitization & Digital Collection Services unit. This special look included the refreshed Museum exhibits, Probate Vault and Main Vault storage areas, and selected items from the State Archives collection including the first volume of the Connecticut Archives, the proposed First Twelve Amendments to the United States Constitution (also known as the Bill of Rights), military service records, maps, and photographs.

In partnership with the Department of Administrative Services’ (DAS) Bureau of Information Technology Solutions (BITS), the State Library has acquired and deployed three new large screen monitors/computers with built-in speaker systems. This new technology is portable and regularly situated in the Museum of Connecticut History, Office of the State Librarian, and Conference Room, greatly increasing the technological capacity for virtual/hybrid meetings and events at our main building.

## Unit Activities

### Partnerships and Community Engagement

Staff of the Connecticut Library for Accessible Books (CT LAB) conducted **six outreach sessions** during the period of November through the end of December 2024. These outreach visits reached 111 individuals. Highlights include a presentation at the National Federation of the Blind of Connecticut's annual conference, a presentation as part of a staff lunch and learn event at the Ferguson Library, and a visit to the Glastonbury Eye Openers (town of Glastonbury's low vision support group).

Starting with the November and December 2024 issue, CT LAB is now making an **audio version of the newsletter** available on the Division of Library Development's (DLD) YouTube Channel. The audio version is in addition to current formats of the newsletter, which include email, PDF, and HTML formats. The next issue of the newsletter is scheduled for release in early January 2025.

The **All CT Reads 2025** titles were announced in early December. As of January 2, 2025, all 12 books are available as discussion sets to borrow from MLSC ([Reserve All CT Reads Discussion Sets](#)) and one can [explore the All CT Reads website](#) for engagement resources like discussion questions, author videos, and book reviews for all titles.

**Libraries Without Borders**, spearheaded by Kym Powe and Ashley Sklar, continue the Libraries Without Borders US (LWB) Reimagining Library Outreach to Increase Community Access series continued with Session 6, Part 1 & 2: Social Media as Effective Awareness and Promotion Strategies and Session 7: Community Canvassing as Effective Awareness and Promotion Strategies.

This fall, DLD launched the brand-new [Growing Equitable Library Services \(GELS\) Grant](#). The GELS Grant is a six-month grant initiative to support libraries on their journey to providing equitable services in their community offering up to \$3,500 to principal public libraries. The inaugural grant award recipients will be officially announced in January.

In November the CT State Library and the outreach van were invited to attend the **Granby Children's Book Festival** which saw over a hundred attendees. Kym Powe attended the event and shared information about the CT State Library, public libraries, and an activity called the Mini Master of Library Science, where children who came to visit the van were taught about readers advisory, shelving, and circulation.

The CT State Library, in partnership with [Sparkler](#), is working to create **an early literacy-based training** that supports librarians as they work to embed early literacy skills into storytimes, and educate parents and caregivers. In addition to training, librarians will receive [a curriculum](#) that builds on the legacy of Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR), modernizing the program for today's librarians and today's families.

Barbara Ghilardi is part of the **State Data Coordinators' sub-committee** to advise the Institute of Museums and Library Services Public Library Services Survey on the addition of questions on counting meeting space usage, outreach vans/bookmobiles, and counting library visits at outlet level. This group met once in November and once in December to discuss possible additions and/or revisions to questions for the FY2026 data collection. Meetings will continue into 2025.

DLD continues to recruit academic sites to participate in the **Palace Project**. The Connecticut State Colleges & Universities System (CSCU) already has access to eGO CT and the Palace Project. In December we added two additional academic sites: Mitchell College and Fairfield University. There are a total of 177 sites sharing content from the Connecticut State Library through the Palace app in addition to the 173 school sites participating in the eGO CT Community Sharing Program. All school sites in Connecticut are now eligible to join this program.

eGO CT is once again supporting the **All CT Reads** program. Each of this year's titles have been added to the Palace app and an All CT Reads 2025 lane has been made available to all in the Palace Manager interface for each site.

