



Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's Library & Archives wins Robert D. L. Gardiner Foundation Grant to Highlight Long Island STEM History

The Robert D. L. Gardiner Foundation is partnering with Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's Library and Archives in a novel STEM history program to raise public awareness of Long Island's rich history of fostering advances in science and technology. The program incorporates a History of Science Scholar, a dedicated website, annual lectures and exhibits.

The goal of the two-year \$250,000 grant is to highlight our region's important place in the history of science, technology, and medicine; and subsequently help promote Long Island's present-day resources for cultivating academic-industry partnerships for next-generation STEM innovation.

As part of its mission to cultivate and promote interest in Long Island's societal heritage, the Robert D. L. Gardiner Foundation sponsors educational activities that inform the general public of the region's historic contributions that have made and continue to make the world a better place.



Broad Hollow Bioscience Park Ribbon Cutting, 2000



NY Senator Hillary Clinton at the CSHL Genome Center with Scott Lowe, ca. 2000s

Established in 1890, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory has traditionally been closely intertwined with the broader social, economic, and environmental history of Long Island.

Inspired by these connections, CSHL's Robert D. L. Gardiner History of Science on Long Island Program will investigate historical links between scientific research, technological innovation, economic development and life on Long Island.

Ludmila Pollock, CSHL's Executive Director of Library and Archives will lead and oversee the Program, which includes:

- Robert D. L. Gardiner Website on the History of Science on Long Island
- Annual Robert D. L. Gardiner Lecture on the History of Science on Long Island
- Robert D. L. Gardiner History of Science Scholar

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Library & Archives is home to a unique and valuable collection of books, journals and online materials and it focuses on chronicling the history of molecular biology through the collections of prominent scientists. The Archives hosts special meetings for Nobel laureates and other key scientific contributors to scientific discoveries that shape our lives.

In the words of one Nobel laureate, Wally Gilbert,

"I am especially proud that CSHL is doing tremendous work to educate students and the public using these collections as a resource. In fact, my wife Celia and I plan to establish a program to utilize CSHL and its Archives as a link between science and art."



CSHL's Barbara McClintock became the first woman to win a solo Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for her discovery and characterization of transposable elements.