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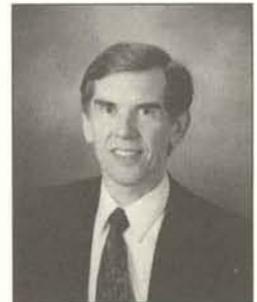
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The State Librarian's Column

Kendall F. Wiggin
Connecticut State Librarian



Well, the General Assembly has wrapped up another session. Although the legislative process varies from state to state, I knew that the last few days of the legislative session would be hectic and the outcome uncertain. Still I was surprised when, in a few cases, months and months of hard work on the part of the library community, genealogists, town clerks, and legislators came unraveled. In this issue of the CONNector, you will find reports of library legislation that was passed and some that was passed over. You will also read how we fared in the budget process.

The Governor's

**Summer
Reading Challenge
1999**

Connecticut



Reads



Over the summer, work will begin on developing a legislative agenda for the next session. This year we had a very ambitious agenda which took us in many directions. I would suggest that in the future we focus on fewer initiatives. Our goal, whether we are addressing library, archive, or museum issues, should be a narrowly defined agenda that can be clearly articulated both to individuals and groups affected as well as to legislators. For the State Library this means we will have to carefully prioritize and look for common solutions to common problems.

We need to consider what will have the greatest impact. Can we, for instance, enhance funding for an existing program like state aid while at the same time addressing early learning and children's services. How do we demonstrate that state funding for database licensing is an effective subsidy for resource sharing activities as well as a great equalizer. Whatever we decide, we will need to reach the type of consensus that was demonstrated this year. We will have to craft our message carefully and succinctly. We can never tell our story too many times. It must be told more effectively in an increasingly crowded arena. We will have to expand our advocacy networks. We must communicate quickly and effectively. We have to identify and develop library champions. Just as we must be accountable for the services we provide, we must expect accountability from those who

support us. A lot of good will for libraries was evident in my dealings with legislators. Now we need to turn that support into results.

I am very grateful to all who have worked hard in support of the State Library, the Connecticut Library Network, the Museum of Connecticut History, a historic records fund and the "virtual library". And yes, I am looking forward to the next legislative session. Until then, have a great summer!

Reference Librarians Receive Governor's Award

Lynne Newell, Director
Information Services Division

The State Librarian of Connecticut, Kendall F. Wiggin, joined Lt. Governor M. Jodi Rell in presenting 5 members of the State Library's Law and Legislative Reference Unit with the Governor's Service Award on May 6, 1999.

Honored in ceremonies in the Old Judiciary Room of the Connecticut State Capitol were Unit Head Denise Jernigan, and reference librarians Hilary Frye, Janis Lefkowitz, Cheryl Schutt, and Joanne Turschman.

Denise, Hilary, Janis, Cheryl, and Joanne were recognized for the enthusiasm, interest, dedication, and extreme accuracy that they each bring to their job. It was noted that they each strive to continually update their professional knowledge and skills, to perform all tasks with professional discretion, and to provide a uniformly excellent level of service to all patrons.

Enhancing the honor is the fact that the nomination for the award came, with no prior knowledge by the staff or administration, from a patron who has used the Law and Legislative Reference service for over twelve years.



From left to right: Lt. Governor M. Jodi Rell, Cheryl Schutt, Hilary Frye, Janis Lefkowitz, Denise Jernigan, Joanne Turschman, Kendall F. Wiggin

The nomination letter commended the staff as "individuals who distinguish themselves in a professional environment because of their dedication and commitment to ensure that [the library] performs at its peak on an ongoing day-to-day basis." In addition to praising the entire staff as "extremely helpful and professional," Joanne Turschman was specially noted for "no matter how hectic things may be, always providing a smile whether in person, or over the telephone."

The entire staff of the State Library and the Information Services Division is pleased and proud to congratulate their colleagues for this well-deserved award.

The Governor's Service Award program was established by Governor John G. Rowland to reinforce the importance of quality customer service by recognizing the achievements and successes of state employees.

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Newspaper Union List Available

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Connecticut Newspaper Project

The Connecticut Newspaper Project is pleased to announce that Newspapers in Connecticut Institutions, updated through June 1997 is available. This publication culminates a 10 year effort by CNP to identify, catalog, and locate copies of all newspapers published in Connecticut. The Project is part of the United States Newspaper Program and is funded by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

A free copy of the three-volume set was distributed to the 222 participating libraries, historical societies, newspaper publishers and museums in November of 1998. A small number of additional copies are available for sale at \$43.00 (shipping included). Contact Ursula Hunt at 860-566-2910 or uhunt@cslib.org.

