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# The State Librarian's Column

Kendall F. Wiggin  
Connecticut State Librarian



This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Connecticut State Library and Supreme Court building. The construction of the State Library Building represented a significant investment by the people of Connecticut and it was a major milestone in the development of the State Library. The stately Beaux Arts style building made possible an expansion of the program of services to include collections in state history and political science, genealogical materials, Archives and public records, and Museum services. By the 1950's the State Library had outgrown the facility. The *Report of the Temporary Commission* in 1955 included a number of recommendations to address the growing inadequacies of the building and long term space needs. It would be another thirteen years until the next addition to the State Library.

Now as we approach the 150th anniversary of the organization of the State Library in 1854 and the Centennial of the State Library building it is again time to take action. In the intervening years the collections have continued to grow and now number over 5 million items. No longer able to house many collections within the confines of the State Library building, we will begin moving collections to a remote shelving facility early next year. Clearly this is an interim step while a longer-term solution is found.

While the scope of resources available in electronic format and over the Internet expands, the need for space to accommodate the growing number of computer workstations in the library escalates. In 1991 a comprehensive facilities plan was completed for the State Library. This September we received an update to that plan with projected space requirements for the next 20 years and an accounting of the present building's deficiencies and code violations. The consultants have suggested several building options, but deciding just what course to take will take additional planning and much soul searching over the next year. The decision that is made will have a profound impact on the future of the State Library. Over the past several years Connecticut has invested in its University, colleges and local schools. The time seems right to invest in our State Library, the most significant repository of primary source material on the history of Connecticut. Such an investment will pay great dividends for generations to come.

## Government Printing Office Budget Cuts

Nancy Peluso, Library Specialist



Francis J. Buckley, Superintendent of Documents, delineated how the Government Printing Office (GPO) will operate within a much reduced appropriation in an August 2000 letter addressed to administrators of the 1,330 libraries participating in the Federal Depository Library Program. He indicates that, "GPO will be obliged to curtail some traditional products and services... Therefore, we are implementing a policy on distribution to Federal depository libraries that will accelerate the transition to a primarily electronic program. This transition affects all 18 depository libraries in Connecticut including the State Library which serves as the Regional Depository Library for Connecticut and Rhode Island. As an operational guideline, U.S. Government publications will be furnished to Federal depository libraries solely in online electronic format unless:

- There is no online electronic version available from the publishing agency.
- The online version is incomplete.

- The online version is not recognized as official by the publishing agency.
- The online version is unreliable; e.g., the content is replaced or overwritten without notice.
- The tangible product is of significant reference value to most types of FDLP libraries.
- The online version poses a significant barrier to access; e.g., the product is very difficult to use, thus impeding access to data or content.
- The tangible product is intended to serve a special needs population; e.g., publications in Braille or large print.
- There is a legal requirement to distribute the product in tangible format.
- The costs associated with disseminating electronically exceed those for the tangible product, a situation that may arise with certain CD-ROM software licensing or fee-based online services.



Depository libraries can use excellent finding aids that have been developed by [GPO](#). Their list of [New Electronic Titles](#) is updated weekly. The [Browse Topics service](#) arranges U.S. government sites by subject, GPO continues to catalog electronic titles so hotlinks to those items are included in the [Connecticut State Library](#) catalog.

