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The State Librarian's Column

Kendall F. Wiggins
Connecticut State Librarian



Four Funerals and a Wedding (of sorts)

Spring brings with it a sense of change and renewal. This spring has brought more than its share of change to the Connecticut library community and most especially the many dedicated employees of the four Cooperative Library Service Units (CLSUs). For them it has been a time not just of change, but growing uncertainty.

At their annual meetings the four CLSUs voted to merge into the Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC). These annual meetings were the last and marked a major milestone in the history of library cooperation in Connecticut that dates back to the 1930's. Those attending the meetings experienced a wide range of emotions. There was the pride of past accomplishments, the sadness that comes with endings, the hope that comes with new beginnings, and the nervousness that comes with that uncertain period between endings and beginnings. The Cooperating Library Service Unit program was formally established as a state-wide program in 1975 and over the past 28 years has been extremely valuable to libraries of all types. This was clear from the speeches, photos and reminiscences that highlighted the various annual meetings.

Now comes the time to take a step into the future. The state's budget crisis has forced us to move forward more quickly than many would have liked. Instead of blaming the change on the budget, however, we need to acknowledge that change was inevitable and move forward. The CLC planning committee has been, deliberate, thoughtful, and careful in laying out the framework for the new organization.

Everything is now in place to move forward with the new CLC. Over the summer the new board of directors and a transition staff from each of the former CLSUs will begin to get the new CLC up and running. A new *continued*

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executive director needs to be found, permanent staff hired, and programs transitioned. The new organization will continue to be membership driven. But to be responsive to your needs the Board and staff will need your support by offering suggestions, volunteering on committees, and providing up-to-date contact information, news of library happenings and more. The months ahead will require patience and understanding on everyone's part. The challenge for the library community is to make the new CLC as relevant to libraries in the 21st century as the CLSUs were in the last quarter of the 20th century. I have confidence it will succeed.



CONNECTICARD hits the big 3-0 !

This year Connecticard celebrates its 30th birthday!

Created by an aggressive goal and dedication to improve library services, and authorized by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1973, Connecticard has proved over its long history that cooperative resource sharing works.

Over **76 MILLION ITEMS** have been loaned, directly, to out-of-town users with their hometown borrowers card. Connecticut can be proud that every public library participates in its reciprocal borrowing program - One of about 19 of its kind in the United States.

March 2003 began a new fiscal year for Connecticut libraries to report their monthly non- resident loans on the State Library's Connecticard website www.cslib.org/ccard. The passwords, ID's, and procedures for reporting have not changed. Any problems or questions, which come up during the reporting cycle, should be communicated to me as soon as possible. For new staff or directors needing information on entering the data, an informational booklet explaining the reporting procedure is available upon request. The State Regulations regarding this grant program appear on the State Library website at www.cslib.org/ccardreg.htm.

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State Aid to Public Libraries

Joanne Turschman, Library Specialist



Since 1967, the Connecticut State Library has annually provided direct financial aid to eligible public libraries to be used for “general library purposes”. The legislative appropriation, in accordance with sections 11-24b of the General Statutes, is distributed to principal public libraries to augment municipal support, and is in exchange for statistical data supplied by the library using Bibliostat Collect™.

This year, 158 libraries received a portion of the \$ 347,109 state allocation; the payment formula is determined by adding together a Base amount, Equalized amount, and Incentive amount, all calculated from the *Annual Survey* they complete in November. The money may be used to support all functions of the library, including the purchase of land or the construction, alteration or remodeling of buildings. In addition, state aid funds must be expended within two years of receipt, and libraries must certify that they provide equal access to library materials without charging individuals residing in the town for borrower cards or for use of the library’s basic collections and services.

For grant awards and further information on the State Aid program, visit the State Library web site at www.cslib.org/staidgr.htm or contact Joanne Turschman, State Data Coordinator, jturschman@cslib.org.

Twelve Years of State Aid

1992	\$ 719,900
1993	\$ 519,900
1994	\$ 538,620
1995	\$ 453,776
1996	\$ 453,776
1997	\$ 453,776
1998	\$ 453,776
1999	\$ 462,852
2000	\$ 462,852
2001	\$ 472,109
2002	\$ 447,109
2003	\$ 347,109



Law Unit Publishes Legal Research Index

The Connecticut State Library is pleased to announce the publication of *Index to Connecticut Special Acts, 1971-1987*. The 191-page soft-bound index was created by Law/Legislative Reference Indexer Cheryl B. Fox.