Over the last two months, **visitation to the Museum of CT History** included 610 school children and 100 adults as part of scheduled school and adult groups. Patrick Smith presented outreach programs at two different elementary schools in Madison, CT, 140- third graders were in attendance. An adult "Connecticut Invents" program was presented to 20 senior citizens at an adult care facility in Glastonbury.

Planning is underway for the 2025 season of **Hiking Through History**. Patrick Smith is currently visiting and researching potential sites. The schedule for the season will be released in early March.

On December 18, Jennifer Matos gave a tour of the Museum of CT History to **Paul Lavoie, Chief Manufacturing Officer** for the State of Connecticut. Given the strength of the museum's collections related to industrial history, there is a natural synergy between the museum and the Office of Manufacturing.

Jennifer Matos was selected to serve as a Peer Reviewer for the **American Alliance of Museums' Accreditation program**. She spent several days at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in November 2024, reviewing and rating how well their operations align with the Core Standards for Museums. The visit afforded a rare opportunity to observe the inner workings of another state museum.

On December 17, 2024, the State Library awarded a total of \$267,500 in FY2025 **Historic Documents Preservation Program** Cycle 2 grants to 45 municipalities in the amounts of \$5,500, \$7,500, and \$10,500. Nicole Besseghir completed the processing of the grant applications, and the grants were then approved by LeAnn Power. Nicole then prepared the award letters and grant contracts, which were emailed to municipalities; the contracts are currently being executed and processed for fund disbursement.

Nicole Besseghir has been working with towns on **vault construction and renovation projects**, including projects for the Town of East Hartford, the Town of Farmington, the Town of Pomfret, the Town of Windsor Locks, the Town of Plainfield, Town of East Windsor, Town of Ledyard, Town of Darien, Town of Scotland, Town of Meriden, the Town of Bridgewater, the Town of Stonington and the Town of Preston.

Public Records staff inspected Infoshred, LLC, a records storage facility in East Windsor, CT, on January 10 to renew certification to provide **off-site records storage** for State of Connecticut records. Nicole Besseghir managed the review and inspection, which was also attended by

LeAnn Power and Joseph Duval, Fire & Life Safety Specialist from the Office of State Fire Marshal, who assisted Public Records staff as technical advisor.

Nicole Marino coordinated collaborative efforts between the Office of the Public Records Administrator, The State Archives, and 3 public agencies to successfully complete and approve the first batch of applications for permission to **digitize permanent or life of structure records** and dispose of original paper. These approved applications represent the culmination of efforts to help public agencies responsibly re-format long-term records to meet business needs and improve workflows in response to the digital work environment and growing space constraints across the state.

A patron has published [an article](#) about the **Hartland Turnpike in Suffield** on the historical society's website which includes special thanks to Susan Bigelow for her assistance with the related research.

As Regional Federal Documents Coordinator, Kris Abery consulted with Kate Wells at the Rhode Island State Library regarding the **Federal Depository Library Program**.

In November, Kris Abery also consulted with Alicia Kubas, Government Publishing Office (GPO), Abby McDermott (GPO), Todd Falkowski (Trinity), Christina Bleyer (Trinity), and Amy Harrell (Trinity) regarding **Trinity College's** continued participation in the Federal Depository Library Program.

On November 16, Kevin Johnson gave a **Jordan Freeman presentation** at the Oxford Historical Society, Oxford, Connecticut.

Mel Smith was interviewed by a student who is in a **library technology program** and was an intern at the State Archives at the Van Block facility. A wide range of library topics were discussed including the reflection of the vast changes in the field during the last two decades.

Work is progressing on the federally funded **Planning to Preserve Connecticut's Digital Government History Project**. Allen Ramsey, Project Director, on November 20 received notification from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) approving a no-cost extension for the grant until September 30, 2025. A new personal services agreement (PSA) for Mark Conrad, Information Management Consultant, was completed on November 26. This allowed Mark to continue his work on analyzing responses received from the request for information (RFI) into a report with recommendations for a secure digital preservation repository (SDPR).

