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Connecticard: Providing Equity of Access to Connecticut Citizens

One Card. One State. One Good Deal.

One Card...

Did you know that your local library card can be used in *any* public library in the State of Connecticut?

Connecticard is a statewide cooperative program that allows any Connecticut resident to use their hometown library card at every public library in Connecticut - providing equity of access to library materials statewide.

One State...

Connecticard is one of the most popular and efficient resource sharing services that Connecticut libraries offer their patrons.

- Last year 4.6 million books and other items were directly borrowed by Connecticut residents using Connecticard.
- In the last 5 years, loans have increased by over 11%.

One Good Deal!

How do people use the Connecticard program 4.6 million times a year?

- A businessman who lives in one town and works in another is able to use the library *where* he works.
- A woman interested in reading a book that is not available in her local library is able to drive to a neighboring library and get it immediately.
- An entire class is given the same assignment, quickly depleting the resources at their local library. Students are able to visit neighboring libraries to find the materials needed to complete their homework.
- A family's first language is Polish. Their local library doesn't have the resources to buy Polish books but they are able to use a neighboring library with a strong Polish collection.

A recent study indicates that it cost Connecticut libraries an average of \$1.05 to circulate an item to a non-resident. Despite a welcome increase of \$300,000 in FY 2007 to \$976,028, reimbursement to participating libraries has only risen to about \$0.21 per item.

The Connecticut Library Association seeks additional annual increases over the next several years until this \$4.9 million goal is achieved.