Compilation of indexes to special acts passed in legislative sessions from 1944 to the present is an ongoing project of the Law/Legislative Reference Unit of CSL. *Index to Connecticut Special Acts, 1971-1987* is the first of three volumes that will provide access to special acts passed from 1944 to 2003. In the past, researchers have had to consult approximately 50 separate indexes. Soon there will be just three indexes for the same period (1944-1969, 1971-1987 and 1988-2003).

Index to Connecticut Special Acts, 1971-1987 has been sent to Connecticut state depository libraries, Connecticut state agencies, federal agency libraries in Connecticut, and Connecticut law school and court libraries free of charge. Any other libraries or institutions may purchase the compilation for \$50.00, postage and handling included.

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Librarian Speaks On Colonial Governor Robert Treat

Richard Roberts, Unit Head, History and Genealogy

On January 28, 2003, Bonnie Linck, a librarian in the State Library's History & Genealogy Unit, gave a lunch hour presentation for the New Jersey Historical Society on Connecticut's colonial governor Robert Treat (1683-1698). Treat was the governor during the famous Charter Oak incident, and is thought to have had implicit knowledge of the plot to steal the Charter before Andros could remove it from the colony.

There was more to Treat than that, though, and Linck, in 17th-century costume, explained how Treat combined an exceptional peace-making personality with a talent for leading people. From his first position as a 16-year-old surveyor and tax collector in Milford, Robert Treat rose through local and colony offices to

become Governor of the Colony of Connecticut. Little-known is that he also founded and colonized Newark, NJ (1666-1672) and is revered there much as Thomas Hooker is in Hartford. "So many people like to research their colonial ancestors," says Linck. "The life of Robert Treat really touches on the everyday lives of their ancestors."

Linck's presentation on Treat was an offshoot of work for the CSL website, "Governors of Connecticut", found at www.cslib.org/gov/, which features biographies of the governors of Connecticut. The staff of the History and Genealogy Unit is in the process of creating short biographies for this site, for the use of students, historians, and the general public.

Connecticar Changes

Sharon Brettschneider, Director, Division of Library Development



Connecticar (circa 1975) in front of the Connecticut State Library

The Connecticut State Library began a new era in statewide delivery service on June 1, 2003. On that day, BeavEx, a private courier service from North Haven, and CSL began a partnership to improve Connecticar deliveries to public and academic libraries throughout the state. BeavEx will provide service to 118 libraries and the Connecticar staff will provide service to the remaining 105 libraries.

Connecticar delivery service, part of the State Library's Division of Library Development (DLD) was begun in the 1970's to support resource sharing among libraries. At that time, the state's public libraries began a reciprocal borrowing arrangement that allowed any citizen in the state to use his or her hometown library card in any public library statewide. Today, if a patron borrows an item, he or she can drop it off at any library and Connecticar will return it to the owning library. In addition, Connecticar supports statewide interlibrary loan. Currently, Connecticar delivers over 1.5 million items each year.

One of DLD's service goals is to provide next-business-day delivery for items placed on Connecticar. This partnership should move us closer to this goal. The majority of libraries will now receive 5-day-a-week service. All material coming in each afternoon is sorted for delivery on the next scheduled stop.

The most recent *Connecticar Guidelines and Procedures* and the new route numbers are on the State Library web page at: <http://www.cslib.org/ctcar.htm>.

The State Library began a new listserv as the source of communication about the delivery service. All public and academic libraries should have at least one staff person subscribing to this listserv.

To subscribe send a message to: imailsrv@list.state.ct.us

In the body of the message type: subscribe ccar Your first and last name

“In the Good Old Summer Time”



Carting Snow to the dump in the Park River - Blizzard 1888

*All but two of the following were selected from Picture Group No. 170, Connecticut Development Commission, 1945-1957, from the **State Archives**. The photographs were taken by staff and outside professional photographers and were meant to promote the state and its development.*

Remember When There Was Sunshine?



It's about the one that got away



Where's Annika?



Hope this one rolls



Who's team are you on anyway?



“Under the boardwalk, down by the sea”



“Row Row Row the boat”

And the Fun Continues...



Pedal Pushers



Ready, aim, fire



Hi Ho Silver and Away!



Location,



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Until Winter Comes Again...