## **Programs and Training**

Dawn La Valle and Chris Gauvreau presented at the American Library Association's **LibLearnX: Library Learning Experience**. Dawn presented Reimagining Community Engagement with Transformative, Creative, and Innovative Strategic Partnerships which highlighted three partnerships that have completely transformed community engagement in the state of Connecticut and beyond. DLD (Division of Library Development) partnered with The Futures School, The GIANT Room, and Libraries Without Border to create the foundation to make library experiences unique and meaningful for every CT community, highlighting diverse perspectives and experiences of community members, and bringing people together to engage with personal and global topics. These partnerships empower libraries to endlessly reflect, retool, and reimagine programs to meet their communities exactly where they are, and each of

these partnerships richly and uniquely demonstrate this awareness and innovation in their approaches. Dawn and Chris presented Initiating a Regional Digital Navigator Sharing Program Anchored by Multiple Libraries which addressed how the State Library, in collaboration with seven CT public libraries, is administering an Institute of Museum and Library Service National Leadership Grant to design and implement a replicable model for regional sharing of digital navigation services to low-income and underserved residents.

DLD hosted a two-part **Emerging Tech Trends in Libraries** workshops in late Fall, which are part of a longer technology series that goes into the Spring with presenter David Lee King; and a three-part learning series with The GIANT Room called Community Engagement through hands-on creative STEM building, writing, and collaborative publication. Other workshops held included Customer Service Tune-Up, two of the three new workshops in the Lead Your Library series on Evaluating the Director and Board and Effective Succession Planning for Your Organization, Principles of Great Flyer Design, Intro to Canva, Hands-On Legal Reference, Northstar Digital Literacy trainings, and Social Media Update for 2025: Enhancing Library Engagement. The annual Professional Development Survey was distributed to libraries in January to determine interests and training needs for the upcoming year.

In November of 2024 Kym Powe, along with the other Youth Consultants in New England, offered a **Teen Summit**. The free virtual event was open to library staff across New England and provided engaging sessions aimed at reimagining teen programs and engagement strategies.

After launching in early fall, **Towards Inclusive Accessibility in Libraries (TIAL)** held the first workshop in November titled, Using Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Solutions (IDEAS) to Foster a Welcoming Library with Dr. Clayton Copeland. In December, the CT Age Well Collaborative presented, Survey Results! Aging & Inclusion Training Needs to share the learnings and training needs gleaned from the October survey of the CT library community.

The Office of the Public Records Administrator continued the second annual **State Records Management Webinar Training Series**, with sessions presented by Elise Marzik on November 20 and December 13. Session 2: Records Retention Schedules & Disposition Procedures demonstrated procedures and requirements for disposition of state records, including use of retention schedules, and the process for obtaining disposition authorization to approximately 240 state employees. Session 3: State Records Center: Storage & Retrieval provided an overview of services offered by the State Records Center, as well as records storage policies and procedures to approximately 160 state employees representing a majority of Executive Branch state agencies. Each session of the ongoing monthly training series covers a different state records management topic.

Elise Marzik presented **records management training** at the CT State Community College (CSCC) Compliance Institute in New Britain on January 9. The approximate 50 attendees consisted of CSCC deans, CEOs, human resources, labor relations, and law enforcement.

On December 3, Susan Bigelow, Mel Smith, and Allen Ramsey gave the **annual “What’s new at the Connecticut State Library!” talk** to the Connecticut Professional Genealogist Council. Topics such as State Library personnel changes, new databases, digitization projects, newspapers, the new library website, and interesting new archival acquisitions for the year were presented.

The Attorney General's office requested a **legislative history training** for their interns, which was provided by Lindsay Cawley and Bryan Kohnen in a hybrid format, featuring both an in-person introduction to print resources as well as a virtual presentation of electronic resources.

In recognition of **Native American Heritage Month**, Kris Abery and Wafaa Razeq created a balcony display of state and federal publications related to Connecticut's indigenous tribes.