## CSL Is Looking For..

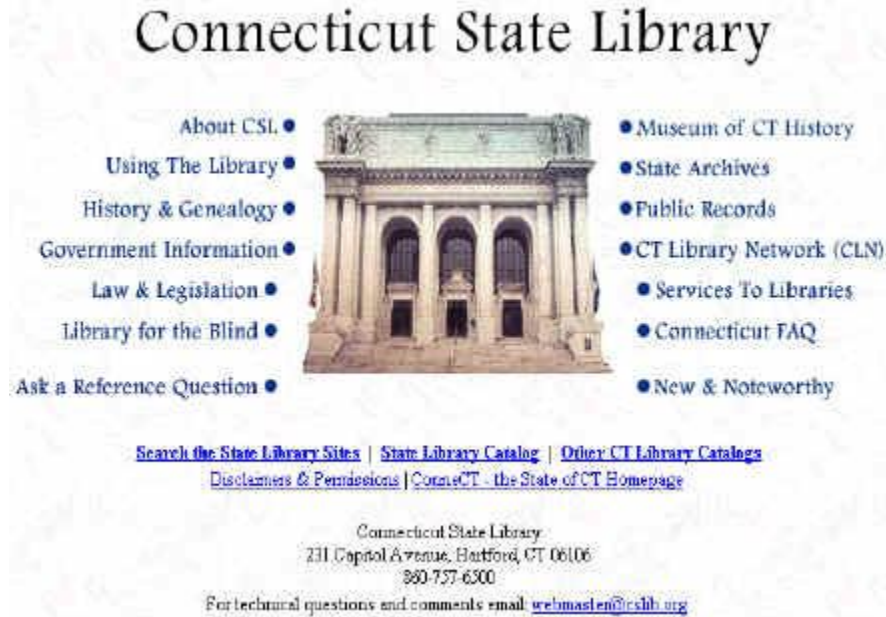
Although The Connecticut State Library maintains the most comprehensive collection of Connecticut Documents in the state, a number of volumes are missing. Most of these are specific editions from a series and from the nineteenth century, so they are not easy to acquire. If you want to weed your collections, or just help us fill out ours, we would very much appreciate receiving the items listed below.

1. Connecticut General Assembly. House of Representatives.  
*Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut Hartford* 1961, Part II; 1967, Part I
2. Connecticut General Assembly. Senate  
*Journal of the Senate of the State of Connecticut* 1987, Parts I, II, III
3. Connecticut  
*The Public Documents of the State of Connecticut* 1914, Vol. IV, Part 2
4. Connecticut  
*The Public Records of the State of Connecticut* Vol. III, 1780-1781; Vol. IV, 1782
5. Connecticut. Banking Commissioner  
*Report of the Banking Commissioner of the State of Connecticut, to the General Assembly* reports done between 1903 and 1910
6. Connecticut State Department of Education  
*Connecticut Laws Concerning Education* as of 1872, 1882, 1886, 1904

Please email or call [Al Palko](#) at 860.757.6573 for information about shipping or more information about the Connecticut Documents Depository Library Program.

# Transitions

In September, the State Library launched a completely revised homepage. The Library's previous website and its use were carefully reviewed and evaluated by the WebPage Committee, leading to the decision to reorder the page to reflect the way users approach the Library's information and services, rather than the hierarchical order previously used. Tell us what you think! Send your comments, reactions, and suggestions to [Lynne Newell](#).



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## In Memoriam



Roger Godfrey, longtime groundskeeper for the State Library/Supreme Court Building, passed away this fall. Roger's care and devotion to the grounds resulted in beautiful flower beds and immaculately trimmed and maintained trees, shrubs, and lawns. At one appropriations committee hearing during a budget crisis, a legislator suggested that perhaps the Library could reduce the size of its grounds crew to save money. They were all amazed to hear that the magnificent grounds were the work of one man. Roger and his work will live on in the memory of the State Library staff for a long time to come.



Leon Shatkin and Sharon Brettschneider

Leon Shatkin, the State Data Coordinator, retired from the Connecticut State Library in May. Leon compiled and reported statistical and narrative data on the state's libraries, administered the Connecticut card program and administered the state public library grants. For many years Leon also served as Director of the Interlibrary Loan Center. We are very pleased to announce that on October 2nd, Joanne Turschman assumed the position of State Data Coordinator. Joanne previously served as a library specialist in the Law and Legislative Unit at the State Library. She may be reached at 1-800-253-7412 or 860-566-2713.



# Aetna Volunteers Show They Care

Carol Taylor, Director, LBPH



Volunteers from Aetna

"The Way We Care Community By Community" was the theme of this year's United Way Community Campaign, Day of Caring IX, September 7, 2000. This program provides an opportunity for agencies to gain visibility and develop relationships with the corporate community. Corporate volunteers are given staff time off to assist with special projects in local agencies.

The Connecticut State Library, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) was again asked to participate in a partnership with corporate volunteers from Aetna. Lyn Tober, from Aetna's Rocky Hill office, coordinated the group of 17 wonderful volunteers from various Aetna facilities. Because LBPH has partnered with Aetna in the past, a few volunteers had worked with the library in previous years, but most were new. An overview of the program services was given to stress the value of the time and talents they were providing for the day. It was also hoped that they would become advocates of the program and promote it when they came across someone they felt could benefit from the special library services.