Old Hartford Post Office Building looking West from State Street - Blizzard 1888

*Books Given to Connecticut State Library Are First from Fund Established
In Memory of Donna Siemiatkoski*

Richard C. Roberts, Unit Head, History & Genealogy



Dr. Rafford Kendall Wiggin Richard Roberts

In a short ceremony held on May 19, Janet Wallace, chair of the Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Acquisition Fund, and the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Rafford, President of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council (CPGC), presented new books valued at over \$1,000 to State Librarian Kendall Wiggin and History and Genealogy Unit Head Richard Roberts. The books include “how to” books, genealogies of Connecticut families, and an important gazetteer for researching family origins in Germany.

The Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Acquisition Fund was established by

CGPC in July 2001 to honor its founding President. Donna Siemiatkoski was also active in many other Connecticut genealogical and lineage societies. She received national recognition as a specialist in the families of ancient Windsor, Connecticut, and the Connecticut River Valley. Her many publications included books on the Ellsworth and Welles families, as well as monographs on the Spencer, Loomis, and Lyman families and on Connecticut’s early Welsh community. The Fund continues to accept contributions in honor or memory of genealogists and family members, or in support of Connecticut’s libraries, such as the State Library, with collections in genealogy and local history.

Donna Siemiatkoski was an active supporter of the State Library. She was a vocal leader of those in the state’s genealogical and historical community who worked to restore the Library’s Saturday hours, and when it became clear that the State Library and the State Archives had a space crisis, she organized genealogists to testify on the Library’s behalf. Her efforts ultimately helped lead to the procurement of the State Library’s Van Block Ave. offsite storage facility. She also served on the State Historical Records Advisory Board, chaired by State Archivist Mark Jones, and represented the genealogical community on CSL’s Newspaper Project Advisory Board.

CPGC, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year and which presently has over seventy members, continues to follow Donna Siemiatkoski’s lead in fostering excellence in Connecticut genealogical research and in supporting Connecticut’s primary genealogical repositories. CPGC supported the legislation that ultimately became Public Act No. 00-146, “An Act Concerning Real Estate Filings and the Preservation of Historic Documents” that now provides funding for grants for the preservation of historic town documents. CPGC also works with the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, the Public Records Administrator, and the State Registrar of Vital Records to improve communications and to standardize access to vital records; works closely with officials to maintain access and optimal conditions in research facilities; provides voluntary services on indexing and manuscript processing projects; and provides leadership for the New England Regional Genealogical Conference and other local genealogy societies.

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The State Library's History & Genealogy Unit maintains and provides access to comprehensive collections of materials on the history of Connecticut and its people in support of the Library's mission "to preserve and make accessible the records of Connecticut's history and heritage." Thousands of researchers from all over the country (almost 7,500 last year) visit the busy unit each year in search of information about the history of Connecticut and its diverse population. The staff assists a steady stream of genealogists (professional and amateur), historians, students, environmental researchers, state employees, attorneys, and others in search of historical information about our state and people in the wealth of family-related printed materials, history books, and newspapers. H&G staff also serve as the main reference staff for the State Archives. Full information on the collections and services of the History & Genealogy Unit is available at www.cslib.org/handg.htm.

This article incorporates information from a press release prepared by the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council.

Fifth Successful Workshop on Records Preservation Topics

Eunice G. DiBella, Public Records Administrator



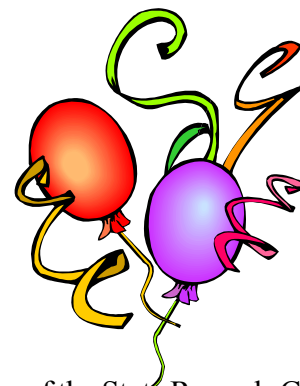
Dr. Mark Langemo, CRM

On June 11, 2003, The Connecticut State Library, Office of the Public Records Administrator sponsored a full day workshop entitled "Establishing and Managing Successful Records Management Programs." at the Holiday Inn in Cromwell Connecticut. The program was geared for Connecticut Town Clerks and other municipal officials. We had 77 attendees.

The speaker was Dr. Mark Langemo, CRM., who is Professor Emeritus in the College of Business and Public Administration at the University of North Dakota. He is a seminar leader, records consultant, and author of the new book *Winning Strategies for Successful Records Management Programs*. Dr. Langemo gave an informative and interesting presentation on records management topics that were relevant to the work and concerns of town clerks and municipal officials. His presentation was both entertaining and informative.