Nora Sawyer created a display celebrating **the birthday of the first State Librarian** James H. Trumbull and containing examples of his scholarship including writings on the State Constitution.

## Resource Updates

In November and December 2024, the Digitization and Digital Collection Services Unit **digitized over 4,000 pages** of State Library collection materials, including five volumes of historical Connecticut General Assembly proceedings transcripts from 1965 and 33 Connecticut state documents. Fifty-four digitized Connecticut state documents were added to the Connecticut Digital Archive for digital preservation and public access.

Additional newspapers digitized by the **Connecticut Digital Newspaper Project** for its sixth National Digital Newspaper Program grant cycle have been made available on the Library of Congress' Chronicling America database: [The Weekly Gazette \(East Hartford\), 1941-1942](#) and [The East Hartford Gazette, 1942-1949](#).

The Cataloging Unit has been reviewing all unassigned **digital inventory** of copies of State Library physical resources and, when available in Internet Archive or as a permanent link created by the United States Government Publications Office (USGPO), assigning the resource to the Internet Archive electronic collection or the USGPO electronic collection. During this reporting period Cataloging completed 1800 updates. Examples: *The life of Benjamin Franklin : with many choice anecdotes and admirable sayings of this great man, never before published by any of his biographers* / by M.L. Weems; stereotyped by L. Johnson.-Philadelphia, 1835. *The telephone: an account of the phenomena of electricity, magnetism, and sound, as involved in its action; with directions for making a speaking telephone* / by Prof. A.E. Dolbear, Tufts College. Boston, 1877.

The Cataloging Unit contributed 44 records to the **Name Authority Cooperative** (NACO) database. Noteworthy contributions included records for Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions and for the Artificial Intelligence consulting firm N1 Health.

Significant **USGPO titles** cataloged include the annually compiled *International perspectives on military education*. Marine Corps University Press, 2024-, and *Supreme Court term October 2023: a review of selected major rulings*. Congressional Research Service, 2024.

Significant **Connecticut State Documents** cataloged include *Report to the Aging Committee: Public Act 23-30 An Act Concerning Adult Day Care Centers* / Andrea Barton Reeves, JD, Department of Social Services. Office of Legislative Research, 2023. *Analysis and summary of Governor's FFY 24 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)*. Office of Fiscal Analysis, [2023]



The preliminary **Statistical Profile for CT Public Libraries' FY2024** data was sent to public library directors in mid-December. The final version was released the week of Jan 6<sup>th</sup> with a trends report to follow later in the month.

eGO CT continues to grow. There are now 350 school, public, and academic libraries accessing the **Connecticut State Library eBook collection**. There are currently 7,414 patrons actively using the Palace Project app.

In 2024, DLD purchased 12,603 new items for the **eGO CT** program and the Palace app for a total of 48,500 items that are now provided for free to public libraries, academics, and schools. Circulation more than doubled in calendar year 2024: 28,639 versus 12,320 in 2023.

Usage in **requestIT/fulfillment** for 2024 was 13,788 versus 12,832 in 2023. This is an increase of 956 lends (7% increase).

CT LAB (Connecticut Library for Accessible Books) conducted its **annual patron survey** in November and December 2024. Sixty-six CT LAB patrons completed the survey via web browser or telephone. The survey consisted of 12 questions. The survey results indicate that patrons believe that the level of service provided by CT LAB and its staff is excellent and that the resources provided by CT LAB improves patrons' overall quality of life. A few highlights from the survey follow: 95% of survey respondents rated the overall quality of CT LAB service as good or excellent; 94% of respondents reported that they were satisfied or very satisfied with their ability to communicate with CT LAB; and 97% of survey participants reported that using CT LAB services improves the overall quality of their lives.

William Anderson, in collaboration with the History and Genealogy unit, compiled a revision of the State Library's call **number designations for Connecticut towns**, town sections, and other local entities.

