



## READS Executive Board Meeting

Friday, November 18, 2022 10:00AM

Meeting called to order at: 10:01 AM

Members Present: Natalie Moser, Liz Ryan, Sue Harmon, Brianna Hemmah, Alexa Moore, Kersten Matera, Laura Pezone, Jane Martina, Alexa Moore

Absent with notice: Eileen Gilbert

- **Acceptance of minutes from September 9, 2022 Motion to accept minutes as written made by Liz Ryan, Sue Harmon seconds. Motion carries.**
  
- Reports
  - [President](#), Natalie Moser
  - [Vice President](#), Sue Harmon
  - [Past President](#), Kersten Matera
  - [Treasurer](#), Laura Pezone
  - [Membership](#), Liz Ryan
    - Book challenges panel at NELA
    - 159 members currently
    - Including links to slides for READS NELA programs in December newsletter.
  - [Programming](#), Eileen Gilbert
    - Meeting update: 2 in-person roundtables, 1 virtual. Patron confrontations with a particular focus on challenges and staff mental health. Late March to early April. Committee will get a title and description to Jane Martina after next meeting.
  - [READS-to-Go](#), Brianna Hemmah
    - Added *Project Hail Mary*, *American Dirt*.
    - CLNH declined to participate in READS-to-Go program.
    - Should hear back from YALS soon.
    - Mention of libraries that have added kits in newsletter if there is space.
  - [Public Relations Chair](#), Jane Martina
    - Membership drive. Posting on Facebook on benefits of READS.
  - [Website Coordinator](#), Alexa Moore
    - Having committee minutes up on the website.
    - Should all committees be taking formal minutes?
    - Transition guide available on Google Drive.
  
- New Business
  - Transitions
    - Transitional meeting for Past President/President/President-elect. Also READS-to-Go committee chair.
  - Conference program feedback
  - READS-To-Go young adult kits
    - On-the-move books children's book sharing. Records lost.

- Unaffiliated kits on KitKeeper. Box/bag/discussion questions would need to be provided by donor. Would have to abide by all READS-to-Go procedures.
  - Having a YALS liaison to curate YA titles for READS YA collection.
  - Criteria for YA collection, number of books.
  - Brianna Hemmah will bring this to READS-to-Go committee.
  - Potentially connecting to Flume Isinglass Awards.
  - Table any motion for a future meeting.
- Old Business
  - Adjourn
    - Next meeting: Friday, January 13, 2023 at 10 AM
    - Motion to adjourn at 10:55 AM made by Natalie Moser, seconded by Kersten Matera.

## **READS President Report – November 2022**

Attended the NHLA Annual Business Meeting at the NELA Conference 10/25/22

- School Media Librarians likely to form new NHLA Section in the coming year
- Amy Lappin was presented with the 2022 Ann Geisel Award
- Yvette Couser is staying on as website coordinator
- Amendments to the NHLA bylaws passed

Conducted the READS Annual Business Meeting at the NELA Conference 10/25/22

- Sound quality issues prevented remote option
- Not enough members present for a quorum, approval of Annual Meeting minutes from 2021 were tabled until next year
- Brianna Hemmah announced as incoming Vice President/President Elect
- Laura Pezone elected to a second term as Treasurer
- Acknowledged Kersten's contributions to the Board, she will remain on the Award of Excellence Committee
- 2022 READS Award of Excellence presented to Courtney Vashon, Director of Whitefield Library

Respectfully submitted,  
Natalie Moser

**READS Vice President Report**

November 18, 2022

**Reads Repository:**

One new submission for the READS Repository using the suggested Canva template format. There was an issue with the file download, and I will upload it as soon as I have a new file.

**NELA Conference:**

I successfully presented the Craft Alley program on Tuesday, October 25 at 9:00AM. We had a good attendance, and everyone seemed engaged and interested. There was lots of good discussion at the end, and our sample kits went like crazy! Thanks again to Jane Martina, Michelle Bellavance, and Mary Ellen Carter for a great presentation!

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harmon  
READS Vice President

## READS Past President Report – November 18, 2022

The READS Award of Excellence was awarded to Courtney Vashaw from the Whitefield Public Library. Courtney and her two nominators (Catherine Atwood and Kathleen Kopp) attended the READS Annual Meeting where the award was presented.

Expenses for the Award of Excellence this year consisted of:

- \$185 for recipient to attend NELA (Tuesday)
- \$25 to engrave the READS Award of Excellence plaque
- \$15.99 for flowers for recipient

The 2023 Awards Committee will consist of:

- Past President (Natalie Moser)
- Immediate Past President (Kersten Matera)
- Courtney Vashaw (2022 READS Award of Excellence recipient)
- Maria Schroeter (2021 READS recipient)
- Pamela Dziama (2019 recipient)

Respectfully submitted,  
Kersten Matera

## **Treasurer's Report**

Balance 9/9/2022 \$3,516.23

Income:

Interest 0.03

Membership 15.00

Fall Program

Reimbursement

Spring Program

Overpayment

Reconciliation

Expenses :

Membership

Publicity

Fall Program \$89.96

Annual Meeting

Award of Excellence \$225.99

Program Support

Refund

Spring Program

NHLA

READS TO GO

Banking fees (bounced check)

Misc.

