

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting

December 15, 2022

10:00 am Business Meeting via Zoom

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** President Doug Lord called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.  
**Approval of Minutes:** November meeting minutes  
A motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Alex Klaus and seconded by Mary Etter. Motion passed. No abstentions.
2. **Old Business**
  - a. **President's Report** – See attached
  - b. **Treasurer's Report** – See attached
3. **New Business**
  - a. Combining EDI & LGBTQ+ into JEDI (Mary Richardson)  
Justice Equity Diversity & Inclusion – they will be coming up with bylaws & officers.  
Motion carries with majority of votes.
  - b. Alessandra Proposal for Comps for Conference  
Alessandra makes motion, Lisa seconds. Motion passed. No abstentions.
  - c. Reports

Representative Reports:

**CT State Library: Deborah Schander:** There is no budget or legislative update for the State Library this month, but more information is expected by the January CLA meeting. The State Library's Access Services department is being renamed Reference Services in an effort to better convey this unit's purpose to those outside the agency. The State Library is also filling several key positions in this unit, including for a new unit head, law and legislative librarian, and history and genealogy department head.

**NELA: Vacant**

**ALA: Kate Byroade:** Taking over position ALA position. No report this month.

**ALA EDI Assembly: Kristina Lareau:** No report this month

**FOCL: Debbie Misiaszek:** No report

**ACLB: Denise Stankovics:** Absent

**ACLPD: Alyssa Bussard:** Absent

**Region 1: Karin Goodell:** Absent

**Region 2: Shana Shea:** See attached

**Region 3: Leslie McDonough:** Absent

**Region 4: Erin Dummeyer:** See attached

**Region 5: Allison Murphy:** See attached

**Region 6: Madhu Gupta:** Absent

**CLC: Ellen Paul:** 12 out of 14 equipment contracts are signed. Sending information to vendors to encourage registration and exhibiting at CLA Conference. Please read Senator Murphy's Op-Ed and do what you can to remind Senator Murphy that we are here: <https://www.thebulwark.com/the-politics-of-loneliness/>

**BCALA: Robert Kinney:** Absent

**CAS-L: Barbara Johnson & Mary-Ellen Minichiello:** Absent

**Commission on Ed Tech: Colleen Bailie:** Absent. Meeting was held Dec. 5th. There was much discussion on the importance of digital equity and what it means to certain groups, especially with regard to education and libraries, and the Commission's role in assisting. CEN will be having their conference May 11 and session proposals are due by Dec. 31st.

**SCSU: Arlene Bielefield:** Absent.

Consortium Reports:

**Library Connection: Laura Horn:** No report

Association Committee Reports:

**ADA: Maria Bernier:** Any questions, please send to Maria, regarding language for accommodating ADA at conferences: maria.bernier@ct.gov.

**Archivist: Gerald Seagrave:** No report

**Awards (as needed):** No report

**Career Development: Sunnie Scarpa & Andy Forsyth:** Scholarship information will be up soon.

**Conference 2023: Scott Brill & Andy Forsyth:** They are moving along. They have had many wonderful proposals, but open to more. They would love to have more things represented from Children's. Please get in touch with them if you have any questions.

**Intellectual Freedom: Sam Lee & Lindsay Delligan:** Thank you for Doug for organizing presentation with CCM. It was well received. They are gearing up for Conference.

**Grants/Fundraising: Alessandra Casiello:** In November, kicked off Boon Supply fundraiser, goes through 12/31. We've made just a little over \$400 so far. In November, Alessandra reached out to a few companies if they would do a Giving Tuesday match and she found out that two companies agreed to match. Thank you to EBSCO and Robert H. Lord Company. They both were willing to match up to \$1,000 on Giving Tuesday. We raised \$1,030 and that means that turns into \$3,030. People can choose where they donate to when they donate. There will be two fundraisers at Conference – a raffle/silent auction and some type of special event towards dinner on Sunday night. More information on that will be coming. If anyone has an item they would like to donate or would like to donate a basket, please get in touch with Alessandra. Alessandra is hoping we can do a presentation in the New Year about Estate giving and legacies for libraries. She is also hoping to do a programming auction in the New Year, too.