The many projects for the day consisted of: testing, cleaning and packaging cassette players; moving a portion of the cassette player stock to the State Records Center for temporary storage; replacing broken cassette book boxes; typing new box and cassette labels; organizing and weeding reference materials; sorting and shelving incoming surplus cassette books; entering patron book requests into the computer system; preparing packets of catalogs; inspecting returned cassette books; and helping to organize the Braille collection. When a project was completed, the volunteers enthusiastically asked for another assignment. So many projects were completed that the day could only be labeled "*a huge success*", thanks to Aetna and their wonderful employees!

*Connecticut State Library*  
Established 1854

## State Library Board Notes

The State Library Board held their regular meeting on September 25 at the State Library.

Chairman Ann Clark welcomed new Board member, Betty Sternberg, who is serving as the Commissioner of Education's designee. Ms. Sternberg is the Associate Commissioner of Education, Division of Teaching and Learning.

Sharon Brettschneider, Director of Library Development, reported that Valerie Harrod, director of the Durham Public Library is the new Chairperson of the Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development.

It was reported that the consulting firm Himmel and Wilson has been selected to study and evaluate the services and structures of the Division of Library Development (DLD) and the Cooperative Library Service Units (CLSUs) and their relationship with each other. They will have a series of focus groups around Connecticut and will be visiting the CLSU offices, CLSU Planning Committee as well as the State Library and its service centers. A final report will be presented to the State Library and CLSUs by February 15, 2001.

It was noted that the Friends of the Avon Library would be celebrating their 50th anniversary. The Board authorized a certificate to be presented by Board member Jack Short at the celebration on October 1, 2000.

Rich Kingston, Director of Administrative Services, reported that the State Library received budget reductions in the amount of \$106,000. The budget reductions were made by the state's Office of Policy and Management to keep overall state spending under the Constitutional budget cap. The major reductions for the State Library were in the book budget, the Connecticut Digital Library and the Commission on the Arts.

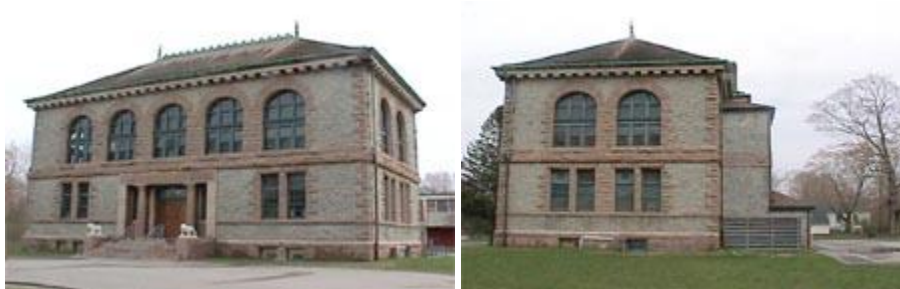
In other action the Board approved:

- the State Library Board's Advocacy Plan presented by Larry Kibner, Chair of the Advocacy Committee. The Advocacy Plan will serve as a working document intended to act as a guide for the Board.
- State Public Library construction Grant extensions for the Watertown Library Association for the Renovation of the Oakville Branch Library; the Cora J. Belden Library (Rocky Hill); and the Beardsley and Memorial Library (Winsted)
- appointment of the following individuals to the Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development for a term beginning October 1, 2000, and ending on September 30, 2002: Robert Hill (library user, Region 1), Marge Storrs (library user, Region 2), Dorothy Bognar (library user, Region 3), Kathy Golomb (library user, Region 4), Betsy Bray (medium public library), Cathy Denigris (large public library), Carol Gillespie (persons with disabilities), Pat Holloway (shared automation systems), and Sandy Brooks (Cooperating Library Services Units)
- closing all State Library facilities for an all staff development day on Wednesday, November 15.

## ODE: Opening Doors to Everyone

ODE is defined in the Merriam-Webster dictionary as a solemn lyric poem. The issue of accessibility is a very serious matter. Not only should libraries and other places of public accommodation be accessible because it is the right thing to do, they must be accessible because it is the law (Americans with Disabilities Act). Physical and programmatic access to the wealth of materials and information inside the library must be achieved before a library can truly serve everyone.

