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REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

June/July 2022 Newsletter

Call for Submissions: READS Award of Excellence



There's still time to submit your nominations for the READS Award of Excellence! We all know people who deserve a professional "shout out," and this is a chance to give them one. It could be someone who offered a new and exciting program, excelled in community outreach, or some other creative innovation that improved library services to adults.

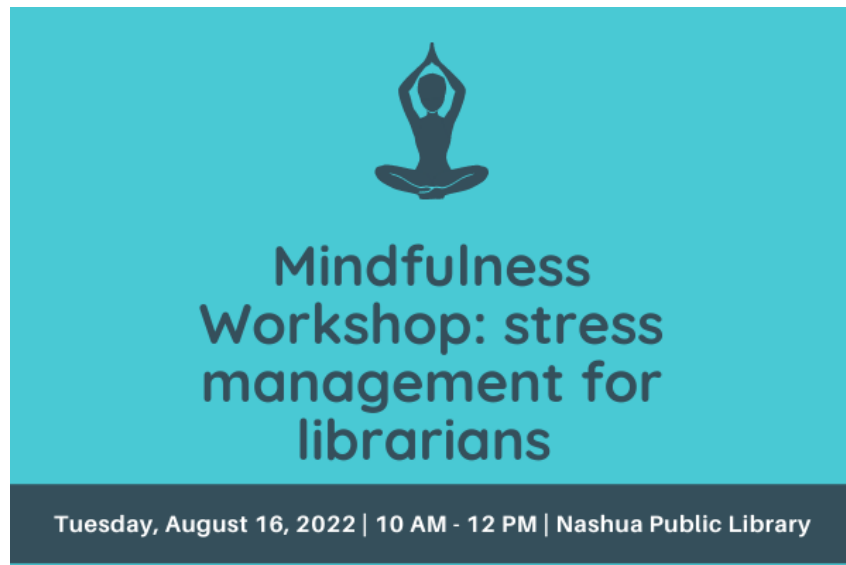
Criteria for the award include:

- Currently employed in a New Hampshire library
- Nominee may be a librarian or library support staff member
- Nominee may work in an academic, public, school media center, hospital, correctional, corporate or other special library or information center setting
- Nomination shall describe nominee's professional performance as a NH library employee
- Individuals may only receive the award once
- Current READS Board members are not eligible

Nominate someone for the READS Award of Excellence right [here](#)! Submissions are due by **June 30, 2022**.

For more information about the award, feel free to contact READS Past President Kersten Matera at kersten.matera@nashualibrary.org.

Mindfulness Workshop: Stress Management for Librarians



Join us on Tuesday, August 16th, at the Nashua Public Library for a Mindfulness Workshop led by Laura Klain!

Mindfulness is a great way to alleviate stress, develop more creativity, and cultivate more peace in your life. The practice can be added to any lifestyle and can be done anywhere. No special equipment or skills are needed! Laura is excited to share some tips and tools for you to use to your breath, mind, and body to help you be more present and peaceful even during times of stress. This workshop and guided meditation will be an opportunity to learn and practice so that you can have some experiential learning and takeaways to help you navigate these challenging times for Librarians.

For more information and to register for this event, click [here](#)!

Call for Submissions: READS Repository



Help us grow the READS Repository with your Summer Reading content! We've all been busy preparing for this year's Summer Reading Program, so why not share your hard work with your fellow NH librarians. Whether you've made fun posters and bookmarks to social media posts and programming content, the READS Repository is the place to share what your library has coming up for this Summer.

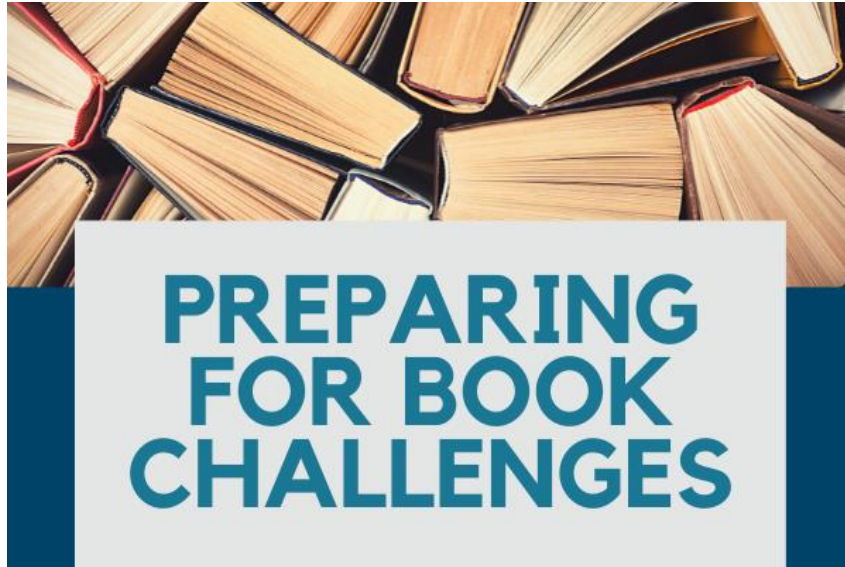
The READS Repository is a publicly accessible Google Drive featuring Programming, Social Media, and Technical Training resources, plus SO MUCH MORE, submitted from libraries across the state. This database is a living organism administrated by the READS Vice President, and will house everything from guidelines for virtual programming, to fun reading-themed memes for your social media pages. Anyone who has created an Adult or Reference Service related document is encouraged to share it on this platform!

Submission couldn't be easier:

- Email your PDF, png, jpeg, or Word document, to READSrepository@gmail.com
- Use the subject line: Steal This Content!

To view the READS Repository and get ideas for your own library, click [here!](#)

Preparing for Book Challenges



With book challenges on the rise throughout the country, there are a variety of resources available to help librarians prepare for book challenges in their library's. Learn more about book challenges and how to prepare for a challenge with the "Censorship Guidance & Resources" guide from the New Hampshire State Library. In this guide, you will find policy samples, presentations, guidance, resources from the ALA, information on "divisive concepts," and SO much more!