**Legislative: Kate Byroade & Olivia Scully:** Putting together plans to address legislative goals based on surveys sent out previously. They would like to remind people that everyone should be advocating for CT libraries. Still putting together Legislative events. Darien will be hosting an evening event on January 18. Avon will be hosting another on January 23. Still looking for a location in Region 1 for a Legislative breakfast or dinner, etc, please let them know. Election day recap – very little change in the Legislature. Manchester Library won their building referendum. Putting together winter workshop with Intellectual Freedom on January 11 – a half day workshop. Visit CLA site for details.

**Membership: Trish Tomlinson:** No report

**PEG: Mary Etter:** Now is a good time to remind everyone that people can apply for PEG for any kind of workshop, not a scholarship. So consult the website and apply.

**Procedures: Lisa Karim:** No report

**Publicity & Communications: John Casiello:** Sending out applications for awards in January.

Section Reports:

**Children's: Alex Klaus & Sage Gentry:** They'll be publishing their registration info for their winter conference soon.

**CLASS: VACANT**

**College & University: VACANT**

**Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI): Sam Connell:** Gearing up their Conference proposals. Process of rebranding, creating a logo, and some t-shirts. Use them as a means to raise some funds for the new section, JEDI. Looking to have a February winter workshop.

**LGBTQ+: Mary Richardson:** Same update as EDI because they had a joint meeting recently.

**Public Libraries: Jennifer Sullivan: Absent**

**Reference & Adult Services: Christie Mitchell & Rachel Leff: Absent**

**Resource Sharing: Matt Earls: Absent**

**Technical Services: Vacant**

**YA: Jackie Bush & Stephanie Smith: Absent**

1. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 10:58 was made by Kate and seconded by Alessandra.

**Present:** Laura Horn, Doug Lord, Alessandra Casiello, Shana Shea, Sam Lee, John Casiello, Alex Klaus, Daniele Valenzano, Debbie Misiaszek, Mary Etter, Lindsay Delligan, Margaret Khan, Erin Dummeyer, Andy Forsyth, Lisa Karim, Deborah Schander, Allison Murphy, Scott Brill, Sarah McCusker, Kristina Lareau, Mary Richardson, Ellen Paul, Maria Bernier, Olivia Scully, Sunnie Scarpa, Sam Connell, Bob Scheier, Jerry Seagrave, Trish Tomlinson, Kate Byroade

## President's Report | December 2022

I'd like to acknowledge, yet again, the efforts of Alessandra Casiello who organized a fantastic Giving Tuesday with two matching sponsors and the Boon Supply fundraiser shop. CLA owes Alessandra a debt of gratitude for her wonderful stewardship of this association.

Thanks also goes out to Kate Byroade. I am so happy to report that Madam President (2018?) is taking on the role of ALA Representative beginning December 2022 on an interim basis. Katge will run for election in I think April.

There are more leadership/board opportunities: College & University Libraries section, NELA representative, CLASS, Technical Services section. Check the [bylaws](#) for duties.

The Association received a very nice thank you note from the Nutmeg Book Award treasurer Kristin Raiche for our support of this important initiative.

Thank you for your continued sponsorship of Nutmeg Book Award. It is because of sponsors like you that the children of Connecticut enjoy reading and voting for their favorite books each year. Public and school librarians and students from across the state work hard to make sure that quality literature is brought to the attention of children. We look forward to many years of continued partnership with you in encouraging reading and library use through the Nutmeg Book Award.

### CT250

CLA has been invited by Governor Lamont to participate in the July 4, 2026 Semiquincentennial celebration of the founding of the USA.

The [CT250 Commission](#) sees libraries, with the help of art and history museums as the glue holding our state's diffuse effort together, and one of its goals is for each town to have its own committee. We have an opportunity to show our profession's excellence at bringing people together around important efforts.

Make your library the physical and intellectual center of your town's efforts. Hold community meetings, focus groups, charettes, etc. there. Help frame the ways in which the data is collected.

- DO: Put your library at the center of your community's effort.
- DO: Create contact your local historical commissions, cultural arts groups, and museums.
- DO: Start the conversation about this celebration and think about how you can bring your community together with conversations.
- DO: Plan to tell untold stories - of those who history has neglected.
- KNOW: CT Humanities (CTH) is doing much organizational work.