What about the lyrical aspects of ODE? Increasing accessibility for people with disabilities to places and programs is music to the participants of this project. Within the public library community, services range from the artful addition of an elevator to the historic Wheeler Library in North Stonington to a signed story hour for children with hearing impairments at the Stratford Library.



Wheeler Library in North Stonington made modifications to allow for access without detracting from the historical structure and design of the building partially funded with a State Public Library Construction Grant . Picture on right shows addition of an elevator to the back of the building.

The Connecticut State Library has two programs that support accessibility. State Public Library Construction Grants fund structural changes while Adaptive Technology Grants fund accessibility to library services. Many libraries have taken advantage of the opportunity to improve accessibility for patrons with disabilities. The Saxton B. Little Library in Columbia is one example, having recently been awarded a grant to purchase

adjustable computer workstations and equipment to make its computer resources more accessible to persons with visual impairments. This year requests for Adaptive Technology Grants exceeded the availability of grant funds. The Connecticut State Library has shown significant leadership in its recognition of the importance of providing assistive technology to meet the needs of all patrons and in its initiative to fund these projects. For further information, contact [Gretchen Knauff](#), Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, phone: 297-4342 or [Carol Magliocco](#), Assistive Technology Training Center, 486-5076.

### *Some thoughts on Library Accessibility*

Does your library:

- Provide handicapped parking near an accessible entrance?
- Have signage to indicate accessible entrances and elements?
- Maintain 36" aisles between the stacks?
- Provide computer workstations that are usable by all patrons?
- Conduct workshops/classes/training in locations that are accessible to patrons with physical disabilities?

**If your library is not accessible to patrons with disabilities, do you provide services in an alternative manner?**

## **Amariah M. Hills: Connecticut's Lawn Mower Man**

David J. Corrigan, Museum Curator



The Museum of Connecticut History recently acquired one of the first reel-type lawn mowers invented by Amariah M. Hills and patented by him on January 28, 1868. With earlier models cutting was achieved by the side-to-side shearing action of a blade similar to that of a modern electric hedge trimmer. Hills' lawn mower featured "a spiral-bladed cutter" which was geared to two large cast-iron rollers and rotated as the mower was pushed forward cutting the grass as the spiral blade revolved against a stationary cutter bar.

Hills' lawn mower satisfied the burgeoning need of American homeowners for an easily-operated, efficient machine to keep their newly-created suburban lawns neatly trimmed. The ideal of a house surrounded by an expanse of green lawn was just beginning to take hold of the American psyche. Until supplanted by gas-powered rotary lawn mowers, the ritual mowing of lawns was accomplished with a reel-type mower and typically propelled by a less-than-enthusiastic adolescent.

Amariah M. Hills (1820-1897) was born in East Hartford and at age 16 was apprenticed to the Hartford silver shop of James F. and Henry Pitkin. By 1841 he was working in New York City and, in 1846, started a watch case manufacturing company which proved to be a very successful enterprise. In his most profitable year Hills sold \$60,000 worth of cases. In 1861 Hills sold out, returned home and began developing his ideas for a lawn mower. By 1867, he had 480 lawn mowers made at the Curtis silverplate factory in Glastonbury. The following year Edgar Brewer of Hartford and Henry S. Sawyer of Derby formed a partnership to market Hills' patented lawn mowers and contracted with Landers, Frary & Clark of New Britain to manufacture 2500 mowers. Through Brewer's efforts, sales reached nearly \$100,000 the first year.



In 1871 the Hills' Archimedean Lawn Mower Co., headed by Caleb M. Talcott of Hartford, was formed, capitalized at \$400,000 and headquartered at Edgar Brewer's saddlery shop at 5 Central Row. The Museum's lawn mower is dated 1875 and also bears the date of Hills' patent and the serial number "65". The Hills' Archimedean Lawn Mower Company's "Charter Oak" model was advertised as so light and simple to run that even a young woman could operate it.



