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Middlesex County Libraries and MCCF Receive Cooperative Award

On June 17, 2009, the Middlesex County Community Foundation and the Middlesex County Libraries received the Jan Glutz Cooperative Spirit Award from the Connecticut Library Consortium for their "*Greening Our Valley*" program. The Jan Glutz Cooperative Spirit Award is given annually to honor library leaders who have actively promoted cooperation and cooperative projects among libraries and librarians in Connecticut.

The [Middlesex County Community Foundation](http://www.middlesexcountycommunityfoundation.org) received an anonymous donation in celebration of its tenth anniversary in honor of its former president and founding member Patti Anne Vassia. MCCF wanted to use these funds for a special initiative that would have countywide impact, foster cooperation and bring visibility to partnering organizations and MCCF. The idea of partnering with local libraries proved to be just the right idea to make this happen and the "*Greening Our Valley*" program was born. "*Greening Our Valley*" is a comprehensive, regional public awareness campaign that promotes collaborative environmental / "green" programming for all 18 libraries in Middlesex County. Through this partnership, county libraries are able to share resources and ideas, capitalize on publicity generated from a county-wide program. The program, originally designed to last one year, has proved so successful that it will continue on into 2010. Check out the calendar section of their website to find out about a "*Greening Our Valley*" program at www.greeningourvalley.org.