Please let me know how I can help! Very truly yours,

Douglas Lord

Treasurer's Report December 15, 2022

Margaret Khan

- \* Membership is steady: A slight increase of 13 members from last month. Income from membership is on a good track to meet our expected yearly revenue.
- \* The YTD Profit & Loss report is now included the monthly agenda packet.
- \* This report shows the income collected to date, and any expense made to date.
- \* The second deposit for the Conference Venue for both 2023 and 2024 has been made. Thanks to the conference committee for securing a discount by booking two years at a time.
- \* If there are any leftover expenses from fall programs and workshops please make sure to send those over to me.
- \* If any section or committee chairs have any questions about their budget please reach out to me.

**Region 2 December 15, 2022**

**Shana Shea**

**Avon -**

New bespoke furniture, made from the wood of trees we had to cut down during our HVAC repair project last year.

Details and pictures here: <https://www.avonctlibrary.info/2022/11/17/a-real-giving-tree-story/>

**Burlington –**

Now fine free

**Farmington –**

Now fine free

**Suffield -**

We have a new TalkBox Booth. It's a single-person study room that is soundproof, so patrons can attend online meetings, make phone calls, and study in a semi-private setting. It has a power outlet and can be sanitized after each use with a built-in UVC light.

Douglas Lord reports that the CH Booth Library's slate roof project is a little less than half complete. The library is also preparing for a comprehensive HVAC project scheduled for 2023-2024 that will replace boilers and an antiquated AC chiller tower. The CH Booth is also having a good amount of success drawing adults to a Warming Earth climate series and with its Memory Cafe which draws those experiencing memory challenges and their caregivers.

Easton Public Library is starting a volunteer-led Chess Club in January for adults and students in grades 6 and up.

They will be partnering with a local church for a racial justice-themed film series.

Their One Book/One Town title for 2023 is A Snake Falls to Earth by Darcie Little Badger.

New Canaan Library's construction will be complete on their building by December and they will move into the new building in January and open to the public in February. They're closing their doors this Friday.

**Region 5 News: November 2022**  
**Allison Murphy**

**Clinton:** The Henry Carter Hull Library

- All-Ages Pizza & Puzzle Night on Monday, 11/21 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.
- Mohegan Outreach Program for Teens & Tweens, 11/22 from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Weekly Writer Drop-In, Saturdays during November from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- TED Talks at HCH Library: “Dealing With Anxiety”, 11/16 at 10:30 AM

**Branford:** Blackstone Library

- [Rise Up Sisters!](#) display from 11/7 – 11/18. The display highlights the history of women’s suffrage in the US from the 1830’s to 1920.
- Mozart and More, performed by the Ensemble Aubade on 11/13 from 2:00-3:00
- Women and War, presented by the CT Women’s Hall of Fame (virtual event) on 11/16 from 6:30-7:30

**Cheshire Public Library**

- Good, Cheap, and Healthy Cooking Demo with Chef Nadine on 11/15 from 6:30-8:00
- Caregiver Support Group on 11/16 from 12:00-1:00
- Concert for Violin and Piano with Emil Altschuler and Mana Tokuno on 11/19 from 2:00-3:15

**Essex Library Association**

- League of Women Voters: Navigating the Legislative Process on 11/18 from 12:30-2:30
- Eastern CT Ballet Nutcracker Creative Movement for children, 11/19 from 4:15-5:00
- Family Movie and Centerpiece Event on 11/19 from 3:00-4:00

**Guilford Free Library**

- Witness to History: Slavery in Guilford Webinar on 11/17 from 7:00-8:00
- Sunday Concert Series: Joe Flood on 11/20 from 2:00-3:00
- Invasive Aquatic Plants: Connecticut’s Lakes and Rivers in Peril with Greg Bugbee, 11/30 from 7:00-8:00

**Madison:** Scranton Memorial Library

- Season of Giving Library Food Drive, from 11/15-12/20
- Ukulele Club, Mondays from 11:00-12:00 and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30
- Telling Your Story Through Memoir: A Workshop with Orlene Gallops on 11/12 from 10:00-11:30

- Cookbook Club, “Half-Baked Harvest” on 11/14 at 6:30