*Trade card showing the Charter Oak lawn mower, c. 1875.*

*Courtesy of James B. Ricci*

From 1884 to 1886 Hills' Archimedean Lawn Mowers were manufactured in space rented in the West Armory of Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company. By 1891 the company's capitalization had shrunk to \$20,000 and its demise occurred the next year. Amariah M. Hills apparently sold his patent rights to the company in the 1870s and lived quietly in East Hartford, occupying himself with mechanical experiments in his work shop, until his death in 1897.

## Remembering One Connecticut War Casualty

Mark Jones, State Archivist



The caller began, "I think I have some historical documents." She explained that she had purchased a photographic portrait of an unidentified elderly man at a local yard sale in order to use the frame. Upon taking the image out of the frame, she had discovered three documents pertaining to the World War I service record of Harold Benjamin Irsh. They stated that Irsh had lived in Hartford and had died as a member of the United States Coast Guard. The caller related her unsuccessful genealogical search for Irsh relatives in the United States and asked whether the documents were of interest to CSL.

Thus began the search for the identity of Harold Benjamin Irsh. CSL contains valuable resources pertaining to those who served in the War To End All Wars. Three volumes of *Service Records; Connecticut Men and Women in the Armed Forces of the United States*

*During World War 1917-1920* is a starting point. Irsh enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on March 18, 1918, when he was almost twenty-one years old. On September 26, 1918, he "Drowned in Foreign Waters" aboard the Coast Guard Cutter *Tampa*.

From two sources, I learned that on the evening of September 26, 1918, the cutter *Tampa* was making its way to the port of Milford Havens, Wales, having completed its primary function to escort convoys from Gibraltar to Great Britain. At 8:45 pm, the convoy heard a loud explosion. During the next day, a search patrol found enough wreckage of the *Tampa* to list her as sunk, with one hundred-fifteen aboard, 111 of whom were members of the Coast Guard. A message was sent to the U. S. from the British Admiralty.

*"Their Lordships desire me to express their deep regret at the loss of the U.S.S. Tampa. Her record since she has been employed in European waters as an ocean escort has been remarkable. She has acted in the capacity of ocean escort to no less than 18 convoys from Gibraltar comprising 350 vessels, with a loss of only two ships through enemy action. The commanders of the convoys have recognized the ability with which the Tampa carried out her duties of ocean escort. Appreciation of the good work done by the U.S.S. Tampa may be some consolation to those bereft and their Lordships would be glad if this could be conveyed to those concerned."*

Meanwhile, the search for Irsh had hit a dead end. City Directories for Hartford did not list the Irshes as residents after the war. Then a package came from the original caller with the three documents she had found. One of them was a Certificate of Service for Petty Officer 2nd. C. Harold Benjamin Irsh issued by the State Library's Department of War Records. Created by an act of the legislature in 1917, this department sent out

hundreds of certificates and maintained a surname card file of veterans. The card file indicated that the Irshes lived in Buckland, Connecticut.

In 1919, the Department of War Records sent out a five-page Military Service Record Form to known veterans and/or their families, promising that those completed and returned would be filed in the State Library as a "permanent memorial" to the World War veterans.<sup>1</sup> Harold Irsh's mother completed the form in October indicating that Harold was single and had worked as a machinist at the Terry Steam Turbine Co. in Hartford. Less than two months after enlisting, he was serving aboard the *Tampa* as a Fireman, 2nd Petty Officer.

The Department of War Records urged persons completing the form to send in a photograph, and in October 1919, Mary Irsh returned two photographs of her missing son. These images added to my knowledge of this young man. Harold Benjamin Irsh was no longer a service entry or just a name on a Certificate of Service or plaque in France. He was a real person struck down in the seas off Wales on board an ill-fated Coast Guard cutter.

The explosion aboard the *U.S.S. Cole* has driven home once more to our nation that our servicemen and servicewomen are in a dangerous profession. "For years, the nation paused at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month to honor its war dead from WW I. Now we know this as Veterans Day." On this November 11, I shall be thinking of Harold Benjamin Irsh .

<sup>1</sup> *These forms are part of Record Group 12, Records of the Connecticut State Library. They are a rich resource for genealogists and social and ethnic historians.*

Portrait by Harry G. Blackmore, 11 Pratt Street, Hartford, Connecticut. 12, Records of the Connecticut State Library. They are a rich resource for genealogists and social and ethnic historians.