The set lists 1,851 Connecticut newspapers, plus other U.S. and foreign newspapers held by 222 Connecticut institutions. The 14,037 holdings statements show current subscriptions, historical newspaper holdings, and newspapers on microfilm. Volume 3 has charts showing how newspapers are related to one another (very helpful when a newspaper changed its name frequently) and a list of indexes to the contents of various newspapers.

The cataloging and holdings information is also available on OCLC, an international library database. This information is also published in the Connecticut Union List of Serials which is part of reQuest, the statewide database available on the Internet through the Connecticut Library Network homepage at WWW.CSLIB.ORG/CLN.

CNP is now doing preservation microfilming of as many Connecticut newspapers as possible. By April of 2000, CNP will film 904,200 pages. But this, even with the efforts of other Connecticut projects, still leaves an estimated 2.75 million pages that need preservation on film. Local libraries and historical societies will have to get involved to help save Connecticut's newspapers before they are lost. For more information on the importance of microfilming check WWW.CSLIB.ORG/CNP/HTM. If you have questions on how to get a local microfilming project started, call Laura J. Moulton, CNP Project Librarian, at 860-566-3557 or moulton@cslib.org

Foundation Bill Passes; Historic Record Fund Fails

On June 3, 1999 Governor Rowland signed into law Public Act 99-116 (House Bill 6888) making all private donations to the Connecticut Heritage Foundation, Inc. (formerly the Connecticut State Library and Museum Foundation, Inc.) subject to the law's requirements for tax-exempt foundations associated with state agencies. Under the old law, donations to the library foundation were put in the General Fund. Passage of this bill will provide the Foundation with greater flexibility in the usage of such funds and it is hoped that will lead to an increase in private donations to the State Library. The bill was cosponsored by REP. BOUKUS, 22nd DIST.; REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. REP.; SIMMONS, 43rd DIST.; REP. CARDIN, 53rd DIST.; REP. DIAMANTIS, 79th DIST.; REP. STRIPP, 135th DIST.; REP. AMANN, 118th DIST.; REP. SAMOWITZ, 129th DIST.; REP. ESPOSITO, 116th DIST.; REP. METZ, 101st DIST.; REP. DARGAN, 115th DIST.; REP. WALLACE, 109th DIST.; and REP. CLEMMONS, 140th DIST.

On June 8th, the day before the end of the 1999 legislative session, the Senate overwhelmingly passed an amended version of Senate Bill 156. This bill called for the establishment of a historic records preservation account supported by a \$3.00 filing fee paid to town clerks for recording such documents as mortgage deeds. The bill was taken up by the House in the closing hours of the session on June 9th, but consideration of the bill stopped when a vote was taken to Pass Temporarily (PT) on the bill. SB156, which was supported by many genealogists and town clerks, was intended to provide town and city clerks and the State Library with much needed funds to address the preservation and conservation of historic records in their care. It is expected that a similar bill will be introduced next year. The bill was cosponsored by SEN. UPSON, 15th DIST.; REP. FONTANA, 87th DIST.; SEN. BOZEK, 6th DIST.; REP. WIDLITZ, 98th DIST.; and SEN. DELUCA, 32nd DIST.

Think Digital Libraries

William Sullivan, Administrator
Connecticut Library Network

"Digital libraries" represent a systematic effort to organize information in digital form ("digital works") into managed collections accessible over communications networks. Digital works may encompass the full range of multi-media content, and may also alter the traditional linear presentation of a work to reveal a richweb of interrelationships in a single work – as a hypertext – or among all the works of one author. In digital form, rare and fragile manuscripts are instantly available to scholars, researchers and the general public through the Internet. Electronic text centers in academia have digitized a large segment of the world's literature, which as a result is now becoming globally available through the Internet (see "Free Resources" at WWW.CSLIB.ORG/CLN/ELECDATA.HTM). Finally, a growing number of digital works exist only in digital form.

Realizing the full potential of digital libraries will require, among other things, solving a host of difficult research problems, such as developing computers that can interpret scenes, faces, captions, and speech, and providing communications networks with sufficient information-handling capacity to deliver media-rich information on a timely basis. Academic institutions, some in partnership with industry, are working to address these problems with federal grant money. (see WWW.DLI2.NSF.GOV/DLIONE and WWW.DLI2.NSF.GOV).