The Museum of CT History **acquired a new collection item**, a photograph book of The Arrow Electric Company, Hartford, CT c. 1920 with interior shots of all departments.

The Museum of CT History provided an **outgoing loan**, the official portrait of Gov. M. Jodi Rell, to the Office of Legislative Management on December 3, 2024, for the Governor's laying-in-state ceremony at the State Capitol. The portrait was displayed prominently at the event and provided guests with a visual by which to remember Connecticut's second female governor. An image of guests viewing the painting was included on the front page of the *Hartford Courant* the following day.

The **CT Freedom Trail quilts**, in the collection of the Museum of CT History, were reframed and put back on exhibit in December 2024. This concludes the museum renovation begun this summer, at which time the four quilts were removed from large and unwieldy conjoined frames in the middle of Memorial Hall. The new frames are made of lightweight steel and museum-grade plexiglass and are easily moveable. The quilts are now exhibited individually, rather than as a group, and are positioned in the four corners of the Hall.



Significant work has recently occurred in the Military section of the new **Small But Mighty exhibit**. Connecticut soldiers' personal items and souvenir artifacts have been added to both the platform and a new "Souvenirs of War" exhibit case. Objects and interpretation reflect CT soldiers' service experiences from the Spanish-American War through Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Museum of CT History team continues to **reorganize its storage areas** following conservator recommendations. A large wooden gun rack in place since the 1980s was dismantled and removed while smaller circular gun racks were purchased and installed to relocate the firearm collection to a less vulnerable storage area.

The Museum of CT History team applied for a \$10,000 **National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grant** for a "Textile Storage Improvements" project. Funds would allow the museum to purchase custom museum-quality rolled textile furniture unit to house 20 important flags and banners. The purchase of such equipment is an important step in improving storage conditions for textiles, a priority identified in the Collections Assessment Program report received in February 2024. Notice of grant award will occur in September 2024.

The Office of the Public Records Administrator issued revised agency specific **records retention schedules** for the Department of Transportation (DOT-02, effective 12/10/2024) and the Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC-01, effective 12/23/2024).

LeAnn Power and Cherie Miles processed 389 municipal and 283 state agency authorization forms for records disposals.

The **State Records Center** provides off-site inactive records storage for state agencies free of charge. Doug Yaeger and Mike Soltesz accessioned 375 cubic feet of agency records; deaccessioned 409 cubic feet; processed 146 reference requests; and processed 104 re-files and inter-files.

Thanks in large part to the efforts of Museum and Archives staff, Reference Services received a number of **dataloggers** to monitor temperature and humidity throughout the stacks. Kevin Johnson, Glenn Sherman, and Lindsay Cawley placed these devices on each floor in December with the intention to collect readings bimonthly.

Bryan Kohnen finished compiling all 828 public act legislative histories for the **1969 legislative session** and has uploaded them to the Connecticut Digital Archive for immediate public access.

Staff have finally been able to resume uploading large collections to the Connecticut Digital Archive. About 14,000 bill files spanning **seven legislative sessions** between 1946 and 1964 were uploaded by Asaf Aliev and scanning of prior years continues.

In December, 12 boxes of **U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs** for the 2021-2023 terms were delivered to the State Library. Thanks to efforts of Elizabeth Esquilin, Wafaa Razeq, and Eric Paiva the boxes are now on the balcony for processing. This delivery was the result of a collaborative effort with other depository libraries following a delay prompted by the Supreme Court's decision to no longer ship these physical items.

Elizabeth Swan has been busy scanning indexes for the **Joint Stock Companies** from the Secretary of State Articles of Incorporation collection. During the months of November and December Liz scanned boxes 53-87 which consist of volumes 109-178, adding a total of 68 volumes that span the years of 1922-1930.



More frequent space issues in the stacks have resulted in a concerted **effort to reorganize collections** in a meaningful way. Kris Abery worked with Susan Bigelow and Kevin Johnson on the relocation of 18 shelves of U.S. Treasury Department publications back to the federal documents collection on level 6B, which will enable Susan and Kevin to begin moving the Connecticut Town Documents collection down to level 2A. These are the first steps on the way to a major shifting of materials that must happen periodically as shelf space is filled.

