

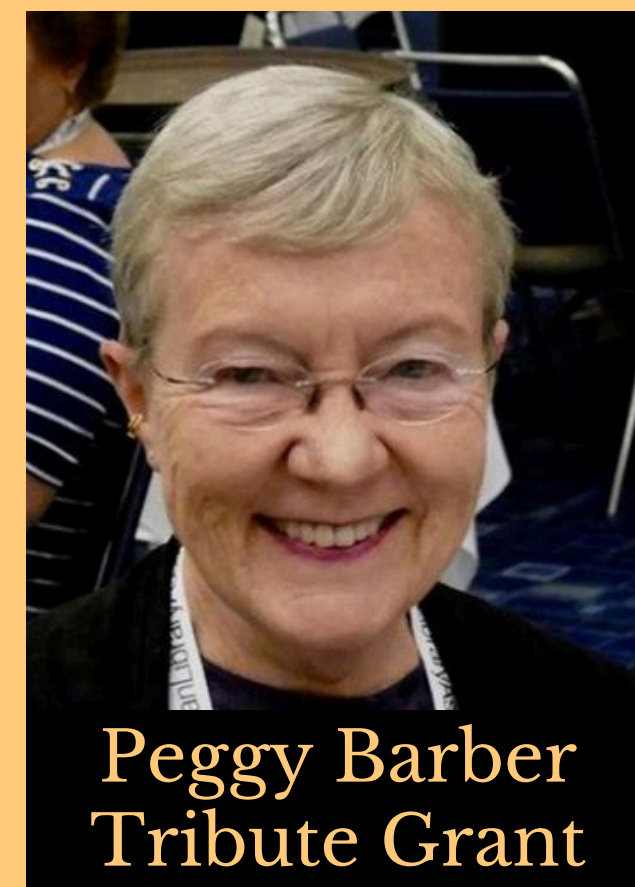
# The Civic Hub at Danbury Library

The Civic Hub is a dedicated space at the Danbury Library focused on issues that matter to the Danbury community. Funded through The Peggy Barber Tribute Grant from the American Library Association, the Civic Hub provides a welcoming environment for civic education, dialogue, and action.

The goal of the Civic Hub is to educate patrons on civic matters impacting the Danbury community so they can be engaged, and take meaningful action.

In its first cycle, the Civic Hub focused on six civic themes, each explored over the course of one month. These themes were selected for their timely impact on Danbury and were presented through curated materials, partnerships with local organizations, and educational programs.

The Civic Hub continues to provide education and information on civic issues through its curated book collection and ongoing partnerships with community organizations and members.



**Peggy Barber  
Tribute Grant**

The Peggy Barber Tribute Grant is an annual award established by the American Library Association (ALA) to honor the legacy of Peggy Barber, a visionary leader in the library world. Barber was instrumental in launching some of the profession's most recognizable initiatives, including the universal library logo, the Public Information Office, the ALA Public Programs Office, and National Library Week. Her work redefined how libraries connect with their communities.

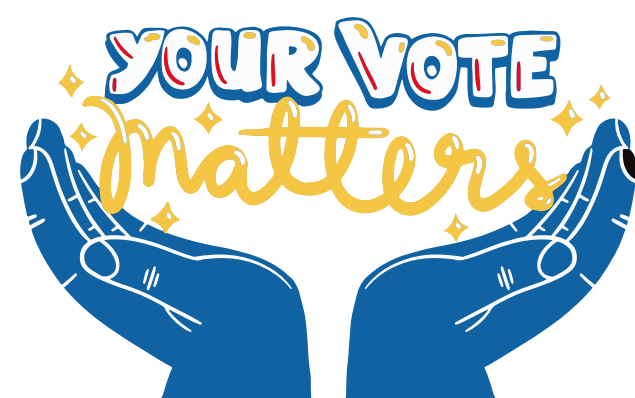
Each year, the grant awards \$2,500 to three libraries to support outstanding cultural programming. In the 2023–2024 cycle, the focus was on civic education, encouraging libraries to develop programs that inform, empower, and engage their communities in meaningful conversations about civic life.

## Civic Themes

### Voting

Understanding voting rights, how to register, and participate in local and national elections.

#### Why it matters to Danbury



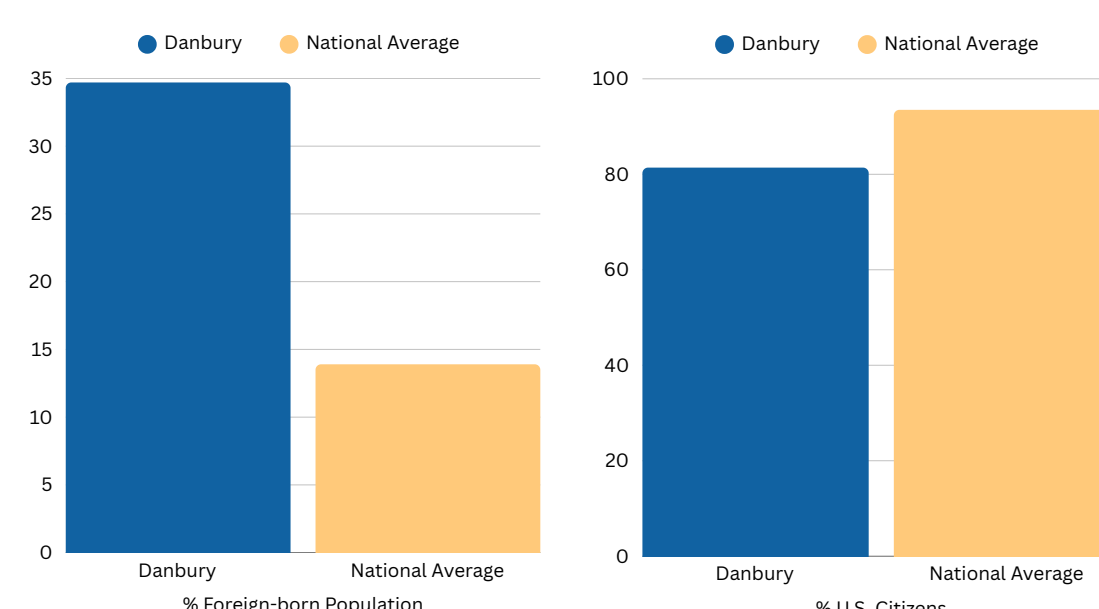
Voting is essential to civic participation, and local elections often see lower turnout. Educating residents on the process strengthens community representation and engagement.