With over 100 million Internet users, this work has considerable

outreach potential. Imagine also being able to provide worldwide access to the knowledge of indigenous cultures, as they acquire Internet connections and the ability to share their knowledge electronically, aided further by multilingual, multimedia web browsers that can communicate this knowledge - which may exist only in oral form between cultures, or among scattered members of one culture.

Digital libraries are intended to co-exist with, not replace, physical libraries. Exactly how this co-existence (or integration) will unfold, and what it may lead to, is unclear. What does seem clear is that, unlike the traveler who had to choose between two roads, we will not have to choose. (An unabridged version of this article may be found at: WWW.CSLIB.ORG/CLN/ARTICLE.HTM).

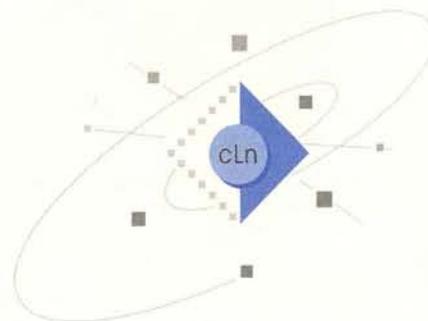
Connecticut Virtual Library and Connecticut Education Network Zapped

The fact that funding for both the "virtual Library" and the Governor's initiative to create a Connecticut Education Network did not end up in the final State budget surprised many of the proponents and supporters of both initiatives. Despite the setback a collaboration of private and public higher education, K-12, and public libraries will step up efforts to secure funding for these important initiatives.

Connecticut Library Network to provide new services

The State of Connecticut and Auto-Graphics signed a three-year contract that provides for a Web-accessible statewide bibliographic database, customization features, Z39.50-based access to other catalogs, an interlibrary loan module that allows patrons to submit loan requests over the Web, and cataloging services with access to the LCMARC database. The State Library will conduct a 30-day acceptance test and, if positive, will then schedule training for all participants. Invitations to participate in the Connecticut Library Network were distributed to most libraries and will be sent to school libraries soon. Information about CLN services are at WWW.CSLIB.ORG/CLN/INVITATION.HTM. Due to budget

constraints, the number of participants may be limited to 300 in the first year. Access to the statewide catalog is available to anyone with Internet access (select "reQuest Statewide Catalog" at WWW.CSLIB.ORG/CLN/).



Douglas Library of Hebron

Mary Louise Jensen, Building Consultant



Original building on right; new addition on left

In February 1999, the Douglas Library of Hebron moved into its expanded building. The official dedication was on June 13th. Hebron is a fast-growing residential community of 7,789. The 16,800 square foot library building was planned to meet residents' needs for the next twenty years. It is partially funded by a \$500,000 state construction grant. The town approved the project by a referendum which passed by 82 percent on the first try.

The original library (628 sq. ft.) was built in 1899 and looks like a very small Victorian house. In 1957 an addition was added to the back of the original building, and in 1999 another large addition that encompassed the

1957 addition was added. Since the library is located in a historic area, the community wanted people to see the original building from the street and not have it overshadowed by the addition. The architect, Dale Cutler of Kenyon & Cutler Architects, made this a reality. The architect restored the original building and designed the addition in the same Victorian style. To keep the historic look of the original building, the front porch was reconstructed; and the inside of the original building has the look of a Victorian reading room with comfortable chairs and a fireplace. To create an architectural composition that was complimentary to the Victorian style of the existing building, the addition has a tower, dormers, replicated siding patterns of the original building, and uses four colors throughout the whole structure.

