

ABSTRACT

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Andrew Carnegie and the Carnegie Corporation donated public libraries to 1412 communities from 1892- 1919. One beneficiary of their library building project was the city of New Haven Connecticut, which received the funds to build 3 branch libraries. Carnegie's philanthropy was controversial in several of the communities that he donated to, including New Haven. This paper tells the story of the creation of the Fair Haven, Dixwell, and Davenport branches of the New Haven Free Public Library. The story of their creation is one filled with conflict, as New Haveners grappled with issues such as city pride and the conflicting interests of the social elite and the working-class.