

**Minutes**  
**Reads-To-Go Meeting**  
**Monday June 29, 2021 3 pm**

**Present:** Brianna Hemmah, Martha Simmons, Tricia Ryden

The Committee accepted the Minutes from our last meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Brianna gave an update on the kits that have been added: Inheritance, Exhalations and I'm Still Here are ready to go. Still in progress: Intimations, Year of Silence (the author is writing the discussion questions and is unavailable right now), Giver of Stars, Beekeeper's Apprentice, Miss Benson's Beetle, The Exiles and The New Jim Crow.
- A few Libraries used ARPA funds to acquire new Reads-To-Go kits.
- Brianna will be ordering new self-laminating tags for the kits online.
- Brianna has deleted the old RTG blog.
- Brianna clarified the status of the new RTG logo, which is ready to use or available to be edited by anyone on the Committee if interested. The person who made it for us did it as a favor and is not available for doing any more changes.

**New Business:**

- READS bylaws Amendments: Brianna noted that in the proposed amendment making us a regular standing committee, the Chair officially has a 2 year term, or until their successor is elected. Brianna also pointed out she is happy to continue as Chair. She reminded the Committee that whoever is the Chair also has to be the KitKeeper Admin. Martha pointed out that it might be useful for at least another person on the Committee to learn how to be a KitKeeper Admin, and is happy to show anyone how to do it.
- Martha also reported that there has been an uptick in KitKeeper troubleshooting emails as libraries are opening up more, particularly given the amount of staff turnover there has been in the last year and a half. Brianna noted the same. Martha suggested we might want to make it more explicit on the website how people should contact Brianna for RTG and KitKeeper questions as she sometimes gets phone calls at her Library.
- Discussion of books for Kits:
  - The Committee went through the books to be offered to libraries for kits (Voted Books). As had been discussed at a previous meeting, we switched out Akin by Emma Donoghue for The Pull of the Stars. We also moved The Girl with the Louding Voice, Hamnet, The House in the Cerulean Sea, The Rose Code, and Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man from the list of Potential Titles to the Voted Books list. The Committee agreed to remove titles that have been on the Voted List for a while with no luck, including The Great Believers, Where the

Crawdads Sing, and The Switch. Martha asked whether there should be any formal or informal guidelines for how long we leave a title on this list before pulling it. It is really helpful that the Voted list includes the date that the Committee added each book to the list. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of this. No action was taken on that for now.

- The Committee went through the Potential Books list, removed some that seem to have faded in popularity, and added a few including All Adults Here, The Personal Librarian, Great Circle, and Somebody's Daughter.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next Meeting: TBD. Brianna will send out potential dates to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Ryden