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August/September 2023 Newsletter

Cast Your Vote in the 2023 READS Election



Voting is now open for the READS 2023 Election! Cast your ballot until voting closes on **Tuesday, September 29, 2023**. Join us at our Annual Fall Conference on **Friday, October 13th**, where we'll be sharing the election results for the 2023 READS Executive Board

This year, the Vice President and Secretary positions are up for election.

The Vice President position is a three-year position which cycles through Vice President, President and Past President. Jane Martina is nominated for this position.

My name is Jane Martina, and I'm the Adult & Information Services Librarian at the Hooksett Public Library in Hooksett, NH. I recently started in this position at the Hooksett Public Library, and have twelve years of library experience overall. In 2020, I joined READS as the Public Relations Chair and have greatly enjoyed my time working with this section. During my time as Public Relations Chair, I have created the bi-monthly READS Newsletters, promoted READS events and resources through

various channels, worked alongside my fellow Chair members to create the new READS Goodreads group, assisted with creating programming for the NELA/NHLA Joint Conference, and presented alongside my fellow READS Chair members at the NELA/NHLA joint conference, as well. It has been a pleasure to support the New Hampshire Library community at the state level over the past few years, and I hope to continue to connect my fellow NH librarians to information and each other as the READS Vice President/President Elect.

The Secretary position is a two-year position. Sarah Frost is nominated for this position.

Sarah Frost graduated from Clarion University with her MLS in 2020 and completed the New England Library Association's (NELA) Emerging Leaders Summer 2021 cohort. She began her work in libraries in 2014 and is now an Adult Services Librarian at Laconia Public Library. During her time working in New Hampshire libraries, she served as Vice President, President, and Past President in NHLA's Paralibrarian section. She is eager to become active in the New Hampshire Library Association again and is running for the position of Secretary for READS.

[Cast Your Vote Here!](#)

Register for the READS Fall Conference

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Friday, October 13th | Common Man Plymouth, NH

Mark your calendars for the READS Fall Conference! Join us on Friday, October 13th, at the Common Man in Plymouth, NH, for an insightful day of professional development that delves into the vital role of libraries in facing political and social challenges head-on. In an increasingly divided world, libraries have become centers of community conversation and controversy. We aim to equip librarians and library staff with practical strategies to handle these challenges candidly, respectfully, and effectively.

We can't wait to see you there!

Register Here!

The READS Programming Committee Wants You



READS is looking for individuals to join the Programming Committee. This committee typically organizes 3-4 Roundtables, the Annual READS Fall Conference, and occasional collaborations with other sections. Responsibilities include arranging for speakers, choosing venues and caterers, and reviewing surveys. The approximate time commitment is 2-3 hours per month. Please contact Eileen Gilbert, Programming Committee Chair, at director@belmontpubliclibrary.org for more information or if interested.

Join the NH Librarians Goodreads Group



Have you joined the NEW NH Librarians READS Goodreads Group yet? 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.

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!](#)

Browse New Program Recommendations



Jump start your Fall Program Planning with the newest submissions to the READS Programming Database!

Falconry Demonstration with Monadnock Falconry, submitted by Hancock Town Library

"Monadnock Falconry offers the chance for nature enthusiasts of all ages to imagine life as a bird of prey! We are devoted to environmental education through first-hand experience of these amazing creatures rarely encountered up close in the wild. Our programs include outdoor flying displays, offering the chance for participants to call a hawk to their own glove, as well as indoor programs with Harris Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks, and Great Horned Owls. All programs are suitable for children, including those with disabilities." ~ Hancock Town Library

Dogs of Chernobyl by Fuller Public Library

"Steve Quandt talks about the spay/neuter program he participated in in Chernobyl and other areas. They spayed/neutered community animals as well as pets to keep the population down. Steve donates the presenter fee to the organization he works with." ~ Fuller Public Library

Browse these new submissions and booking information in the READS Programming Database [HERE!](#) With over 70 programs to browse and new recommendations being added monthly, you're sure to find programs that your patrons will love.