

Elizabeth King Eaton, whose grandfather was born in Tolland in 1880, has bequeathed funds to the Tolland Library Foundation in the name of her mother, Phoebe Dimock King and herself, to be named The Phoebe Dimock King and Elizabeth C. King Eaton Endowment Fund. Phoebe King worked in the Tolland Public Library for many years. According to Philip Bognar, president of the Tolland Public Library Foundation Board of Directors, the gift will allow the library to purchase books, magazines, journals, software, and any other library resources excluding investment in physical plant or staff salaries, from the interest accrued. The full value of the gift has not yet been determined. According to Mr. Bognar, "The Tolland Public Library Foundation will be holding a formal public commemorative event after the estate is settled, in appreciation of this generous gift."

Elizabeth King Eaton was the former Director of Tufts University Health Sciences Library and, at the time of her death, was the Executive Director of the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library, the largest medical library in the country; and Director, National Network of Library Medicine, South Central Region, National Library of Medicine. Elizabeth spent her early childhood years in postwar Germany where her father, attorney Robert Douglas King, was a lawyer at the Nuremberg trials. When Robert and Phoebe returned from Germany with their children to the Dimock farm in Tolland, Elizabeth attended Tolland public schools and graduated from Ellington High School. She was an alumna of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. Her library degree is from UCLA and her Ph.D. from the University of Texas.

Elizabeth Eaton's mother, Phoebe Dimock King, graduated from the University of Kentucky, from the University of Illinois in 1932, and was the librarian at Pikeville College in Kentucky. At one time she was the assistant librarian in the Public Library in Bridgeport, CT. She worked in the Tolland Public School library and then Tolland Public Library from 1958 until her retirement in 1982. At that time, the town library was located in the Old Tolland County Court House (1822) on Tolland Green. Phoebe King's love

of books, her devotion to Tolland and to the library are why her daughter Elizabeth initiated this gift to the Tolland Public Library. Elizabeth's brother, Tolland resident Charles King, expresses the sentiments of the entire family: "We are delighted that Elizabeth left this ongoing legacy to the library."