

## READS Annual Report 2016

**Executive Board Positions**

The resignations of our Past President this year, and of President Rebecca Crockett resulted in some mid-year changes on the board. Nancy Miner became President, vacating the Vice President Chair; Myra Emmons and Katherine Dormody stepped up to share the Past President position. A special election was held to place Beverly Pietlicki as Vice President. Many thanks to those who came forward to join the board.

**Roundtables**

Roundtables this year dealt with the ever-present need to **Start Spreading the News-Marketing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library**. It was a good opportunity to network on strategies, including which social media methods were most effective. Thanks to the following cooperatives for hosting them this year:

Thursday March 31 10am-noon

**Hooksett Public Library**

Merri-Hill Rock Cooperative

Monday April 25 10am-noon

**Conway Public Library**

Carroll County Library Cooperative

Tuesday April 26 10am-noon

**Portsmouth Public Library**

Seacoast Area Libraries Cooperative

**Membership**

15 new members bring us to 190. This committee hopes to resume sending members a more robust newsletter in the coming year.

**Reads-To-Go**

This committee now has 160 kits to circulate; this will be facilitated by the new KitKeeper online booking system. This set-up was a tremendous amount of work to implement, and is now ready

to use by librarians in NH. Patrons will not have access to the site. Education for users is readily available, with a test site, an introductory video and detailed instructions. These will be made available for attendees at the Fall Conference for those who would like to talk over the new service with committee members Brianna Hemmah, Martha Simmons or Treasurer, Mat Bose.

### **LOGO Contest**

The Executive Board felt some branding was in order to help define the mission of READS for current and prospective members. A Logo Contest is underway to find a symbol that represents the work of the Adult Services Librarian. The prize is a \$100 Amazon gift card and all due pride and glory for the library affiliated with the submitter. All are encouraged to enter; details are on the READS website.

Submitted by

Nancy Miner

READS President 2016

**READS YEARLY TREASURER'S REPORT**

**July 2015 – June 2016**

**INCOME**

Savings	\$4,257.62
Bank Interest	\$ 0.40
Membership	\$1,035.00
Spring Roundtables (fees)	\$ 150.00
Reimbursements	\$ 5.05

**TOTAL INCOME \$5,448.07**

**EXPENSES**

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Gift Certificate	\$100.00	
Complimentary Reg. NELA	\$100.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 200.00</b>

**READS-TO-GO**

Plymouth Rocket-KitKeeper	\$475.00	
Domain Renewal	\$ 36.34	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 511.34</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$711.34**

**BANK ACCOUNTS as of June 30, 2016**

Savings	\$4,736.73
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**Total in the READS accounts \$4,736.73**

Submitted by Mathew Bose, READS Treasurer  
Annual Fall Conference meeting on September 23, 2016

## **READS 2016 Membership Report**

This year, READS was pleased to welcome 15 new members for a total of 190 members.

I would like to thank the past Membership chair, Kersten Matera, for helping me to get up to speed on membership committee procedures.

This year, READS members received emails about the roundtables and annual conference. We would like to resume sending a more robust eNewsletter to members.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Weiss  
READS Membership Chair

## **READS Annual Report from the Programming Committee September 2016**

Members of the Programming Committee this year included Eileen Gilbert, Cary Jardine, Tricia Quinn and Kate Thomas.

Each spring, the Programming Committee Organizes a series of Round Table discussions, held in various parts of the State, under the auspices of various Coops. The theme for 2016 was "Spreading the News-Marketing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library. Three sessions were held, one in Conway with 9 participants, one in Hooksett with 28 participants and one in Portsmouth with 13 participants. A fourth session had been scheduled, to be held in conjunction with the Un-Conference, but the cancellation of the Un-Conference made that one impossible.

