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NHFPL Librarian Diane Brown, Stetson Library Branch Manager, recipient of Connecticut Library Association 2017 Special Achievement Award!

GROTON – As part of the 126th Connecticut Library Association (CLA) Annual Conference: *Uncharted Waters: Navigating the Changing Tides in Librarianship*, taking place at the Mystic Marriott in Groton, CT, Diane Brown, Branch Manager of the Stetson Branch Library of the New Haven Free Public Library will receive the Connecticut Library Association 2017 Special Achievement Award! Diane will be honored Friday morning, May 5 at the Annual Meeting of the CLA.

Diane Brown is employed by the New Haven Free Public Library where she has served as Manager of the Stetson Branch for the past 11 years. In 2015 she received the, “I Love My Librarian” award from The American Librarian Association for her outstanding work in building lasting partnerships to provide services and programming to library patrons. Most notably she collaborated with several community-based organizations to develop a series of on-going programming for youth, entitled, “Teach Them While They Are Young”. Diane’s commitment to the community she serves is remarkable and goes well beyond the walls of Stetson Branch Library and her profession as a librarian.

The Special Achievement Award honors an individual who has implemented a significant project or initiated an innovative program during the past year. Diane Brown was nominated for this award by individuals from four community partner organizations.

Hanan Hameen from Africa Is Me! Africa Is Me! is a structured, fun-filled, family-oriented program that uses the Artsucational™ curriculum method for all ages based on Black and African History and the connection between African traditions and current social issues and trends involving the global Black community.

Ed Tremble from SPORT Academy. SPORT Academy’s 20/20 Program is designed with the well-being and learning potential of each child in mind. SPORT Academy works with youth in a number of areas providing programs to help build life skills.

Darlitha Buzby from Dynamic University of Self Defense. The sensei and staff at Dynamic University of Self Defense partner with the Stetson Library to provide after school programming on bullying, safety, discipline and responsibility.

Jahad Shabaz from Muck MuddProfessional Tutoring. Muck MuddProfessional Tutoring is facilitated by professional educators who offer tutoring for ages 5-18 in math, English, science, reading and writing as well as special education.

About the Connecticut Library Association

The Connecticut Library Association is Connecticut's professional organization of librarians, library staff, friends, and trustees working together: to improve library service to Connecticut, to advance the interests of librarians, library staff, and librarianship, and to increase public awareness of libraries and library services.

About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than 550,000 library patrons through its doors each year. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, 24/7 online services, the ReadMobile bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Wilson and Stetson.

The New Haven Free Public Library's mission is to ensure all New Haven's citizens have full and unlimited access to information and knowledge so that they may meet the needs of daily living, have opportunities for self-education, and participate successfully in self-government.

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