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## The Connecticut Digital Library - Update

William Sullivan, Administrator, Connecticut Digital Library

The [Request for Proposal](#) (RFP) for the Connecticut Digital Library was posted to the Web on September 11, 2000. A vendor conference was held on September 21, 2000. The deadline for RFP vendor responses is October 20, 2000. An RFP evaluation committee is in place and, as an important part of the evaluation process, teams of professional librarians will have hands-on access to all proposed databases. Completion of the evaluation process is scheduled for November 9, 2000. The Digital Library Gateway and Authentication System, which will also provide a common access point to all Digital Library databases, will be developed and hosted by the Connecticut State University Systems Office in coordination with the State Library's Division of Library Development. Authentication will use IP address for onsite users (Phase I) and public library card number for remote users (Phase II). Plans are also underway to develop the statewide training program for all Digital Library databases. The primary coordinator for the Digital Library is Jane Emerson. For further information email or call [Jane Emerson](#) at 860-344-2521.



## Connecticut Award for Excellence in Public Library Architecture 2000

Mary Louise Jensen, Building Consultant



Minor Memorial Library's entrance  
Photographs furnished by David Ottenstein  
Photography

The Minor Memorial Library in Roxbury (architect: Herbert M. Noyes, Jr., Noyes Vogt Architects, Guilford) is the winner of the Connecticut Award for Excellence in Public Library Architecture 2000. The award recognizes outstanding architectural design and functional planning of public libraries built or renovated in Connecticut between 1994 and 1999. The Connecticut State Library, Connecticut Library Association, American Institute of Architects Connecticut, Friends of Connecticut Libraries, and Association of Connecticut Library Boards sponsor the award.

There are also two honorable mentions, one for the restoration of the James Blackstone Memorial Library in Branford (architect: George Buchanan, Buchanan Associates Architects, New Haven) and another for the alternation of, and addition to, the Douglas Library in Hebron (architect: Dale H. Cutler, Jr., Kenyon & Cutler, Architects, Avon).

Twenty-three libraries submitted projects for consideration. A jury panel consisting of two librarians and two architects, all from out of state, reviewed and evaluated the spectrum of building styles and design solutions represented by the twenty three projects.



Minor Memorial Library's adult reading area



Minor Memorial Library's children's area

Minor Memorial Library is a new, 7,700 square foot, one-story library building in a rural town with a population of 1,982. Since this building is located near historic houses, the architect and library wanted to design a traditional library that reflects the character of the town. The jurors noted that the exterior materials and the subtle use of color elegantly express the civic nature of the small public library building. The interior is inviting and "user friendly" with areas for reading by the fireplace, for studying in the carrels, or for children reading, playing, or participating in a story hour in the "Story House", a colorful structure with a south-facing window and built-in seating. The library has a functional layout, is easy to supervise, and has a versatile community meeting room designed for exhibits as well as for lectures and meetings. In warm weather, the meeting room can be enlarged by opening several sets of double doors to an awning-covered granite terrace that triples the space available for grand community occasions. The total project cost was \$1,338,000 and was partially funded with a \$350,000 State Public Library Construction Grant and a \$46,880 federal construction grant (LSCA Title II). Public usage of the building has increased. The total annual attendance has increased

from 9,250 in 1990 to approximately 28,000 in 1999. Circulation has increased from 12,235 in 1990 to 40,000 items in 1999.

The jurors were impressed with the restoration of the James Blackstone Memorial Library that retained the historic aspects of the building while allowing for 21st century services. The original finishes have been meticulously restored. Colors, from the blue meeting room chairs and salmon red carpet in the meeting room to the peach walls of the rotunda, boldly highlight the architecture. The architect made excellent use of reclaimed space, especially in the lower level and the second floor which was previously a museum. In order to use every nook and cranny in the building for library services, he designed a separate mechanical building. The total project cost was \$3,980,000 and was partially funded with a \$350,000 State Public Library Construction Grant.



