On April 16, 2014, the Connecticut Library Association (CLA), in collaboration with the Connecticut Library Council (CLC) and the Connecticut State Library, will host a “Connecticut Libraries Change Lives” multimedia and poster session showcase at the State Capitol in support of the ALA Declaration for the Right to Libraries initiative. Our purpose is to promote awareness of the tangible ways that Libraries are impacting lives right here in Connecticut.

The “Connecticut Libraries Changes Lives” showcase is an opportunity for Public, Academic, School and Special Libraries to advocate the value of our institutions with legislators, local library stakeholders, the media, library users and non-users. The event will showcase twenty library programs, events and projects which demonstrate the ten statements of the Declaration for the Right to Libraries (two programs for each statement).

Don’t miss this opportunity to communicate directly with legislators about the value of your library. CLA is seeking nominations of programs, events and projects from libraries of all types and sizes, from all over Connecticut.

The American Library Association (ALA) has prepared a Libraries Change Lives Declaration for the Right to Libraries toolkit, which you can use to locally promote this important initiative. Visit http://www.ala.org/advocacy/declaration-right-libraries-toolkit for more details. As you are completing your nomination, consider each of the statements and indicate which one(s) your nomination supports. You may nominate multiple programs on behalf of your library. Use a separate nomination form for each program, project, or event.
“Connecticut Libraries Change Lives” Nomination

Library: __________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
Contact Person: ____________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________ Phone: __________________________
Name of Project: ____________________________________________________

1. Each nomination is in the form of a narrative (2000 words or less) and should address each of the following:
   o Describe your project, program, service or event.
   o Who were your community partners (if applicable)?
   o Clearly explain the impact your project, program, service or event has had on your patrons and/or the community you serve.

2. Check each of the Declaration for the Right to Libraries statements your project supports*
   □ Libraries empower the individual
   □ Libraries support literacy and lifelong learning
   □ Libraries strengthen families
   □ Libraries are the great equalizer
   □ Libraries build communities
   □ Libraries protect our right to know
   □ Libraries strengthen our nation
   □ Libraries advance research and scholarship
   □ Libraries help us to better understand each other
   □ Libraries preserve our nation’s cultural heritage

3. Mail nominations, including this cover sheet to:
   Connecticut Library Association
   Attn: Libraries Change Lives 2014 Selection Committee
   234 Court Street
   Middletown, CT 06457
   Or E-mail: nominations@ctlibrarians.org
   **Deadline: February 14, 2014**

*The selection committee will determine which of these statements successful nominations will be displayed to illustrate.