



A Toy Library in Every Community!

History of the Organization: Diana Caty and Mary Didiuk, PhD co-founded Traveling Toys, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, in 2019. Traveling Toys, Inc. has created toy libraries in eight CT towns, namely Groton, New London, Norwich, Old Saybrook, Preston, Westbrook, West Haven, Willimantic. The toys and games can be borrowed for three weeks or played with in the library. All you need is a library card!

Mission Statement: To provide access to high-quality, age-appropriate toys to promote play. By establishing toy libraries, we seek to enhance development, creativity and learning of children and teens.

Vision: Our vision is to provide access to toys and games for children and teens of all socioeconomic backgrounds throughout Connecticut.

Goals: The overall goal of this project is to improve the quality of life for children and teens. We believe that these are the positive impacts for our diverse communities:

- **Educational** – Provision of toys offers opportunities for free play which has been shown to enhance reading, math and science skills.
- **Environmental** – Reuse and repurposing of toys promotes conservation of resources.
- **Financial** – Toy sharing eases the economic burden on families.
- **Social** – The toy library will provide a communal space for children and teens to select and share toys and games.



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