

In this issue: Call for READS Award of Excellence Nominations, READS at the NHLA Spring Conference, Merrimack Library's Stained Glass Workshop, Legal Information Reference Center, and READS 2020 Officer Vacancy.

READS

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

April/May 2019 Newsletter

Call for Nominations: READS Award of Excellence

Deadline: June 1, 2019

The purpose of the READS Award of Excellence is to recognize outstanding contributions by an individual who has been instrumental in improving library services to adults.



Criteria for Nominees:

- Must be currently employed in a New Hampshire library as a librarian or library support staff member
- Must work in an academic, public, school media center, hospital, correctional, corporate or other special library or information center setting

If you know of a librarian or library support staff member who has gone above and beyond to overcome limitations, improve services, enrich the public, create original work, or other outstanding achievements, please fill out a [nomination form](#) and let us know! We'll announce the winner at the annual READS fall program. The recipient of the READS Award of Excellence will receive a free NHLA/READS membership for the following year, their name on a plaque, and the well-deserved recognition of their peers!

Interested in learning more about the READS Award of Excellence? You can visit our website for [more information](#) and look at our [past award winners](#).

READS at the NHLA Spring Conference

At the New Hampshire Library Association's Spring Conference next month, READS will be presenting a number of programs connected to the theme "Cozying Up to Your Community".

Be sure to check out:

- READS-to-Go Community Book Clubs
- Spark Talks: Outside the Box Services
- Reference Refresher: Reader's Advisory Tips
- Local Author Panel featuring Dan Szczesny (author of *The White Mountain*)
- Opioid Addiction Support Groups in Your Community with Maureen Cavanagh, author of *If You Love Me: A Mother's Journey through Her Daughter's Opioid Addiction*
- Aging at the Library: Helping Older Citizens with Technology and Privacy in the Real World

We hope you can make it to these information-packed sessions! If you haven't already registered for the NHLA Spring Conference, you can do so at: <https://nhla38.wildapricot.org/event-2804762>

Program Spotlight: *Stained Glass Workshop*



by Brendan Chella, *Head of Adult Services/e-Resources at Merrimack Public Library*

Last December, the Merrimack Public Library put on two crafting events involving stained glass. Using stained glass paint and a variety of glass items such as jars, vases, and drinking glasses, patrons created their own homemade stained glass. Extra items used to add additional touches to the final products included copper tape and tea lights. The copper tape allows patrons to create a unique design as well as a way to separate out the colors on their glass. The programs themselves were limited in size so that supplies wouldn't run out and one individual could run the event on their own.

The most difficult part of the program was obtaining the stained glass paint. At Michael's and Hobby Lobby, this paint was in the glass section, not the craft paint section. Glass paint is much more translucent than regular crafting paint, allowing light such as a tea light to shine through. Both program nights were full and almost all available glass was used.



Reference Corner: Legal Information Center

by Brendan Chella, Head of Adult Services/eResources at Merrimack Public Library

The Legal Information Reference Center by EBSCO is a one-stop shop for legal information. The database Offers e-versions of the popular NOLO legal guides, blank legal forms by state, and other important information pertaining to legal matters in a variety of categories such as business, copyright, immigration, financial planning, real estate, and divorce. The most useful feature of the site so far, especially with staff, is the NOLO e-guides. NOLO is a trusted name for easily accessible legal advice in print, but most libraries don't have access to as wide a range of titles as L.I.R.C. does. The database also has the most current editions of these titles. When looking online, EBSCO has broken down each guide by chapters and also separated out any relevant forms included in the guide, which can be accessed by clicking on the title in the NOLO section or using the general search function.



READS 2020 Officer Vacancy

Seeking Interested Candidates for READS Secretary

Deadline: May 1, 2019

Join a group of dedicated and passionate Librarians in helping guide the NHLA – Reference & Adult Services Section into the future.

The READS Board is looking for interested candidates to fill the position of Secretary. The secretary is responsible for keeping minutes of all general membership and Executive Board meetings, maintaining archival files, and working with the nominating

committee to prepare, distribute, and count ballots for READS elections. To serve on the READS board, you must be a READS member. For more information on READS, please visit our website at <http://reads.nhlibrarians.org/>

If interested, please contact Sue Harmon at sharmon@manchesternh.gov with a brief description of yourself, your library experience, and why you would like to serve as READS Secretary. We look forward to hearing from you!
