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## **2023 CAROLINE M. HEWINS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO CONNECTICUT RESIDENT**

**(Hartford, CT)** Hartford Public Library (HPL) is pleased to announce that Dylan Waddington of Andover, Connecticut, is the 2023 recipient of the Caroline M. Hewins Scholarship, given annually to promising library school students who intend to become children’s librarians.

Dylan currently works for the Willimantic Public Library as a Library Technical Assistant. She is working towards getting her Masters in Library Science degree from the Texas Woman’s University. “Libraries create a welcoming, inclusive, and fun space where children can feel free to express their creativity and imagination and I love being a part of that” said Dylan. She has worked at a total of three libraries so far in her career and her main focus of work is children’s programing. “My favorite programs to do are arts and crafts classes as well as storytimes... I love that I found a career that utilizes both my early childhood education background and my art degree.”

Because Dylan is a Connecticut resident, it gave HPL a unique opportunity to have a meet and greet and to chat a little about her career and ambitions.

Read the full interview with Dylan, including her excellent book recommendations on the HPL blog [HERE](#)

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