

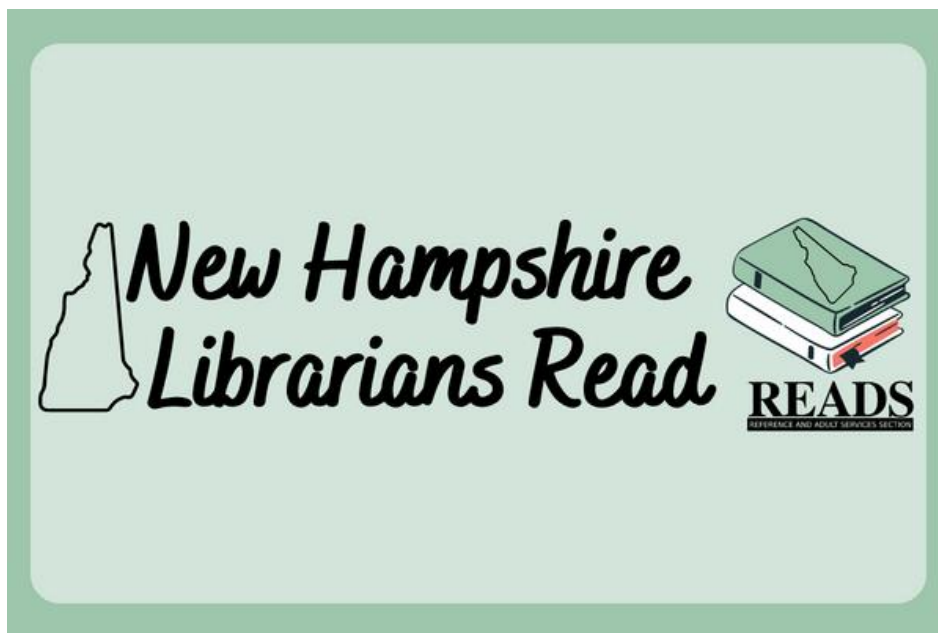
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REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

June/July 2023 Newsletter

Join the NH Librarians Read Goodreads Group!



Welcome to the NEW NH Librarians READS Goodreads Group! This Goodreads group is run by the READS section of NHLA. It is a place where NH Librarians can share what they are reading, contribute to staff picks, and connect others with awesome books! You can follow our READS Board Members (we're all moderators) to see what we're reading and browse our bookshelves.

A library Goodreads account can be a great way for us to crowdsource staff recommendations, and use those suggested titles to provide Reader's Advisory Services when a patron is standing front of us. It is also a way for the public to find us, even if they don't come into our library buildings! Read more about library Goodreads accounts and "Stocking your RA Pantry" from Becky Spratford. You can read her two blog posts here: [Get busy on Goodreads](#) & [Library Goodreads Updates](#)

After joining you will see updates from other members of the group, and can passively use the lists and bookshelves for Reader's Advisory as needed. If you would like to take a more active role you can add titles to our staff picks shelf after reading and reviewing them on your account.

1. If you rate a book 3 or more stars, add it to the NH Librarians Read group!
2. Navigate to the NH Librarians Read Group Bookshelf
3. In the top left hand corner search for one of the titles you would like to add to the group.
4. Once search results load, select the correct edition and click "Add to Group"
5. Choose the "staff-picks" shelf, and click Save Group Book (If another member of the group already added your title your review will automatically appear.)
6. Your book will now show up on the NH Librarians Read Bookshelf and users can browse it for

quick recommendations from our READS Board!

Get started browsing NH Librarians Read and adding your own picks to this new Goodreads Group [HERE!](#)

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.

The purpose of the READS Award of Excellence is to recognize outstanding contributions by an individual who has been instrumental in improving library services to adults.

Criteria for the award include:

- Currently employed in a New Hampshire library in one of the following categories: public, academic, correctional, or corporate
- Nominee may be a librarian or library support staff member
- 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, 2023**. For more information about the award, feel free to contact READS Past President Natalie Moser at nmoser@laconialibrary.org.

Thank you for Joining us at the NHLA Spring Conference



We hope you all enjoyed connecting with READS at the NHLA Spring Conference. We hope that you gained some new ideas and are ready to ignite innovation at your library!

Couldn't make it to one of our presentations? View the following presentations from your READS Executive Board below:

Presentations

[The Reference Interview and the Art of Asking Questions](#)

[BookBoxes: Library Subscription Boxes for All Ages](#)

[READS-to-Go Book Bag Tasting Event](#)

READS-To-Go is Looking for Readers



The READS-to Go Committee is looking for readers to vote on books for our pre-approved kit titles. We keep track and vote using a shared google sheet featuring Potential Titles. Simply add your initials and comments to our book picks, or add your own title suggestions. If you would like to be more involved, join our committee meetings to discuss all things book club kit! If you are interested, please email nhkitkeeper@gmail.com.

Save the Date: READS Fall Conference



Mark your calendars for the READS Fall Conference! Join us on Friday, October 6th, at the Common Man in Plymouth, NH, for a day of informative sessions highlighting important topics in the profession, as well as our annual business meeting. Stay tuned for more conference updates and registration information.

We can't wait to see you there!