

Kendall F. Wiggin,
Connecticut State Librarian
Biographical Sketch

A graduate of the Simmons Graduate School of Library & Information Science, Kendall Wiggin has served as Connecticut State Librarian for the past 12 years. Prior to arriving in Connecticut in 1998, Mr. Wiggin had worked in academic and public libraries in New Hampshire where he also served as State Librarian for eight years. As the Chief administrative officer of the State Library, he directs the development and administration of library programs and services including: the Regional Federal Depository, Library for the Blind and Handicapped; statewide Library Development; Public Records; State Archives and the Museum of Connecticut History. Mr. Wiggin's career includes working in small and large public libraries and State Librarian for New Hampshire where he grew up. Since coming to Connecticut, Mr. Wiggin has worked closely with the Association of Connecticut Library Boards, Connecticut Library Association, Friends of Connecticut Libraries and others to advance library service to the citizens of Connecticut. Mr. Wiggin serves on a variety of boards and commissions where it continues to work on behalf of libraries of all types. Mr. Wiggin is a delegate to the OCLC Global Council and currently chairs the Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology. He also serves on the Connecticut Civil War Commemoration Commission, the Webjunction Advisory Board, the Connecticut History Online Management Committee, and the Selection Committee for the Hale Award. Mr. Wiggin also serves as an American Library Association Councilor representing the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) and chairs ASCLA Legislation Committee. Mr. Wiggin is active with the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) serving as Chair of their Legislation Committee and serves as the liaison to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

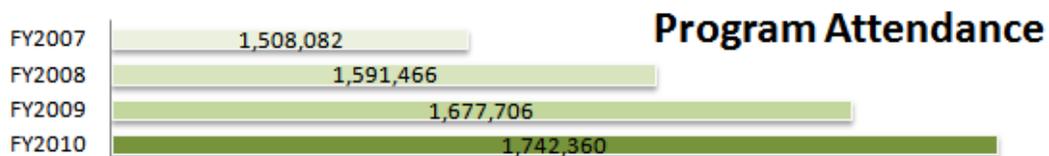
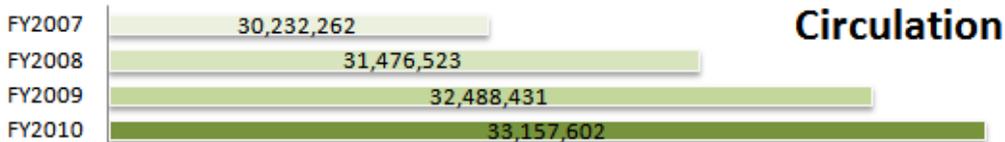
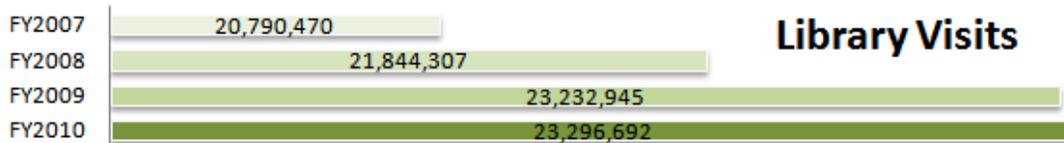
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Connecticut Public Libraries

A Busy Place in a Bad Economy

In Fiscal Year 2010:

3,730,801 Reference Questions
1,691,502 Registered Borrowers
82,042 Library Programs
3,751 Internet Computers made available to the public



Statistics from [Connecticut Public Libraries: A Statistical Profile, July 2009 – June 2010](#), (CT State Library, 2011)

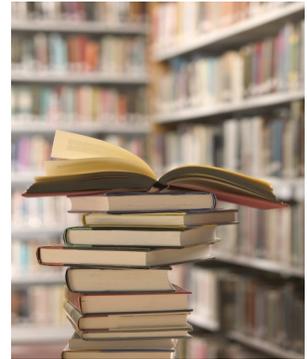
Connecticut Public Libraries



Our Libraries as Great Collections

Connecticut's public libraries hold a total of 16 million items.