The History & Genealogy Unit have resumed updating their blog, **The Nutmeg Navigator!** November's post highlighted the updates to the Connecticut Veterans Death Index, which consists of 116 card file drawers and is now available for viewing because of our ongoing scanning collaboration with FamilySearch. December's blog post highlighted our vast archival Picture Group #800, Postcard Collection. Featuring many postcards with festive wintery scenes, the post was inspired by a heightened forecast for snowfall just before the holiday season.

With the assistance of Eric Paiva and Elizabeth Esquilin, the Federal Documents program processed an incredible **4,662 discards** submitted by selective depository libraries in Connecticut and Rhode Island during November and December.

Sarah Morin, student interns, and volunteers processed 20.5 cubic feet (41 boxes) of the **New Haven County Court records**. They completed Superior Court judgments (civil case files), 1798-1819 (T, W), 1820-1839 (A-L) and Superior Court papers by subject category Executions 1800-1847. They identified approximately 13 cases involving Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Now that the new Digital Records Archivist is on board, scanning for ingest to the Connecticut Digital Archive (CTDA) should resume sometime in 2025. Sarah Morin published two blog entries, [Meet Our Student Interns and Volunteers! Part 6](#) and [New Haven County Court Records: Year in Review](#), as well as two Instagram posts, a [property dispute](#) involved in the Georgia Yazoo Land Scandal, and [sentences](#) for three men convicted of burglary during the 1760s and 1770s.

#### **Recent Archives Accessions include:**

- **Litchfield County Coroner** hearing transcripts, 1933-1937, 1.5 cubic feet (RG 003)
- **Litchfield County Supreme Court of Errors** files, 1929-1940, 2.5 cubic feet (RG 003)
- **Connecticut State Library** recruitment files and Work Study Program files, 1967-1990, 9 cubic feet (RG 012)

*The files are not open to the public per CGS 1-210(b).*

- **Connecticut State Library**, Fiscal Services records, 1948-1991, 5 cubic feet (RG 012)

*The bulk of the records consist of Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) grant records including but not limited to fiscal reports, plans, applications, correspondence, contracts, statements, memos, Federal Letters of Credit records, expenditure reports, annual programs, and audit reports. The remainder of the records consist of a folder on affirmative action, a folder on insurance recoveries, and folders on payroll memos sent and received.*

- **Emma A. Peck** Collection, 1869-2011, 0.25 cubic feet (RG 069:198)

*The collection consists of research materials related to Emma A. Peck. These materials include a copy of a photograph of "A Morning Paper," a painting by Emma A. Peck; correspondence from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, 2011; handwritten biographical information, exhibitions, and a list of works, on Peck; handwritten*

*biographical information and bibliography of Phineus P. Stanton/Staunton; photocopy of "History of Warsaw" by Andrew W Young; Smithsonian information on Peck's work; information from Report and Catalogue; Women's Department; The World's Exposition, 1884-1885; Ingham University; AskArt research; Hildy Cummings letter; newspaper clippings; genealogical research related to Elbert Eli Farman; and clippings related to the Stearns family, Warsaw, NY (1959- 2005).*

Brittney Rankins participated in various **software and hardware training events** for the Forensic Recovery of Evidence Device (FRED) and Connecticut Digital Archive (CTDA) records ingest workflows. Brittney will be well positioned when CTDA resumes regular records ingests.

### **Staff News**

DLD welcomed **Cathy Potter** to its team. Cathy will join Kym Powe and Abbey Lynch to reimagine Children's and Young Adult services, providing circulation, programming, and special projects and initiatives to benefit the CT library community and beyond. She is a librarian specializing in children's and young adult services with a background in circulation. She most recently accepted the Connecticut Library Association's Faith Hektoen Award for lifetime achievement in children's services.