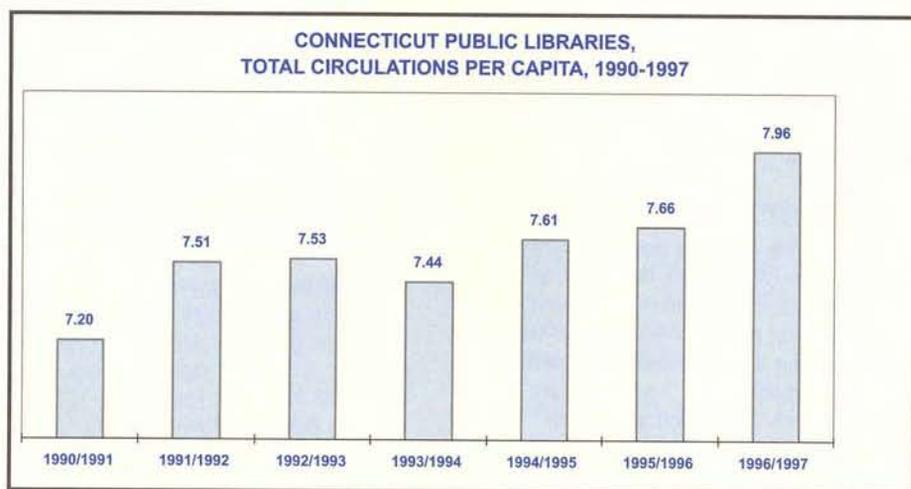
The new library's main entrance is on the side off the parking lot. People enter a vestibule where they can go up a half flight of stairs to the circulation desk and adult collection, or they can go down a half flight of stairs into a meeting room that seats 200. The lower level also has a café, staff work

areas, and friends' boutique. The children's area is on the 2nd floor with window seats in the dormers, an aquarium, and a program room (primarily for crafts and story-hours).

If you are interested in seeing more pictures, go to the Douglas Library Webpage (WWW.DOUGLASLIBRARY.ORG) on the Internet. For more information about the library, contact Anne Shaw Burgan, Library Director.



Library dedication speakers: Kendall Wiggin, State Librarian; Norman Dorval, Chair, Library Board; and Anne Shaw Burgan, Library Director



CSL WEB PAGE ADDITIONS: The following publication and reporting forms are now available on the CT State Library Webpage:
Connecticut's Public Libraries, A Statistical Profile, 1997/1998 located at WWW.CSLIB.ORG/STATS.HTM
Connecticut Interlibrary Loans Monthly Reporting Form located at WWW.CSLIB.ORG/STATS.HTM
Monthly Report of Connecticut Loans located at WWW.CSLIB.ORG/CCARD.PDF
 from Leon Shatkin, State Library Data Coordinator CSL,
 Email: LShatkin@cslib.org

Researching Legislative History at the Library

Denise Jernigan, Unit Head, Law/Legislative Reference

State Librarian Charles Hoadly to the state legislature's Appropriations Committee, February 19, 1889:

"The appropriation that we ask for is precisely the same that it was two years ago. The salary of the Librarian is \$1800 a year, or for the two years \$3600. Estimate for purchase of books for two years \$2000 or \$1000 for each year."

The figures may have changed dramatically, but the process remains – the State Librarian still justifies expenditures to the Appropriations Committee each year. This piece of Connecticut's history, demonstrating quite literally our motto of "Land of Steady Habits" has been preserved as part of the State Library's collection of legislative history. Public hearings held by some legislative committees were transcribed and recorded as far back as 1889, providing a glimpse

into the workings of the state legislature and its executive agencies. Everything from uniforms for the Governor's Horse Guards to payments for dependent and neglected children to holding dairy institutes to educate new farmers was debated by Committee members. They invited agency representatives and the public to join in the debate. Only the method and extent of recording the hearings has changed to take advantage of the latest technology.

The State Library maintains this collection of legislative hearings and proceedings, adding 40,000 to 60,000 pages of transcripts for each legislative session. Law clerks, judges, attorneys, lobbyists, and historical researchers use them daily. The transcripts serve as primary evidence of legislative intent. A complete set of legislative history documents for a given bill or act consists of three parts: committee

public hearing, House Proceedings, and Senate Proceedings. State Library staff read all the hearings and proceedings each session, just as they have since the earliest days, and index them by bill number, making corrections and notations where necessary to identify the proper reference. Legal and historical researchers can easily find the exact passages discussing the bills they are following.

State Library staff will accept photocopy orders for legislative history at \$.25/page, plus postage and handling. Call 860-566-4601 to order.

Some recent legislative history documents are available on the General Assembly's web page: WWW.CGA.STATE.CT.US

'99 SESSION SUMMARY

Joanne Turschman
Library Specialist

The Connecticut General Assembly finished its business on June 9th, with a biennial budget in place a week before the deadline. This session saw legislators cutting taxes while increasing expenditures. The State's spending cap kept the budget at \$11.6 billion. Tax breaks highlighted the term with a rebate for state residents, property tax credits, home repair sales tax phase outs, a freeze on commuter rail line fares, and a freeze on state college and university tuition fees. The State's National Tobacco settlement windfall is funding some of the tax relief. A third of the money will fund education programs, and \$160 million will go toward nursing home services. Most of the 3,530 or so bills introduced never made it out of their respective committees. Bills relating to libraries or

education were no exception. Some managed to be added to the Bonding bill (SB1126) or the Budget bill (HB 6762). Some new laws of interest to libraries are listed below:

P.A. 99-116 An Act Concerning the Connecticut State Library and Museum Foundation, Inc. and P.A. 99-91 An Act Authorizing the State Commission on the Arts to Establish a Nonprofit Foundation for the Promotion and Development of Artistic and Cultural Activities. These acts amend existing statutes, and will impact each foundation's ability to raise revenue to promote its activities.