- ◆ 88% are books.
- ◆ 4.6 books for every person in the state, national average is 2.8
- ◆ The average public library holds 88,600 items



Our Libraries as Valued Destinations

23.3 million people visited Connecticut's public libraries last year.

- ◆ 6.7 visits per capita, the national average is 4.9
- ◆ They asked 3.7 million reference questions
- ◆ 1.7 million people attended programs



Borrowing Books, Films, Music, and More

Over 33.2 million items were borrowed from public libraries in fiscal 2010.

- ◆ 9.5 per person (national average is 7.4 per person)
- ◆ 91 thousand items per day
- ◆ 20.9 million books borrowed
- ◆ Connecticut residents viewed over 9 million articles on iCONN



Support for Our Libraries

Operating income for Connecticut's public libraries was \$174 million in fiscal 2010.

- ◆ \$32 million less than the New York Yankees payroll!
- ◆ Only 1.1% of town/city tax revenue goes to support public libraries
- ◆ CT citizens donated \$10 million to their local public libraries in FY2010



CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY



The mission of the Connecticut State Library is to preserve and make accessible Connecticut's history and heritage and to advance the development of library services statewide.

If the State Library goes away there will be no more:

- State Law Library
- State Archives (7.67 miles of records dating from 1631)
- Museum of Connecticut History
- Genealogy and Connecticut History Collection
- Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
- Office of the Public Records Administrator
- State Library Website with its unique resources on Connecticut
- Federal Documents Collection (over 1 million items)
- State Documents Collection (only complete print and electronic collection)
- Premier research collections (nearly 1.3 million items)
- Connecticut Newspaper comprehensive statewide collection
- iCONN Databases (8 million page views per year/ \$27 million saved locally)
- Statewide Catalog/Interlibrary Loan
- State funding for the Connecticut Library Consortium
- Access to the state's aerial surveys
- State Records Center
- State and municipal records management program
- Federal library funds (nearly \$2million annually)
- Transporting of library material between libraries (Connecticar Delivery Service)
- Free borrowing from any library in Connecticut (Connecticard Program)
- State Aid to Public Libraries
- Public Library Construction grant program
- Library Service Centers
- Training, consulting and professional resources for library staff statewide
- Public Library Statistics
- Large Print Book Collections
- Downloadable audio books
- Summer Reading resources and training
- Access to Legislative Histories
- Indexing for legislative materials and the Legislature's website
- Access over 36,000 digitized images of Connecticut History
- Permanent public access to 12,000 existing and all future digital state publications
- Video archive for The Connecticut Network

- Publication of the Public Records of the State of Connecticut
- Historical Probate record books and files
- Historic Documents Preservation grant program
- Historical Programming in schools
- Resources for teachers such as “Connecticut Invents” (over 18,000 visits to this blog annually)

Who will be affected?

- Anyone using a public library
- Anyone seeking federal or state government information
- Nearly 9,000 Blind and physically handicapped CT citizens who use LBPH
- Lawyers, law students, the self represented
- Students, teachers, and faculty
- Librarians, Trustees, Friends of Libraries
- Genealogists
- Researchers
- State Agencies
- Legislators
- School children who visit the museum (18,000/yr)
- Judges
- Town Clerks
- Historical Societies
- Museum visitors (10,000/yr)
- Environmental engineers

What is Lost?

- Access to government information
- The ability to freely use any library in the state
- The historical record of state and municipal government
- Cooperative resource sharing
- Oversight of public records
- The only library in the state serving the blind and physically handicapped
- Equitable statewide access to online resources through iCONN
- Training programs to keep library staff current on library services and issues
- The cost benefits of cooperative purchasing
- Ability for environmental impact reviews to be completed for federal funds
- Ability to complete commercial private phase one reviews for mortgages, land development