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# READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

## February/March 2024 Newsletter

**Contribute Your Expertise! Get Involved  
with READS**



Want to get more involved with READS? Learn more about how you can contribute in the New Year!

**Public Relations Chair:** READS needs YOU as our next Public Relations Chair. Craft compelling newsletters, build a thriving social media presence, and lend a hand to our awesome committees, all while working alongside a dedicated group of librarians. The approximate time commitment is 2-3 hours per month.

**READS-To-Go:** Connect with fellow readers! READS-To-Go seeks readers to assist with selecting and managing book kits to support book discussion groups throughout the state, both community and library sponsored. The approximate time commitment is 2 hours per month in addition to reading time.

**Programming Committee:** Shape the future of READS events! Join the Programming Committee and curate engaging experiences for our members. From finding inspiring speakers to choosing the perfect venues, you'll create unforgettable professional development opportunities for the NH Library community. The approximate time commitment is 2-3 hours per month.

To learn more about these opportunities, please contact READS President, Brianna Hemmah at [bhemmah@laconialibrary.org](mailto:bhemmah@laconialibrary.org). We can't wait to welcome you to the READS family!

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**Don't let your NHLA and READS membership expire- Renew today!**



There's still time to renew your READS membership! Don't miss out on these great benefits of being a READS member:

- Bi-monthly newsletter featuring news, programming ideas, reference resources, editorials, and event reminders!
- Member- discounted rates for BOTH the READS Spring Roundtable and Fall Conference!
- Networking Opportunities to serve on READS Committees and the Executive Board!
- Specially curated event reminder and announcement emails!

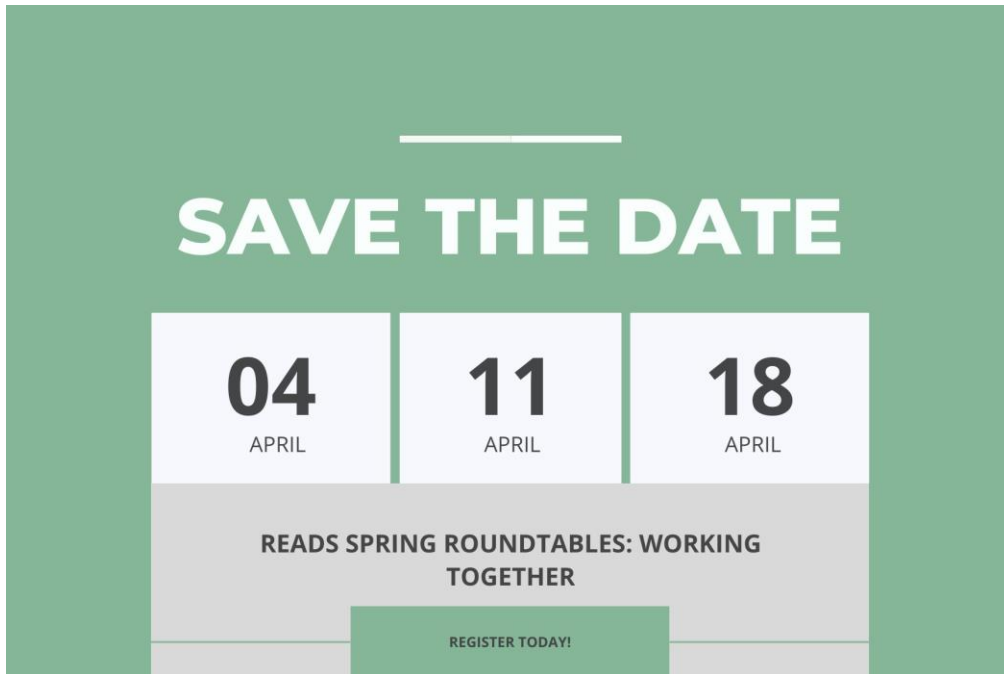
- A dedicated and knowledgeable group of librarians and library staff who are ready to share ideas!

For just \$5, you'll get another fun year of adult services related news, highlights, and events. Renew both your NHLA and READS memberships [HERE!](#)

**Thank you for continuing to be a part of the READS Family!**

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## Save the Date: READS Spring Roundtables



When the library builds partnerships, it strengthens ties to the community, shares resources, and builds positive relationships. Gather with your peers to discuss the ups and downs of working with people and organizations within our communities and with each other. Share your knowledge so we library workers can collaborate more effectively and support each other. When we work together, we multiply the services the community can use. This year's roundtables will be held both virtually and in-person. Register below to attend this year's roundtables!

Register [HERE](#) for Thursday, April 4th at 10:00 AM (Virtual)

Register [HERE](#) for Thursday, April 11th at 10:00 AM at the Conway Public Library.

Register [HERE](#) for Thursday, April 18th at 10:00 AM at the Nesmith Library.

**We can't wait to see you there!**

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## Recognizing Excellence in Adult Services



Do you know a librarian who goes above and beyond for adult patrons? Nominate them for the READS Award of Excellence!

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, correction, 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, 2024. For more information about the award, feel free to contact READS Past President Sue Harmon at [sharmon@manchesternh.gov](mailto:sharmon@manchesternh.gov).

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**Expand Your Library's Offerings! Browse the Newest Submissions to the Programming Database**



Looking to bring live music to your library? Browse these new program submissions that are sure to get your patrons singing and dancing!

#### **Outside Looking In, Abbott Library**

Mike is a blind songwriter, guitarist, and published poet whose work presents "scenes and characters in his life of seventy-five years on the road from coast to coast and New England to the Caribbean" (cribbing from his site). He was once again accompanied by his wife Beverly on harmony vocals and his friend Dan McLellan on bass and harmony, along with his trusty guitar and harmonica.

*Highly recommended! 9 patrons attended, all of whom clearly had a great time, speaking very enthusiastically of the event and asking if we might have the performers back. ~ Abbott Library*

#### **[Mix]tape A Cappella, Dover Public Library**

Enjoy an a cappella concert by Dover's very own [Mix]tape! Take a musical journey spanning multiple artists, genres, and decades through the style of a cappella. Get ready to tap into your nostalgia, have your heartstrings pulled, and get your groove on—all in one evening.

*The group is incredibly easy to work with, has a large repertoire, brings their own equipment and is reasonably priced. We've had them twice and the audience always leaves with smiles on their faces and talks about what a great time it was. The group is located in Dover, NH, but willing to travel (Oh, and I forgot to mention that they were one of the opening acts for Foreigner the summer of 2023!) ~ Dover Public Library*

Browse these new submissions and booking information in the READS Programming Database [HERE!](#) With over 80 programs to browse and new recommendations being added monthly, you're sure to find programs that your patrons will love.

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