James Blackstone Memorial Library's rotunda Photograph furnished by Robert Perron



Douglas Library's new main entrance on the side Photograph furnished by Kenyon & Cutler Architects

The original Douglas Library was a Victorian cottage building. Overcoming an exceedingly difficult set of existing conditions, the architect designed an addition which meets the needs of the community without detracting from the original building's historic position. In particular, the massing of the addition entirely to the rear of the site reinforces the library's standing as one of several important elements on Hebron Green. In order for the library to provide adequate services, the long narrow site dictated that the building would have three floors. In the lower level, a community meeting room with a kitchen provides direct access to the parking lot and can be used after hours. Adult services and circulation are located on the main level, and the children's room is located on the third floor, giving the children their own special place, high in the eaves, which feels cozy, yet is large enough to house a generous collection and a story hour room. The total project cost was \$2,471,000 and was partially funded with a \$500,000 State Public Library Construction Grant.

At Douglas Library there has been a marked increase in circulation (some months as much as 200% from last year), registered borrowers increased from 3,950 to 6,856, patron attendance has more than doubled, and the weekly story hour attendance has increased from 25 to 90 children.

The Jurors commented on the quality and variety of the public library projects, both large and small, completed in Connecticut since 1994. The two architect jurors were F. Drayton Faire, AIA, Associate at Tappe Associates Inc. (Boston, MA) and President of AIA New England Region 2000, and Christopher O. Placco, AIA, NCARB, Executive Vice President/Design Principal, The Robinson Green Beretta Corporation (Providence, RI.) The two librarian jurors were B. Franklin Hemphill, B. F. Hemphill & Assoc., Library Consultants (Woodbine, MD) and Patience Kenney Jackson, Library Building Consultant, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (Boston, MA.) Mary Louise Jensen, Building Consultant for the Connecticut State Library, was the non-voting facilitator.

# Twenty-one Libraries Receive LSTA Grants

Sharon Brettschneider, Director, Division of Library Development

The Connecticut State Library announced the awarding of \$215,281 in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants for improvements to library services and technology. The grants will provide funding for a variety of projects to serve children in poverty, allow libraries to conduct long range planning, and provide outreach services to children and adults. Technology grants were also awarded to assist libraries with the purchase of equipment and software that makes information content accessible to individuals with disabilities or to automate their collection for the purpose of resource sharing. Library recipients included:

**Hartford Public Library** for a *Reading Connections* program to support emergent literacy activities at fifteen NAEYC accredited day-care centers.

The libraries of **Ansonia, Essex, Goshen** and **Oliver Wolcott** in Litchfield to develop long range plans.

**Booth & Dimock Memorial Library in Coventry** to offer day-care workers training in developmentally appropriate materials and practices for early literacy.

**Hartford Public Library** to train caretakers in licensed home day-care and day-care centers on the selection and presentation of reading programs.

**Rockville Public Library** to create story time kits to lend to licensed day-care providers.

**Wallingford Public Library** for a "We're Ready to Read" project to work with the schools and Wallingford Family Literacy Program to provide preschoolers with thematic literacy bags.

**Wilson Branch of the Windsor Public Library** to train volunteers in the "Healthy Families" initiative who in turn visit homes of all new parents to train them in appropriate activities to encourage early reading for their children.

**Prosser Public Library in Bristol** to organize an outreach program to residents in the town's assisted-living/nursing home facilities.

**Berlin-Peck Memorial Library** to provide visually impaired patrons with equal access to the Internet and the on-line catalog with a workstation furnished with an adaptive monitor, keyboard and software.

**Bristol Public Library** to purchase equipment to be used by individuals with low vision.

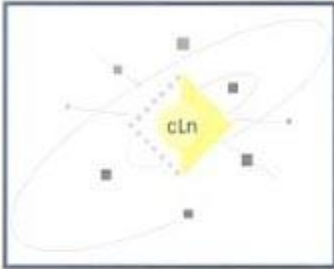
**Hamden Library** for a variety of auxiliary aids and service to ensure access to library services to persons with disabilities.

**Willis Royle Library, Connecticut Valley Hospital** for a special needs computer workstation.

**Silas Bronson Library in Waterbury** to install a handicapped accessible computer in the reference department and to upgrade a computer in the Business Reference area to make it handicapped accessible.

The following libraries received technology grants for the purpose of resource sharing: **Bentley Memorial Library** in Bolton, **Ivoryton Library Association** in Essex, **Jonathan Trumbull Library** in Lebanon, **Norwalk Public Schools** in Norwalk, **Minor Memorial Library** in Roxbury and **Voluntown Public Library** in Voluntown.





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