

READS-to-Go Committee and KitKeeper Annual Report 2020

Committee Members

Brianna Hemmah serves as Chairperson and Tricia Ryden serves as Secretary. Other READS-to-Go Committee members include Jessica DeLangie, Judith Haskell, Elizabeth Herold, Natalie Moser, Elizabeth Nerbonne, Michele Ricca, Martha Simmons, and Katherine Parker-Wright. New members are always welcome.

COVID-19 Impacts

READS-to-Go kits mostly stopped circulating after the shutdown of Inter-Library Loan. All notifications were turned off on March 17, and were not turned on again until September 14. During the late summer some kits did begin to circulate via individual courier. The READS-to-Go Committee postponed all meetings until September 14, which met virtually.

Social Media

The READS-to-Go Committee has retired the READS-to-Go Blog in favor of a page on the READS section of NHLA's Website. We have added a Printable Kit Title List to the READS-to-Go page, which will be updated periodically to include newly added titles.

Future Kits

We have 5 Kits in various stages of processing. Two are about to be activated: *Circe* and *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek*.

Approved titles waiting for a host include: *Before We Were Yours*, *The Great Believers*, *Ask Again Yes*, *City of Girls*, *Nomadland*, *So You Want to Talk About Race*, *The Witch Elm* and *The Whisper Network*. Coming to paperback soon: *The Dutch House* and *Inheritance*. No paperback release date yet: *Where the Crawdads Sing* and *The Giver of Stars*.

KitKeeper Statistics

We are currently circulating 197 kits. 13 have been added this year, and 3 removed. 363 reservations were added to the system in the last year during the months that reservation notifications were on, which was roughly half the year.

The most popular kits this year include: *The Alice Network*, *An American Marriage*, *Behold the Dreamers*, *Never Caught*, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, *Hillbilly Elegy*, and *Salt Houses*.

The kits with the most future reservations are *An American Marriage* and *A Gentleman in Moscow*, which is booked into 2022.

Anyone wishing to host a READS-to-Go kit please contact Brianna Hemmah at rtgchair@nhlibrarians.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Brianna Hemmah