

# Charlotte Mecklenburg Library wins "Excellence in Innovation"

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Charlotte Mecklenburg Library was one of three partners in the Foundation Center Funding Information Network recognized with an inaugural "Excellence in Innovation Award." The Foundation Center Funding Network is the leading source of information about philanthropy worldwide.

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, and Lydia Towery, who directs the center's activities at the Library, were recognized for demonstrating creativity and commitment in leveraging their resources to amplify their community outreach regionally.

The award was presented at a conference of Funding Information Network partners on October 9 to demonstrate appreciation for partners that translate their affiliation with their Foundation Center partners into creative solutions for local social sector communities.

"We would not be able to achieve our goal of connecting nonprofits to the resources they need to thrive if it weren't for the tireless dedication of our partners around the world to find new and inventive ways to assist the social sector in their own communities," said Katherine Farnan, Director of Network Engagement at Foundation Center.

As part of Foundation Center's Funding Information Network, which is comprised of more than 450 partners located in every U.S. state and 12 countries, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library assists under-resourced and underserved populations with vital information, training, and tools they can use to find the grants they need to support their missions.

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*About the Foundation Center* Located in libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit resource centers, Funding Information Network partners offer free access to Foundation Center's databases, publications, and a variety of supplementary materials and services useful to grantseekers. Network locations also hold training sessions on how to effectively use these resources to identify potential funders and apply for grants. Learn more about Foundation Center at [foundationcenter.org](http://foundationcenter.org)

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