This was the fifth in a series educational workshops available to town clerks or their designees. It was funded through the Historic Document Preservation Account. Topics are geared towards historic preservation, conservation and records management.

CSL wishes well to...



Betty Anargiro

Betty Anargiro retired on June 1, 2003 after 18 years as a reliable and loyal employee of the State Records Center, Connecticut State Library. She maintained the files of the Records Center and monitored the destruction of state agency records, ensuring that they meet the legal retention requirements. Betty began her service in 1978 in the Circulation Department of the University of Connecticut Health Center Library.

Joan Connelly

Joan Connelly retired on June 1, 2003. She started at Connecticar in July of 1993. During her employment at Connecticar Joan performed the duties of several routes. For the past 4 years Joan was a driver on Connecticar Rte 3 which provided service to most Eastern CT. Libraries. Prior to her employment at Connecticar Joan worked for the state health department. She had 25 years of State Service.

Sylvia Gaber

Sylvia Gaber retired June 1, 2003 from the Willimantic and Middletown Service Centers where she worked as a Library Technical Assistant. During more than six years service she processed new books, assisted with de-accessioning of materials and willingly took on new projects as needed.

Carolyn Giliberto

Carolyn Giliberto retired June 1, 2003 from the Cataloging Unit as a Librarian. Her most recent project was as the key person in the Connecticut newspaper project, cataloging and inventorying several hundred titles and processing, classifying, barcoding and labeling several thousand reels of microfilm. She began her career at Connecticut State Library in 1971 as a Messenger and Supply Clerk. Over the years, she held progressively more responsible positions and served several terms as a member of the Connecticut State Library Automation Committee.

Lori Kardok

Lori Kardok retired on June 1, 2003. Lori worked at the Connecticut Commission on the Arts as an Executive Assistant for four Executive Directors during her 26 years of state service. Lori has the ability to connect with everyone that walks through the Commission's doors. Everyone loves her charming and caring way with each individual.

Howard Miller

Howard Miller retired June 1, 2003 as Museum Curator I from the Museum of Connecticut History where he had worked since 1992. He created the Connecticut Patent Database which contains over 24,000 records of Connecticut patents dating back to 1790. He is a member of the First Company Governor's Horse Guards. Mr. Miller served as a union steward for the Administrative & Residual Employees Union Local 4200-AFT/CFEPE, AFL-CIO.

Lois Mindek

Lois Mindek retired June 1, 2003 from the Willimantic Service Center where she worked as a Library Technical Assistant. During more than ten years of service she had responsibility for all circulation processes, identification and solution of bar coding problems, guidance of student workers, and assistance with major de-accessioning in addition to assisting patrons cheerfully and courteously.

Luis Paiva

Luis Paiva retired June 1, 2003 from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped after 22 years of dedicated service as a Messenger and Supply Clerk. His primary responsibility was the organization and repair of broken cassette talking books. Applying his wealth of experience and highly developed skills, Luis repaired over 5,000 talking books per year. He also maintained the supply of spare parts and assisted the library volunteers in the cassette tape inspection process. Luis has made significant contributions to the success of the library over the years and his dedication, superior work ethic, and pride of achievement is a shining example to all.

Al Palko

Al Palko, State Documents Librarian, retired April 1, 2003 after 26 years. He worked in the Government Information Services Unit. He was well-known throughout state offices for his tireless pursuit of 17 copies of each state publication slated for the Connecticut State Documents Depository program. He was a member of the State Homepage Advisory Committee which established the state portal, Ct.gov. Mr. Palko brought the inaugural Eastern State Documents Librarians Conference to Hartford. He participated in many professional associations and activities at the state, regional and national level.

Donald Pallanck

Don Pallanck retired on June 1, 2003. He started at Connecticut in 1989 and while there he was assigned to several different routes at Connecticut. He was also a sorter and the most recent route he covered was Rte 4 which was Connecticut's Fairfield County Route. Prior to his employment at Connecticut Donald was a Hartford Policeman. He retired from the Hartford P. D. in 1989.

David Peck

David Peck retired June 1, 2003 after 30 years of dedicated state service. He provided the library with human resources expertise as Personnel Officer II and later as a Principal Personnel Officer. In addition, he served as the agency's Affirmative Action Program Manager since October 1989 with fifteen successive approved submissions to the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

John Siswick

John Siswick retired June 1, 2003 from the Law & Legislative Reference Unit where he had worked for nine years as an Office Assistant. His duties included filing legal looseleaves; communicating with the vendors for the public photocopiers and microfilm reader-printers, maintaining the public photocopiers and microfilm reader-printers and assisting library patrons with the use of these machines. He also staffed the Circulation Desk on a rotational basis. Before coming to state service, Mr. Siswick had a long career at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft as a buyer in the Purchasing Department.