P.A. 99-227 An Act Concerning A State-Wide Early Reading Success Institute. An adjunct to P.A. 98-243, this law requires the assessment, development, implementation and funding of a three-year plan to improve the reading skills of students in grades K-3. Strong school district / public library partnerships are natural underlying components for reaching reading success.

P.A. 99-113 An Act Concerning the Use

of a Computer to Entice a Minor to Engage in Sexual Activity. This law specifically includes "such systems operated or services offered by libraries or educational institutions" in its definition of "interactive computer service".

P.A. 99-155 An Act Concerning Electronic Records and Signatures. All new language to the statutes, this innovative legislation creates challenges and opportunities for state agencies and their records.

The Virtual Library Project, The Year of the Connecticut State Library, and the Historic Records Fund did not survive this assembly. Efforts to revive them next session are a possibility.

ed. note* We apologize for omitting the cosponsors for HB 6209(1999) in the previous issue (The Year of the Connecticut State Library). They were as follows: Rep. Mary Fritz, Rep. Nancy Kerensky, Rep. Alfred Adinolfi, Rep. Peter Panaroni, Rep. Gail Hamm, Rep. Sandy Nafis, Rep. Kevin Ryan.

Connecticut State Library Board Notes

At their May meeting, the State Library Board passed a resolution acknowledging Kristin Johnson's 25 years of service to the State Library and extending best wishes for a happy retirement. Kris had held several positions within the State Library over the past 25 years most recently serving as Collection Management Unit Head. The Board also approved a new fee schedule for copies as proposed by the Division of Information Services. The fees had not been adjusted since 1990. Since then the costs for preparing and sending patron copy orders have risen. The new fee schedule also included the elimination of the \$5.00 charge for fax delivery, which was no longer seen as necessary.

In further action the Board accepted the Division of Library Development's Long Range Plan and approved the request by the State Librarian to close all State Library facilities on Wednesday, November 17, 1999 for an all staff development day

During the May Board meeting the Cooperating Library Service Units (CLSU) updated the Board on the library surveys that are being conducted in various libraries throughout Connecticut. With the aid of a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant, two portable touch screen computers were purchased. The computers are moved between libraries and used to record patron responses to the survey questions.

State Librarian Wiggin updated the Board on the efforts by the Judicial Branch to meet their need for additional office space. Instead of taking over the Museum's Nutmeg Gallery, as had previously been proposed, Mr. Wiggin reported that in consultation with Board Chair Ann Clark, he had agreed to the Judicial Branch's plan to convert the Museum's processing room into office space. This is seen as a temporary move until a renovation of space on the 4th floor of the building can be completed. The Board expressed its continued deep concern with turning over library and museum space to the Judicial Branch, but acknowledged that the Judicial Branch has control and custody of the building. Mr. Wiggin agreed to work more closely with the Museum Advisory Committee on this matter.

ACLB AWARDS

The Association of Connecticut Library Boards held their 34th Annual Awards Dinner on May 19th. Phillip James, President of ACLB was the host for the evening's events. The following individuals and organizations were honored.

Major Benefactor Award

The Branford Rotary Club, Blackstone Memorial Library
The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Hartford Public Library
Marian Celio, Douglas Library in Hebron
Edgar and Cornelia Hamilton, Mrs. Charles (Marjorie) McMaster and the
Guilford Smith Family, Guilford Smith Memorial Library
George G. Hanel, Lucy Robbins Welles Library
The Shuttle Meadow Garden Club, New Britain Public Library
The Second Century Fund, Welles Turner Memorial Library

Award of Appreciation

Alma Merry Tatum, Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
Marianne Young, Silas Bronson Library
John Glennon, Booth & Dimock Memorial Library
E. Frederick Peterson, David M. Hunt Library
Killingworth Library Volunteers

