

I am writing concerning the introduction of legislation to abolish all support of public libraries by the state of Connecticut. As a professional that spent a lifetime working for at public libraries in this state I thought I should mention each area being cut.

Connect card would mean that we would no longer have to serve people from neighboring towns .Since a good part of my week is serving out of Towner's great my job will be a lot easier. Those that commute or simply pass a close library might not be that pleasant to deal with for a few years but what the heck our taxpayers have no reason to support people from "that town". Of course each library in the state will now have to have larger collections since the possibility of sharing collections has gotten a lot more difficult.

Grants to public libraries have served us well over the years because it was the one area that did not have to be budgeted and was a great safety net when a computer or a pipe broke or a new technology came out. Oh well the job will become easier I will no longer have to collect all those pesky statistics and count those pesky out of Towner's that I may longer serve. Of course why should the federal government support our libraries when our state doesn't support itself?

CLC is also on the cutting block. When they began as 6 regions we were able to share our thoughts and collections with our immediate neighbors. Now we are able to find out what's going on in the entire state as communication became easier we have found CLC has been great at moderating. They have also negotiated wonderful discounts with corporations that wouldn't want to give a small town a second chance to ask about pricing let alone negotiate. Well this job will be easier now that I won't have to worry about buying as many things.

The job will be easier but since I'm planning to retire and was looking forward to using this library as well as the ones in neighboring towns I will be just a citizen wishing that the state would support my love of learning and public libraries all around! It is a shame that you are considering cutting out decades old laws that benefit all age groups and all economic groups in every town in the state.

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