Derby Neck Library

Mary Louise Jensen, Building Consultant

On October 27, 2002, the renovated and expanded Derby Neck Library was dedicated. George Buchanan from New Haven was the architect.



Original Carnegie building on the left and 1972 addition on the right



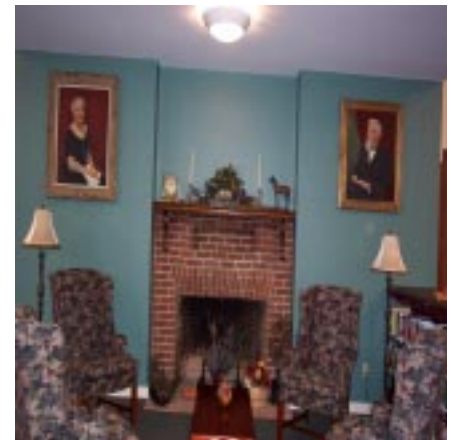
New addition in the back



Children's area

In 1897 Wilbur F. Osborne donated \$50.00 to start a library in the Derby Neck School. Ten years later a 1,500 square foot library was built with \$3,300.00 from Andrew Carnegie plus contributions from Wilbur F. Osborne and Frances Osborne Kellogg. In 1972 an addition was added to the original Carnegie building, enlarging the space to 6,581 square feet. The most recent addition to the building increased the space to 14,950 square feet. Funding for the latest addition came from the Kellogg and Osborne trust fund, private fundraising, \$32,000 Katherine Matthies Foundation for the children's room furnishing, and a \$500,000 State Public Library Construction Grant. The total cost of the project was approximately \$1.62 million

The addition created a handicapped accessible entrance off the parking lot and provided more space for children, young adults, adults, and staff workspace. The children's room is a cheerful room with good natural lighting. The children can climb



Quiet reading area (original building)

into a kiosk and read a book on a soft cushion. The original Carnegie building was restored to a reading area. Instead of holding meetings in the middle of the library, they can be held in a separate meeting room with a kitchen attached. The library has new attractive and noticeable signs.

Come see this library at the Libratects meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. People involved in the design and construction of the library will be available to answer questions.

First E-Branch Library in Connecticut

Mary Louise Jensen, Building Consultant



Michael Golrick

Mayor John Fabrizi

Kendall Wiggin

Kendall Wiggin, State Librarian; Michael Golrick, Bridgeport Library Director; and Bridgeport Mayor John Fabrizi attended the grand opening ceremony of the first library 3M information kiosk (e-branch) in Connecticut at the Trumbull Shopping Mall on June 17, 2003. Since many Bridgeport residents shop at the Mall, Bridgeport Public Library decided to locate the kiosk at this Mall.

The kiosk provides electronic resources to library and non-library users, people who do not own PCs and people for whom it is either not possible or not convenient to come to the public library. It increases the visibility of the public library as a dynamic provider of electronic information and increases the public's awareness of traditional library services. The kiosk provides access to the Bridgeport Public Library's homepage; subscription full-text periodical and information databases including iCONN; online catalog; and selected web-based resources on such topics as community information, local, state, and federal government information, employment opportunities, health and financial information.

This kiosk was partially funded with LSCA Title II grant funds awarded by the State Library. For information about the 3M e-branch library go to Library Systems at <http://cms.3m.com/cms/US/en/2-115/cerlRFW/view.jhtml> and click product information on the left column and then click e-branch library information on the right column.



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January 27, 2003 meeting

- Mollie Keller was elected as Vice-chairperson of the Connecticut State Library board. The seat was made vacant by the retirement of Edmund Sullivan.

March 24, 2003 meeting

- The State Librarian reported that plans were in place to have BeavEx take over some of the Connecticut routes on June 20. (See page 5.)
- The state public library construction grant timetable and guidelines 2003-2004 were approved

May 12, 2003 meeting

- The Board designated the new Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC) as the Cooperative Library Service unit (CLSU) for the entire state.
- The board passed resolutions honoring 10 retiring Connecticut State Library employees

For complete CSL Board Minutes go to: www.cslib.org/libbrd/index.htm.