

Minutes
Reads-to-Go Committee Virtual Meeting
Monday March 15, 3 pm

Present: Brianna Hemmah, Martha Simmons, Michele Ricca, Jessica DeLangie, Katherine Parker-Wright, Tricia Ryden

Old Business: The Minutes of our last meeting were accepted.

New Business:

New Kits: Brianna gave us an update on new kits available to borrow, including The Whisper Network, The Witch Elm, and Ask Again, Yes.

Old Reads-To-Go Blog: The READS board has asked if we can delete the old RTG blog. The committee voted yes.

RTG Committee Status: The READS board discovered that the RTG committee is technically an ad-hoc committee. They intend to make us a permanent committee. Brianna will keep us updated.

EDI titles: The READS board has asked if the committee would focus on offering more Equity, Diversity and Inclusion titles. Brianna told them that while the committee is happy to make more of those titles available, we don't assign kits. Martha indicated that she was happy that the RTG committee had already made it a priority to offer more EDI titles before this request.

Processing instructions: Martha asked for some clarifications, including whether book pockets can be optional. Consensus was that we will make them optional but can provide them if needed. She also raised the issue of the book plates, noting that we should clarify that the current ones are intended to be acknowledgements of donations of the kits. Jessica and Martha wondered if it would be nice to have bookplates saying who the sponsoring library is that would go in each book. Brianna will look into the cost and see if that is feasible.

Luggage tags: Brianna will order new luggage tags in the next round of orders that don't require the host library to have a laminator.

Reads to Go logo: it was agreed that we need some kind of a logo. Brianna will check with the READS board to see if we could do some kind of modified version of the READS logo for RTG.

Adding potential titles to the Spread Sheet: Jessica asked for clarification on whether potential titles to consider could be added to the RTG spreadsheet between meetings, or if that just happens during our meetings. Martha will add language to the tabs clarifying that titles can be added to the Potential Titles list by any committee member at any time.

Color Coding on the Books to Vote On page of the RTG spreadsheet: Martha asked for clarification on the color coding. Brianna explained that Blue means the kit has been recently assigned, Purple means it is ok to become a kit, Green means it is ok to become a kit but is not available in paperback yet.

Book Discussion for possible kit titles:

The committee voted to add a number of kits to offer to libraries to sponsor when available in paperback, including Anxious People, Deacon King Kong, Exhalations, Interior Chinatown, Mexican Gothic, Miss Benson's Beetle and Exiles. A number of titles were also removed from the list.

Next meeting will be in June. Brianna will email us all with the date.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Ryden