Celebrate 166 years of service and take the Connecticut State Library (https://ctstatelibrary.org/) into its future as its next State Librarian honoring the mission to “preserve and make accessible Connecticut’s history and heritage and to advance the development of library services statewide.” The twelve-member CT State Library Board is inviting applications for the State Librarian position. With an annual $11 million budget (which includes $2 million in LSTA funding) and 87 staff, the State Librarian leads a forward looking, multi-faceted information agency. Key opportunities include: transitioning the State Library in the rapidly changing world of COVID-19; articulating to policymakers the role that libraries can play and how libraries can advance other public policy agendas; enhancing the State Library’s technology infrastructure; and facilitating greater collaboration with the libraries of CT, CT agencies, and library organizations. The successful candidate will have the ability and desire to work with multiple stakeholders to provide quality State Library programs through a new vision and well-defined strategies.

Responsibilities. The State Librarian reports to the Connecticut State Library Board. As an Executive Branch agency of the State, the State Library, located in Hartford, CT, provides a variety of services, overseen by the State Librarian, through its departments of Access Services (reference/information, government documents, history and genealogy, and law/legislation); Collection Services (acquiring, preserving and sharing print and digital materials); Discovery and Delivery (professional technical services and maintaining Primo, the Library’s discovery tool); Library Development (leadership, funding, education, and statewide services to enhance local libraries’ abilities to deliver quality local library service); Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (a network library supporting the Library of Congress’ National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped); the Museum of Connecticut History (highlighting the growth of the State focusing on government, industrial and military history); the Office of the Public Records Administrator (design and implementation of a records management program for state agencies in the executive branch, municipalities, and political subdivisions of the state); and State Archives (documenting the evolution of state public policy, the rights and claims of citizens, and the history of Connecticut). For more information, see Connecticut State Library Links (https://www.bradburymiller.com/ctstatelibrarylinks.htm).

Qualifications. Minimum qualifications include a Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from an ALA-accredited program or a graduate degree in a related field and five years of professional experience in a state, academic, public, or multi-type library as an agency head or senior manager. Desired attributes include the ability to communicate and implement a vision for state library services, demonstrated record of national or regional library leadership, experience building strong collaborations, the knowledge of and the ability to implement EDI (equity, diversity, and inclusion) within the State Library's workforce, and strategic planning experience in a complex environment. Experience in fiscal planning, program and policy development, human resources, and facilities management is a plus. The State Librarian will also have a proven commitment to public service, strong interpersonal skills, and an extensive knowledge of emerging technologies. Knowledge and experience in archives, records management, and museum services are preferred.

Compensation. The full salary range for the position is $101,769 - $184,904 commensurate with experience with an attractive benefits package. For information, contact Bradbury Miller Associates (https://www.bradburymiller.com/) via email or phone. To start the application process, send a cover letter and resume that support your candidacy for the position as Word or PDF attachments to Karen Miller, karenmiller@bradburymiller.com. This position closes August 30, 2020. The state of Connecticut is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and strongly encourages the applications of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities.