



University of Connecticut

- 7 Campuses
 - Storrs (main)
 - Avery Point (by the shore)
 - Hartford
 - Stamford
 - Waterbury
 - Farmington - Health
 - Hartford - Law
- 33k+ students
- 14 schools and colleges



Challenges

- Declining budgets
- Declining state funding
- Federal funding cuts to grants and more
- Deferred maintenance
- Always increasing costs (people, equipment, collections, facilities)

Challenges impact all core areas for libraries: collections, space, and services with experts

Major Win: Future of Collections

From: just in case
To: just in time



New initiatives funded through savings

- Wellness Collections
- Leisure reading, including graphic novels
- Library of Things
- Zines



Opportunities

- Innovative collection practices, including Open Access; reclaiming collection funds
- Re-envisioning spaces
- Artificial Intelligence
- Wellness, welcoming spaces
- Partnerships, consortia, and collaborations