

## READS-to-Go Committee and KitKeeper Annual Report 2019

### Committee Members

Longtime Chairperson and Founder Diane Mayr retired in early Spring. Brianna Hemmah was elected Chairperson shortly before Diane's retirement. In May, Tricia Ryden was elected Secretary. Other Committee Members include Judith Haskell, Elizabeth Herold, Claudia Mayer, Natalie Moser, Elizabeth Nerbonne, Michele Ricca, Martha Simmons, and Katherine Parker Wright. New members are always welcome.

### Policy Updates

The READS-to-Go Committee has implemented a Deaccession Policy. The committee will reassess kit titles at the request of a host library. Otherwise, the lowest circulating kits will be reviewed at the end of the year. Alternate titles may be offered to those libraries hosting one of the lowest circulating kits. We have also committed to providing a greater variety of titles. We plan to achieve this by expanding how we use our Titles to Watch page.

### Social Media

The Committee is retiring the READS-to-Go Blog in favor of a page on the READS section of NHLA's Website. As part of this transition we have updated flyers, Processing Instructions and FAQs. Discussion Questions and other Reproducibles are now solely available through this page. We have also retired the READS-to-Go Facebook page. All publicity will now be directed through READS channels.

### Future Kits

We have 8 Kits in various stages of processing. These include: *The Den*, *Educated*, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, *The Ghost of the Innocent Man*, *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk*, *There There*, *Waking Up White*, and *Where the Crawdads Sing*.

Approved Titles waiting for a host include: *American Marriage*, *Before We Were Yours*, *Born a Crime*, *Inheritance*, *Killers of the Flower Moon*, *The Library Book*, and *Meet Me at the Museum*. Likely soon to be approved: *The Dreamers*, *Once Upon a River*, and *Plum Rains*.

### KitKeeper

The most consistent problem we face is failure to Track Reservations, which results in a failure of auto-emails being triggered during the course of a Kits use. We also sometimes see host libraries not paying attention to their reservations. It seems that these problems might be a matter of turnover at libraries. We will continue to offer instruction materials and sessions in order to help train staff on KitKeeper use.

### KitKeeper Statistics

We are currently circulating 187 Kits. 11 have been added this year, and 2 removed. 572 Reservations were added to the system in the last year.

The most popular kits this year include: *Americanah*, *And the Mountains Echoed*, *The Art Forger*, *Boston Girl*, *Circling the Sun*, *Desert Queen*, *Etta and Otto and Russell and James*, *A Girl Named Zippy*, *Girl Waits with Gun*, *Homegoing*, *In the Unlikely Event*, *The Invention of Wings*, *Kitchen Confidential*, *Lily and the Octopus*, *The Lobster Chronicles*, *The Muralist*, *The Muse*, *Never Caught*, *News of the World*, *The One-in-a-Million Boy*, *Orphan Train*, *The Soul of an Octopus*, *To the Bright Edge of the World*, and *The Women in the Castle*.

The kits with the most future reservations are *Eleanor Olyphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman and *Never Caught* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar, which is booked into 2021.

Our least popular kits are: *The Art of Fielding*, *Eye Contact*, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Red Garden*, *Sister of My Heart*, *Shanghai Girls*, and *A Visit from the Goon Squad*.

Anyone wishing to host a READS-to-Go Kit please contact Brianna Hemmah at [rtgchair@nhlibrarians.org](mailto:rtgchair@nhlibrarians.org)

Respectfully Submitted,  
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