Balance 11/18/2022 \$3,215.31

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Pezone, Treasurer

**READS Membership Report: November 18th, 2022**

As of November 12th, we have 159 members, up two from August. This continues our increase over the year, and no one left in the past few months either. However, we all know that can change with the next report.

**Newsletter**

The last newsletter went out a little later than usual, on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This was to ensure that we had everything ready for the annual READS meeting. 151 people received it, with one bounce (And that it looks like that email was deactivated by the town the member worked for) We had 90 recipients open the email, and 35 total email clicks, which were evenly distributed among the various NELA/READS meeting links.

The next newsletter will go out on December 6th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Ryan

## **READS Program Committee**

The program committee will meet on November 16 to determine schedules and topics for the 2023 Spring Roundtables. There are usually two to three Roundtables in various locations during April of each year. We will also discuss locations and topics for the Fall Meeting, tentatively scheduled for October 7, 2023.



## **READS-to-Go Report**

**11/18/22**

### Kit Development

Kits that have been recently added include: *Project Hail Mary* (Manchester City Library) and *Rooted* by Lyanda Lynn Haupt (Concord Public Library).

Kits in the process of being added include: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins (Concord Public Library), *Grey Bees* by Andrey Kurkov, and *Underground Railroad* (Bath Public Library).

Approved titles waiting for a host include: *Band of Sisters*, *The Four Winds*, *The Last Chance Library*, *Leave the World Behind*, *Mexican Gothic*, *The Personal Librarian*, *The Reading List*, *The Rose Code*, and *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*.

Approved titles not yet in paperback: *Crying in H Mart*, *The Lincoln Highway*, and *The Midnight Library*.

### NH KitKeeper

Plymouth Rocket has not yet restored the pre-2020 circulation statistics that were omitted from kit records during the restoration process following the server attack of August 11-14. I have asked them to provide a spreadsheet of the data. Plymouth Rocket also explained that their protocol is to backup data offsite nightly.

### NELA Presentation

*Book Club Kits: READS-to-Go and the NH KitKeeper Program* was presented at the NELA Conference by Brianna Hemmah and Martha Simmons on Sunday, October 23. There were 11 in attendance, mostly from other New England states. Nicole Gauvreau of Pease Public Library also attended. She is heavily involved in YALS and CLNH and asked about youth kits and the old On-the-Move book program. She said she would make inquiries to these sections about potential involvement in NH KitKeeper.

### YALS, CLNH, and NH KitKeeper

Nicole Gauvreau brought the potential use of NH KitKeeper for youth kits before the CLNH Board at their last meeting. They have opted not to restart the On-the-Move kit program because they do not know where any of the old kits are and they do not want to dedicate the expense and time it would take to obtain bags, produce discussion questions, etc. Nicole will also be bringing the question before the YALS Board on November 17<sup>th</sup>. She would like to know if it would be possible for a library to host a middle grade or young adult kit on NH KitKeeper without the affiliation of a section.

### Reservation Statistics

There were 25 new kit reservations in September, and 12 in October. This is such a substantial drop that I looked deeper into circulation. There are 119 future reservations in the system and 84 for 2023 so far.

The next READS-to-Go meeting is scheduled for December 5th.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brianna Hemmah

**Reads Public Relations Report  
November 18, 2022**

**Newsletter:**

- The October/November Newsletter was sent out on October 11, 2022. The decision was made to delay the release of the October/November Newsletter so that we could include the Zoom information for our Annual Business meeting in the Newsletter.
- The next newsletter is scheduled to go out on December 6, 2022. Some potential topics for the upcoming newsletter include: READS Award of Excellence Announcement; Welcome New Board Members, Thank you for joining us at our Annual Fall Business Meeting; READS Repository/Programming Database Highlight; New READS To-Go Kits; or any additional adult services highlights.
- Converted October/November Newsletter into a PDF for Alexa to post on the website and for Natalie to upload to the READS Google Drive.

**Publicity:**

- Posted about this year's READS Award of Excellence Recipient on the NHLA Facebook Page and Instagram.

**NELA/NHLA:**

- Presented Craft Alley: Providing Socially Distanced Craft Programs to Adults, & Transitioning Back to In-Person Programs Once More with Susan Harmon, Michelle Bellavance, and Mary Ellen Carter-Gilson, at the NELA/NHLA Conference.

**Goodreads:**

- Continued to add Wadleigh Memorial Library Staff Picks to the "Staff Picks Shelf" using the Appeal Terms and Language from Alexa's Goodreads Guide.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jane Martina  
Public Relations Chair

## **Website Coordinator Report: November 18, 2022**

### **Website Updates:**

- Homepage
  - Updated READS homepage with logo -similar to CLNH page (makes for a warmer welcome I think)
  - Added post about the READS Award of Excellence 2022 Recipient - Courtney Vashaw!
  - Add post from newsletter about READS-to-Go: Tips & Tricks
- Updated the Award of Excellence winner for 2022 to the Award of Excellence page

### **General Updates:**

- Updated Website, and READS Executive Board Google Drive with:
  - Approved July 17th Meeting Minutes
  - Draft September 9th Meeting Minutes
  - October/November Newsletter
- Goodreads: Reached out to Scott Campbell via email with more formal request about approval for READS Goodreads on 11/4/22

### **Program Database:**

- We have 67 submissions, 6 more since our last meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alexa Moore