In the fall, the Programming Committee helps to organize the READS annual Conference. This year, the Conference will be held on Friday, Sept. 23 at the Hooksett Public Library. The theme is "A Helpful Harvest: Practical Solutions for Busy Librarians." The hope was that by presenting programs on a wide variety of topics there would be something of interest to everyone. Programs include:

1. Can I Ebsco that for You? with Bobbi Slossar
2. Is That Legal? Where to turn first for legal reference with Mary Searles
3. Be aware... Connect with care: Keeping patrons' data secure with Chuck McAndrews and Mark Glisson
4. EngAGE Older Adults – Panel Discussion
5. I Need a Good Book: Readers' Advisory on the Fly with Emily Weiss, Mary Danko and Mindy Atwood

The Annual Business Meeting and presentation of the READS Award of Excellence will also take place at the Conference.

The Programming has suffered in the past year from a loss in membership. We hope that we will find sufficient new members to continue to provide the READS programs each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Thomas

## **READS-TO-GO Committee 2016 Annual Report**

As of September 15, 2016, READS-TO-GO has 160 kits in circulation. Two years ago, we had 135 kits! The committee is continuously reading newly published works of fiction and nonfiction to consider for new kits. If your library, or local organization would like to sponsor a kit, please contact [dmayr@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:dmayr@nesmithlibrary.org). (The cost of a kit is approximately \$180 plus your staff time for processing. RTG provides the bag and discussion materials.)

The READS-TO-GO site ([www.reads-to-go.org](http://www.reads-to-go.org)) is updated primarily with new kit titles and discussion questions. Hosting libraries should periodically check the page and let us know if any of the information included is missing or inaccurate (for example, if your library has changed a phone #). For the period January 1 – September 15, 2016, the blog had 1,601 visits and 3,179 page views.

Time sensitive information of interest to librarians and book groups is provided on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ReadsToGo](http://www.facebook.com/ReadsToGo)). Our Facebook page has 143 "likes." We urge libraries to use the Facebook page to share information about kit availability, to recommend titles, and to generally discuss RTG issues.

Thanks to our committee members for the time, energy, and creativity they put into the READS-TO-GO program, Brianna Hemmah, Liz Herold, Claudia Mayer, Beth Nerbonne, Judy Haskell, Tricia Ryden, Martha Simmons, and chairperson, Diane Mayr. We bid farewell to Jennifer Rafferty, and thank her for her past service. Special thanks to READS Treasurer, Mat Bose, who is overseeing the implementation of a KitKeeper online booking system, and is working with Martha Simmons and Brianna Hemmah to get it up and running in the near future.

We appreciate the continued support of the NH library community. We offer our thanks to the kit host libraries, to Mary Russell at NHSL, and to the van drivers who transport the kits between libraries. And of course, we'd like to recognize the readers who continue to borrow, read, and discuss the books in RTG kits!

Respectfully submitted by Diane Mayr, chairperson  
9/15/16

**READS Annual Report from the Past President  
September 2016**

The Past President chairs both the Nominating Committee, to nominate Board members for service, and the Award Committee, which presents the annual Award of Excellence to an exemplary staff member of a NH library.

Because the position of Past President needed to be filled due to a resignation, Katherine Dormody and Myra Emmons agreed to share duties for the remainder of this year. Katherine agreed to assist with the Nominating Committee - responsible for finding candidates to fill the vacancy for Vice President/President Elect – and Myra to work with the Award Committee. Myra will continue to serve as Past President for 2017.

The READS Board members are happy to welcome Beverly Pietlicki of the Josiah Carpenter Library in Pittsfield NH. She has generously stepped in to serve as Vice President/President Elect for the remainder of 2016, and the full term for 2017.

The 2016 Award Committee included the acting Past President, Myra Emmons, the previous year's Past President, Katherine Dormody, and the three immediate past winners: Sandy Whipple, Mark Glisson and Janet Arden.

The committee received five nominations for the Award, and after long deliberation selected a winner for the 2016 READS Award of Excellence. With so many committed, enthusiastic and creative colleagues, it is both a genuine struggle to choose one individual, and a real pleasure to recognize that person's outstanding achievements.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Emmons