

Agreement Between Connecticut State Library And Friends of Connecticut Libraries, Inc.

The Connecticut State Library's Division of Library Development has maintained a close working relationship with the Friends of Connecticut Libraries since 1980 when the statewide Friends organization was formed. We have always been committed to providing support, resources and continuing education opportunities for Friends throughout the state. This agreement formalizes our commitment to provide training to Friends in their efforts to extend and improve library services for all Connecticut residents.

The Connecticut State Library will:

- ◆ Plan, coordinate and fund a minimum of one (1) workshop annually between July 1 of each year and June 30 of each following year specifically for Friends and confer with the Friends of Connecticut Libraries regarding speakers and sources of training materials.
- ◆ Meet with individual Friends groups upon request, with Friends of Connecticut Libraries representatives, as appropriate.
- ◆ Meet regularly with Friends of Connecticut Libraries program committee to discuss continuing education plans and activities.
- ◆ Include Friends of Connecticut Libraries participation in appropriate statewide planning activities.
- ◆ The Director of the Middletown Library Service Center will serve as State Library Liaison at Friends of Connecticut Libraries executive board and full board meetings.
- ◆ A collection of material relating to Friends groups as well as the official organizational files of the Friends of Connecticut Libraries will be maintained at the Middletown Library Service Center.

The Friends of Connecticut Libraries, Inc. will:

- ◆ Conduct annual needs assessment, the results and recommendations of which will be used to plan workshops and other training tools.
- ◆ Serve as liaison for the State Library with Friends throughout the state and share information with the State Library.
- ◆ Support continuing education activities through:
 - Publicity of planned events
 - Attendance at workshops
 - Welcoming Friends at workshops
 - Assistance with evaluation of training programs
 - Dissemination of information through a variety of media

This agreement will be renewed periodically and will remain in effect until a new agreement is approved by the Board of the Friends of Connecticut Libraries, Inc. and the Division of Library Development of the Connecticut State Library.

President, Friends of Connecticut Libraries: Marge Storrs Date: 12/13/01

Director, Division of Library Development: Shawn Bretschneider Date: 12/11/01