

A Connecticut native, Tara Borden has been a librarian for the past 25 years in southeastern Connecticut. She has spent the last decade working at the East Lyme Public Library as its Associate Director, with main responsibilities of staff development, financial management, adult programming, and championing the staff, services, and resources. Tara has academic and public library experience. Her heart is in public librarianship. She sees libraries as one of the community's greatest assets, explaining, "Libraries are the resource that brings a community together, where relationships blossom and bloom. Some of my most meaningful professional and personal relationships began in public libraries."

Tara has an undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in Environmental Design/Urban Planning and a Master of Library Science degree from Southern Connecticut State University.

In her spare time, Tara enjoys running, hiking, kayaking, cross-stitching, going to museums and libraries, learning how to play the conga and bongo drums, and of course, reading. She has run a race in all 169 Connecticut towns! She has run races in 16 states, been to 17 Major League Baseball parks (19 if you consider old Yankee Stadium and Shea), and five presidential libraries.

She is excited about becoming the director and is looking forward to working with the talented and dedicated staff at the West Nyack Free Library to continue the important work of fostering the community's personal, professional, developmental, and academic growth. Tara says, "I am a people-person and am looking forward to building community connections. I'm always interested in talking with and listening to patron's ideas and needs, whether that is what they are reading or watching or what types of programs they'd like to attend. Stop in; I can't wait to meet you!"