Citation for Contributions to Library Development and Services

Denise Bachand, Babcock Library
Bernadette Baldino, Easton Public Library
Celebrate! Committee, Welles Turner Library
Annabelle Curran, Slater Library
Julie Culp, Guilford Smith Memorial Library
Brian Flynn, Silas Bronson Library
Thomas Harkness, Milford Public Library
Lynn Norton, Cragin Memorial Library
Lisa Reese, Mark Twain Library
Newell A. Stamm, Jr., Newington Library
Peggy Mansfield Wargo, Fairfield Public Library
Selwyn Taubman, Henry Carter Hull Library

The President's Award

Patricia Owens, Interim State
Librarian
Mollie Keller, State Library
Board
Alexander V. Nole, ACLB

Award of Excellence for Small Libraries

Guilford Smith Memorial Library
Easton Public Library
Lyme Public Library
Prospect Library

Outstanding Library Trustee of the Year Award

Helen J. Card, Guilford Smith Memorial Library
Joel Davis, Westport Public Library
P. Michael Ragaisis, Burlington Public Library
Malcolm B. Stearns, Jr., Brainerd Public Library

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH)

Marcia Baran, Coordinator of Volunteers

Volunteers, Volunteers, listen well,
Because I've got a great story to tell!
It's about a group of dedicated human beings,
And the library can't do without you, so it seems.

This is a true story, and I won't hesitate,
Nor will I attempt to ever negate,
The invaluable contribution you make
To the library service and staff.
And, I can't let anymore time pass
Without letting you know
That we appreciate you so.

You inspect each tape with accuracy and speed;
And, that kind of help the library sure needs.
You help us serve 11,000 patrons and growing,
And every time you come in you leave my heart glowing.
You demonstrate to us every day,
That you care about the library services in every way.
Between staff and volunteers there is no dividing line.
We are all committed to serving patrons of the Library for the Blind.

Reading is like breathing.
You can't live without it.
Our volunteers we're needing.
So never doubt it!

As your Coordinator of Volunteers,
I give you a million hugs and cheers.
You help to make the Library an extraordinary place,
And no one else could ever fill your distinctive space.

If there is something special I can do,
To make sure you won't say adieu,
Please let me know right away,
Because I don't want you to ever stray.

So now that this story is at the end,
I want to say I'm so glad you could attend,
This very special luncheon for you fine volunteers,
And **Thank you, Thank you** for how much you truly care!

*Written and presented by Marcia Baran for
Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, May 19, 1999*



Marcia Baran with staff and visiting librarians at LBPH, Rocky Hill, CT

Volunteers Enhance Library Services

More than 30 volunteers play a role in the daily operations of the Connecticut State Library, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Many inspect the cassette tapes of "talking books" as they are returned. Other volunteers perform clerical tasks, duplicate missing tapes or additional copies of in-demand titles, assist with outreach activities, and serve on the library's Advisory Committee. Luncheons were held this spring to recognize and thank these wonderful individuals for the time and talents they give to the program.

Marcia Baran, a **fulltime** volunteer of the library, was given the title of "Coordinator of Volunteers" because of her dedication to volunteerism, belief in the service provided by our library, and of her expertise in tape inspection.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT MANUAL

Eunice G. DiBella, Public Records Administrator

The Connecticut State Library, Office of the Public Records Administrator and State Archives has re-issued the state records management manual entitled "Statutes, Policies and Procedures for Connecticut State Agencies".

The scope of the state records manual has been expanded since it was first issued in 1986, to include sections on non-paper based records management technologies, such as micrographics and optical imaging, and a section on the management of electronic records. We have also included an extensive section covering disaster planning and recovery that includes a sample disaster plan.

As part of this project, this office reviewed all of the general retention schedules that apply to state government, and revised and reformatted those schedules.

Much of the material that is contained in the manual, including the retention schedules is now available on the Connecticut State Library homepage. For additional information contact the Public Records Administrator at the State Library or check our website at WWW.CSLIB.ORG/OPRA.HTM

CSL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Staff of the State Library and the Arts Council gathered in Memorial Hall on Wednesday March 17, 1999 to recognize fellow co-workers for their years of service to the State of Connecticut.

