

Minutes
Reads-to-Go Committee Meeting (via gotomeeting)
June 6, 2022
3 pm

Present: Brianna Hemmah, Martha Simmons, Michele Ricca, Gail Zachariah, Tricia Ryden

Call to Order: Brianna called the meeting to order. The Committee voted to accept the minutes from the last meeting. The group welcomed Gail Zachariah as a new Committee member. Gail has agreed to serve as RTG Committee Chair when Brianna steps down.

Old Business:

- NHLA website: Brianna updated the Committee on the new NHLA website. The website training sessions are happening and the front page has been updated, but the Reads-to-Go page has not yet been updated. It is on the agenda for the next READS meeting, and Brianna is hopeful that it will be updated by midsummer.
- Year End Statistics:
 - Manchester and Derry have withdrawn their lowest circulating kits. They haven't replaced them yet with new kits but they have expressed interest in doing so. Brianna may give them a reminder if they don't get back to us with any new titles soon. Martha reported that Hooksett is also going to withdraw their lowest circulating kit, The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. She will ask about getting a new kit in Hooksett as well.
- New Kits progress:
 - The Underground Railroad kit is still pending, after the saga of the kit disappearing. The St. Anselm's kits are pending as well. Brianna has sent them the bags and all of the information. The Born a Crime kit has been added.

New Business:

- NELA Conference: Brianna submitted a proposal for a Reads-to-Go program about KitKeeper for the upcoming October Conference in Manchester. It would be a 45 minute program including Q&A time. There will be a KitKeeper tutorial as part of the program. Martha suggested that we make time at the next RTG meeting to plan the presentation.
- Recruiting New RTG Members: Michele volunteered to write a letter to recruit more RTG Committee members to send out on ILL NHAIS. Brianna and Martha suggested that she come up with something that could be included in the newsletter as well. Brianna will send Michele the current RTG logo to include in it.
- KitKeeper Superuser Logistics: Martha offered to enter new kits into KitKeeper, which is something that Brianna has done in her work as Chair, as well as any other KitKeeper tasks that might be helpful. Brianna is also willing to keep doing some KitKeeper tasks.

Michele is also interested in learning how to do more in KitKeeper. Brianna will contact Plymouth Rocket to figure out how to get Gail and Michele access as superusers.

- YALS/CLNH KitKeeper discussion: The issue of YALS/CLNH using KitKeeper for kits came up again. Gail mentioned that in the past there had been resistance to using KitKeeper, but that things may have changed. Brianna will email them again to gauge interest. It was suggested that if there is still no interest from YALS/CLNH in adding kits to KitKeeper, RTG might want to consider adding some YA crossover titles, given the popularity of many YA titles among adults.
- Committee Secretary discussion: Martha raised the question of whether we need to elect a new secretary, given that we are getting a new Chair as well. Brianna said that there is no need to do an election for the position if Tricia still wants to serve as Committee Secretary. Tricia said she is happy to stay on as Secretary.
- Book Discussion: The Committee removed some books from the Potential Books list that haven't really taken off, including Great Circle, Hamnet, Black Sun, The City We Became, The Pull of the Stars, Eternal, Black Water Sister, and Summer Seekers. The Committee moved some potential books over to Voted Books, including Facing the Mountain, The Reading List, Four Winds, Crying in H Mart, The Last Chance Library, and Travels with George. The Committee added new books to the Potential Books list, including Take My Hand, Lessons in Chemistry, and The Book Woman's Daughter.

Brianna adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:40 pm. Brianna will send out potential dates for a September meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Ryden