### Immigration

Sharing the immigrant experience, community resources, and paths to citizenship.

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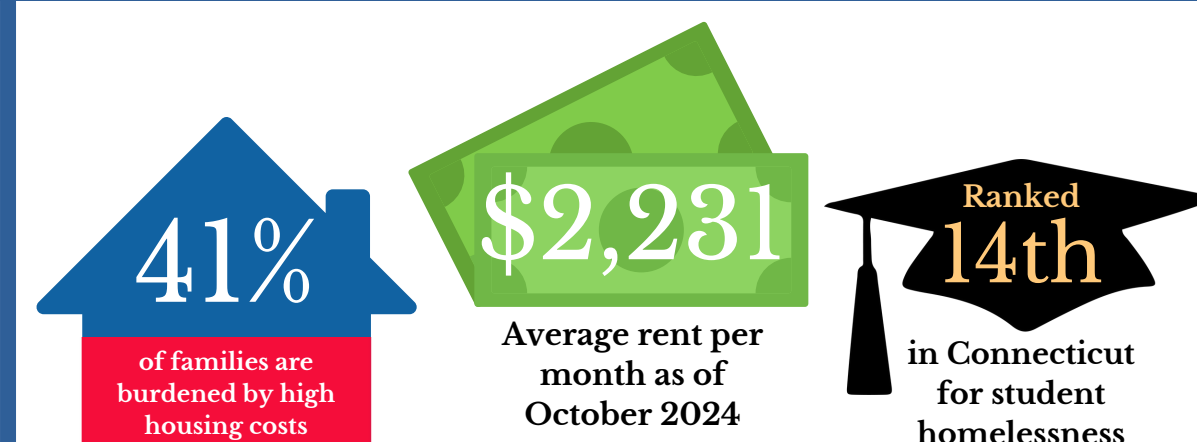
Providing resources and support promotes integration, equity, and community strength.



### Housing Instability

Highlighting local housing challenges, resources, and support services.

#### Why it matters to Danbury



Danbury is one of the most expensive cities in the U.S. to live in and 41% of families are burdened by high housing costs. Housing instability impacts health, education, and economic stability.

### Food Security

Raising awareness about food insecurity and spotlighting local hunger relief efforts.

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12,210 food insecure individuals

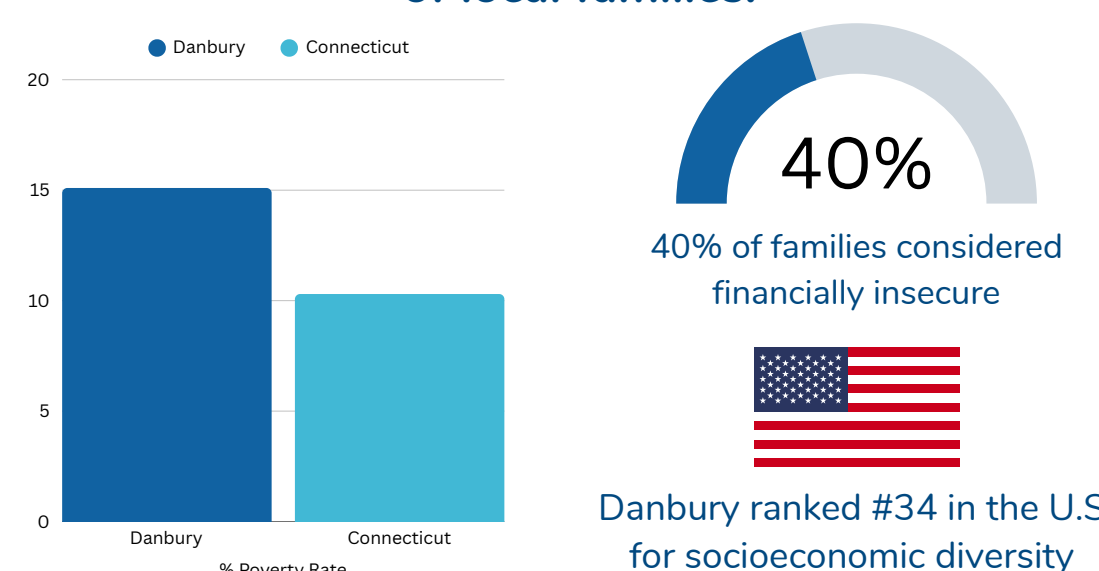
With rising costs and limited access to resources, many residents face food insecurity, particularly children and seniors.

### Income Inequality

Addressing economic disparities and connecting patrons with financial empowerment resources.

#### Why it matters to Danbury

Despite a relatively high median income, income disparity and financial insecurity affect nearly half of local families.



### Environmental Sustainability

Educating the community on climate change, conservation, and sustainable practices.

#### Why it matters to Danbury



Environmental education is critical for community health and resilience, especially as Danbury continues to grow and develop.