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Danielle Valenzano Awarded Caroline M. Hewins Scholarship

October 18, 2017 — The Caroline M. Hewins Scholarship, which honors Hartford Public Library's first chief librarian, is awarded annually to an individual who plans to specialize in library work with children.

This year's recipient of the \$4000 scholarship is Danielle D. Valenzano, a library assistant in the children's department at Milford Public Library. She is also co-chair of the Children's Section of the Connecticut Library Association, and a member of the American Library Association.

Danielle graduated from Queens College, City University of New York, as an English major, and is working on her Master's in Library Science in an online program at Valdosta State University.

Hewins had a 50-year career as a librarian in Hartford, and ran Hartford Public Library from its start in 1893 until her

death in 1926. In 1904, she added a children's room to the library, influencing other libraries to do the same through her advocacy.

Hewins Scholarship applications must be received by September 1 each year. Information and forms can be found [here](#).



Photo: Bridget Quinn-Carey, CEO of Hartford Public Library, left, presents Danielle D. Valenzano the 2017 Caroline M. Hewins Scholarship, with Leticia Cotto, HPL Customer Experience Officer.