10 Years

Lynette Baisden
Wilfred Esquilin
David Marshall
Jose Martinez
Marcia Matika
Lois Mindek
Gordon Reddick
Lourdes Rivera
Donald Wynne
Dean Nelson
Carolyn Picciano
Fabiola Proulx

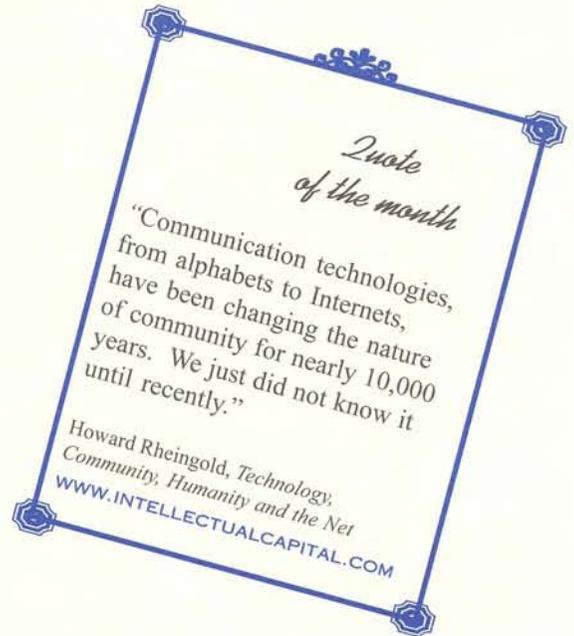
15 Years

Mark Jones
Jean Kincaid-Ross
Barbara Lee
Sheila Mosman

20 Years
Linda Dente
John Ostrout
Joanne Turschman

25 Years

Hilary Frye
Carolyn Giliberto
Lynne Newell
David Ohanesian
David Peck
Kristin Johnson



State Library Biennial Budget

The final budget for the State Library was not clear until the end of the one day Special Session on June 14th. When the regular session ended on June 9th, the Budget bill (HB6762) looked very much like the Governor's proposed budget for the State Library, with one glaring reduction. Funding for the Connecticut Library Network (CLN) was some \$350,000 less than the proposed budget in each year of the biennium. With strong support from the library community and others, funding was restored during the Special Session. However, as previously reported, the Governor's proposed budget for the CLN was \$100,000 below the FY99 funding level.

The final budget did include the Governor's recommended \$2 million to address the libraries space shortage. Plans for an off site shelving facility will now move forward.

Despite an overall gain of 2% in most of the State Library's programs, there was no funding to restore hours for the Museum and the Library and the budget for law materials saw no increase. The resulting decrease in book buying power will translate into few new titles and the cancellation of others. State Librarian Kendall Wiggin said that this will be a top priority in next year's legislative session.

Results of the First State-Wide Public Library Summer Reading Survey

Susan Draper Cormier and Linda Williams, Children's Services, Connecticut State Library

Summer Reading Programs (SRPs) are a major function of public library children's rooms. We believe that library SRPs make a large impact on children's literacy. To quantify Connecticut libraries' contribution to literacy, we gathered some statistics on library summer reading programs.

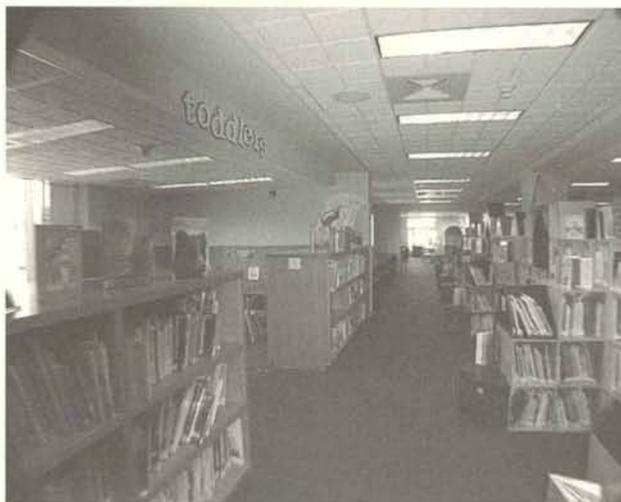
In October of 1998 a survey was sent to 194 Connecticut public libraries. From the 119 library responses, we learned that there are as many versions of SRP as there are libraries. The challenge is to find aspects that can be compared.

The SRP survey revealed that program length ranged from 2 to 12 weeks with an average length of approximately 7 ½ weeks. Target audiences ranged in age from infant to adult with average participant ages ranging from 3.2- 12.6 years. 55 libraries registered between 26-50% of their target audience. 21 libraries registered 50% or more of their target audience.

