

CHILIS Spring 2016 Report

Respectfully Submitted by Nicole Giroux, Secretary

Membership

As of March 14, CHILIS Membership is 172. That number includes 36 "lapsed" and about a dozen "pending renewal." That does not necessarily mean we have fewer members than we did before. It is more likely we did not actually have 195 *active* members as previously reported.

A brief backstory: NHLA recently (2014) migrated to new registration software (Wild Apricot). Our previous registration vendor had dropped the ball and the database of members was sketchy, at best. So, all membership data needed to be entered by hand from paper forms into Wild Apricot. For a while it was not clear who was "active" and who was "lapsed." Things have shaken down since, and now the database more accurately reflects current membership activity.

Are you a member of CHILIS? Please consider joining. For those who may not know, in order to become a CHILIS (or any section) member, you need to first join our parent organization, The New Hampshire Library Association (NHLA). And now you can also join NELA at a low rate (\$20/year or \$15 for students) when you join NHLA. Such bargains for so many benefits!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Laun, Membership Chair

Isinglass Teen Read Award

The nomination period for 2016 has ended and the Committee is asking readers to add their comments/book reviews to the ITR wiki for the 2016 List. The 2016 list will be finalized by April 9th so that the list can be sent to Ann Hoey who will be contacting book stores to have the titles on hand at the New Hampshire School Library Media Association (NHSLMA) Conference. Currently there are 21 titles on the list that will be whittled down to no more than 15 final titles.

Voting for the 2015 winner will take place during National Library Week, April 10-16. Voting slips and tally sheets are available on the ITR webpage that is hosted by the Barrington Public Library (<http://www.barringtonlibrary.com/isinglass.asp>). Ballots need to be emailed to Nancy Bergeron nkb@metrocast.net by 5 pm on April 18. Winner of the 2015 list is announced at the same time the 2016 list is revealed, which will be during the NHSLMA Spring Conference on May 12. Presenters will be Liz Gotauco (Merrimack Public Library) and Amy Perry (Barrington Middle School).

Participation was considerably lower this year so the Board should plan to consider options to increase participation by both school and public librarians for next awards season.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette Couser, Isinglass Teen Read Award Chair

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Great Stone Face Award

The committee has been working diligently on creating a new list of 20 nominees for school year 2016-2017. The GSF Award spans grades 4-6, and maintains a standard of excellence in writing and kid appeal. We strive for a variety of genres, reading levels and gender interest, relying heavily on major review journals to highlight the latest titles that might meet our criteria. It is the goal of committee members to read every book that is brought to the table, if possible. Librarians are welcome to offer suggestions, but rest assured, very few current titles escape our notice.

The new list will be finalized at our April meeting and revealed to everyone at the GSF Tea at the NHLMA Conference on May 12; it will be posted on-line, as well. Bookmarks with the new list should hopefully be available for purchase at that time. A bookmark order form will be made available on-line, and all orders will be directed to Judy Russell at jrussell@lymenhlibrary.org. They will then be forwarded to a committee member for distribution.

The Great Stone Face Award winner for 2015-2016 will also be announced at the Conference, and subsequently on the CHILIS website. Ballot results need to be received by Sarah Hydorn (shydorn3@gmail.com) in Amherst by the April 29 deadline in order to be counted in the final vote. Ballots and tallies will be made available on the website once the list is finalized.

The GSF Committee is always open to new members. We meet on the second Friday of the month at 1:00pm at the Bedford Public Library. School librarians are welcome, as well. It is important to be available to attend at least a few meetings during the September-April period, either in person or via Google Hangout, in order to participate fully and have a say in the final selections for the list.

Respectfully submitted,
Luci Albertson & Sarah Hydorn, Great Stone Face Award Co-chairs

Treasury

As of the writing of this report, the treasury stands as follows:

2015-2016 Budgeted Expenses:	\$13,950	2015-2016 Anticipated Income:	\$6,460
2015-2016 Expenditures to Date:	\$5,743.75	2015-2016 Income to Date:	\$4,495.15
Bank Balance as of 2/29/16:	\$14,541.27	Yet to Be Raised:	\$1,964.85

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Russell, Treasurer

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NERTCL/NELA

The New England Round Table of Teen and Children's Librarians (NERTCL), a section of the New England Library Association (NELA) is dedicated to providing professional development and networking opportunities for Youth Services librarians all over New England. During the 2015 Annual NELA conference in Manchester, NH NERTCL held sessions on diverse topics such as fanfiction for teens, music and early literacy, stem and steam programming, makerspaces on the cheap, sensory story times, museum and library collaboration around children's programming, and diverse books. Sy Montgomery spoke at the annual NERTCL luncheon. NERTCL also planned a one day conference on Reader's Advisory topics in March of 2016.

The upcoming fall conference of the New England Library Association will take place in October in Danvers, Massachusetts and will feature author talks and sessions on a wide range of topics of interest to those in youth services. NERTCL meets every other month in a different state in New England. Like us on Facebook or follow us on twitter @NERTCL.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Coughlin, NERTCL/NELA Liaison

Conference

CHILIS Fall Conference 2016 will take place on a Thursday in October; date to be announced soon.

Summer Reading

The summer reading committee met in early November to choose the Kids, Books and the Arts Roster, which is appearing at the showcase at the conference.

CHILIS is entering its seventh year with the Collaborative Summer Library Program. Everyone who ordered a free summer reading manual for 2016 should have received a manual set from me by now. If not, please contact me as soon as possible.

There are changes ahead for the format in which the summer reading manual will be available. CSLP will offer the manual on a flash drive/USB, and they are planning to make the manual available online as well. Printed manuals will still be available, but they will be higher-priced due to the increased production and shipping costs of that format. I will be getting more information about the transition and the pricing structure at the annual CSLP meeting, which will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah in April. CHILIS President Kristen Paradise will also represent CHILIS at the meeting. Please contact either of us if you would like to express a concern or if you have a question about anything CSLP-related.

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Please be sure you register as a member on the CSLP website since some of the content can only be viewed by those who log into the site. The website host is changing soon, and as a result, I am hoping that the site will be made a little more user-friendly. Any time you have trouble, please don't hesitate to contact me, or you can contact the CSLP Administrative Office and talk with Karen Day. Her contact information is on the website.

Next year, the CSLP summer reading theme is construction, and the slogan for all of the programs is "Build a Better World." The artist for the early literacy program and the children's program is David Macaulay.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hoey, Summer Reading Chair