The amount of reading done was measured in so many different ways that it is impossible to report a total. Libraries counted numbers of books read, hours/minutes spent reading, or numbers of pages read. Some libraries required children to make contracts setting their own reading goals for the program. Others did not keep any quantifying records.

We collected circulation statistics for children's materials during June, July and August. Circulation was the

statistic that was most similarly recorded. 108 libraries reported circulation statistics. The number of children in these towns (birth to 18 years) totaled approximately 581,632. Circulation of children's materials during these months totaled 1,924,240 (a little over 3 books per child).



Westport Library Childrens' Wing

Finally, we asked how school programs interfaced with public library programs, and how many libraries use the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge (GSRC) materials. 25 out of the 119 libraries combined efforts with local schools to produce one town-wide summer reading program. 90 libraries said that the schools helped to publicize the library's summer program, and 83 said that the schools, while helping to promote the library program, also promoted their own summer reading programs.

64 libraries handed out the GSRC materials in conjunction with their own materials. 11 libraries used the GSRC "reading records" for their programs, and 55 libraries did not use them at all.

Libraries were asked whether the school libraries in their towns were open in the summer. 13 libraries responded that their school libraries were open for some hours in the summer months.

What conclusions can we draw from our first statewide public library summer reading survey? Over 1,924,240 books were circulated. Over 44,382 children registered for reading programs. Lots of reading occurred! The information gathered for this survey provides a baseline for evaluating future summer reading statistics.

We invite interested children's librarians to participate in a work group to develop common evaluation methods for all SRPs in Connecticut. The goal is to establish benchmarks for SRP success, so there is clear, quantifiable information about the public library contribution to literacy among young people in Connecticut. Please contact Susan Cormier (SCormier@cslib.org) or Linda Williams (Lwilliams@cslib.org), or call either of them at (860) 456-1717 or 800-253-7944.

Reading Crisis?

The National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) administered reading tests in 39 states, recently, the results of which suggests more dollars are needed in state budgets to help raise test scores. The tracking done by NAEP, of fourth and eighth graders, shows that **less than half** of all students now read at a "proficient" level. Students in **Connecticut** ranked highest with 46% of fourth graders and 42% of eighth graders scoring at a proficient level.

-State Capitols Report, CIS Universe

Important Dates in the history of Connecticut's Public Records and State Archives Programs: The "Trumbull Papers"

Mark Jones, State Archivist



Transfer of Trumbull Papers from Massachusetts Historical Society to Connecticut State Library - September 17, 1921

Front Row, left: U.S. Senator (CT) George P. McLean; U.S. Senator (MA) Henry Cabot Lodge; Governor Everett J. Lake, State Librarian George S. Godard. Second Row, left: Mr. Arthur Lord (MA Historical Society); Ex-Governor Rollin S. Woodruff; Chief Justice George W. Wheeler, Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors; Ex-Governor Henry Roberts; Ex-Governor Frank B. Weeks

- May, 1771: The General Assembly directs Governor Jonathan Trumbull to "collect all the publick letters and papers which hereafter in any way affect the interest of this colony and have been bound together, that they may be preserved." Governor Trumbull carries out this resolution but since he carried out his duties during the Revolution at his War Office in Lebanon, he retains the public records at his nearby home.
- 1794: Governor Trumbull's son, David, writes to Dr. Jeremy Belknap of the Massachusetts Historical Society offering the collection of public records acquired by his father. Belknap travels to Lebanon and from July 9-13, 1795, selects papers which are sent to Society headquarters. The Papers are bound into thirty volumes. One volume will be lost in a fire, though the Society claims that its contents appear in one of the volumes of its *Collections*.
- 1840: Faith Trumbull Wadsworth conveys the balance of public records collected by Governor Jonathan Trumbull, which remained with the family after Belknap's visit, to the Connecticut Historical Society. The Society will edit and publish these in seven volumes of its *Collections* and will retain the original documents.
- 1845-1846: The Connecticut General Assembly passes a resolution calling upon the Massachusetts Historical Society to return the State's public records, known as the "Trumbull Papers." The Society refuses arguing that the Papers are a private collection conveyed by the Trumbull family.
- September 7, 1921: The Massachusetts Historical Society returns the "Trumbull Papers" to the State of Connecticut, specifically to State Librarian George S. Godard, in a state ceremony in Memorial Hall of the State Library Building in Hartford. Representing the Society is Henry Cabot Lodge, Sr. Along with Godard is the current governor, Everett J. Lake, U.S. Senator George P. McLean, and several past Connecticut governors.



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