

CHILIS Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday December 6th, 2013
Local Government Center, Concord

Present: Amber Coughlin (Lebanon Public Libraries/NERTCL Rep), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack Public Library), Ann Hoey (NH State Library), Tara McKenzie (Campton Public Library), Kristin Readell (Stephenson Memorial Library), Judy Russell (Converse Free Library), Nina Sargent (Thornton Public Library)

Call to order at 10:10 AM

Secretary's report: November minutes approved with no errors.

Treasurer's report:

- Discussed lapse of receiving checks; Nina will contact Catherine Ryan for Great Stone Face bookmarks to receive checks in more timely fashion.
- Kristin gave Nina deposit info for Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield for upcoming conference.

Center for the Book: Pam Stauffacher, Rep. Pam was not present.

Great Stone Face: Luci Albertson, Chair. Luci was not in attendance.

Isinglass Teen Read Award – Yvette Couser, Chair. Yvette was not present, but forwarded her report via email:

- The Isinglass Teen Read Committee continues to meet at various locations. We are currently accepting titles to be nominated for the award list. Our meeting schedule can be found on the Isinglass Wiki site (<http://isinglassteenread.wikispaces.com/>) or the Isinglass Award page (<http://www.barringtonlibrary.com/barrington/isinglass.asp> hosted by the Barrington Public Library)
- The Committee met 10/28 at the Merrimack Public Library and discussed Bookmarks. We all agreed that we can do without having bookmarks printed up, and just have them available on the Isinglass website (hosted by the Barrington Public Library) for librarians to download as they want.
- We have moved the date of voting to the week of April 13-19, National Library Week. Amy Perry will make sure that a reminder to have students vote before school vacation week will be posted to the NHSLMA list.
- We are coordinating with the organizers of the NHSLMA 1-day conference to see about having an information table; because of the brevity of the conference we will not be able to present.
- The Committee met 12/4 at the Durham Public Library and discussed NHLA Conference attendance, April 23-24. Three of us will attend to present the winner of the current list as well as reveal the new list for next year. We will send Ann Hoey a copy of the final list in early April so that she can coordinate with the bookstores to have copies of the books

available. Our last meeting to finalize the list is April 2, with a possible “final-final” meeting on the 9th if we need it. Currently we have 10 books on the consideration list, and are looking for more recommendations.

- We have still not heard back from Veronica Roth about her win last year so have not scheduled an offer visit nor have we ordered the award.
- Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 4 pm at Barrington Middle School.

Website:

- Webmaster Nancy Lang was not in attendance, but we as a group did address that the CHILIS page’s scrolling calendar seems to be malfunctioning and/or not updating. We will be contacting Nancy about this.
- We would like to get more photos during conferences, of significant moments and people. Liz offered to be one of the additional photographers.

Membership News:

- Co-op Book Bags: Kristin had request to start co-op group from a CHILIS member. We went over process of adding books to Co-op book list. Ann reminded us that suggested titles should come with at least 10 books to contribute. This led to a discussion regarding whether we should we remind people of Co-op options. We decided Kristin will email CHILIS and NHAIS to promote this benefit, and we’ll make sure it’s promoted to new members in welcome packet.
- We also pondered whether we should we share this benefit with school librarians? It is currently an option that can be used on case-by-case basis.

NERCTL – Amber Coughlin, Rep

- NELA Updates:
 - NH needs a booth. We weren’t represented like other states in the lobby.
 - Common Core session: offered complimentary info rather than redundant info in relation to our CHILIS session.
 - Advocating for Children’s services with April Mazza from MBLC, and Advocating for Teen Services from Peabody Public Library. Big take-away was the discussion about unexpected sources of funding (like the police force, for example)
 - Family Engagement in Libraries/Museums: Beth Frederickson from Boston Children’s Museum headed this, and articulated the need to support families in crisis, discussed the stresses for kids who come from unstable home environments and how libraries/museums can balance that.
 - Manga for teens session with local comic shop: Highlighted need toknow manga series and content (unexpected adult content!), running manga clubs, building collection and its audience.
 - Skype with an author: Went over nuts and bolts of having this program, and which authors are more reasonable, how to prep kids to ask questions, and prepping with author on how much they talk vs. Q&A time.

- Programs for ESL: talked about hiring bilingual citizens, training them to do storytimes, to provide programs for foreign-language patrons (Seattle-based example).
- NERTCL Luncheon with Melissa Sweet: Highly fun and informative on what went into creation of her book.
- Upcoming:
 - One day conference, March 21st in Worcester State U 9:30-3:30
 - \$35 dollars registration (includes continental breakfast and lunch).
 - Theme: Kids and Technology.
 - Former speaker Cen Campbell recently cancelled. Replacement is Cindy Wall from Southington Connecticut, founder of eTots program. Amber will send out more info on her.
 - Other presenters include: Jen Read from Newton Public Schools (presenting use of technology in schools). And panel of Youth Services Librarians talking about technology they are using (Minecraft, Instagram, Youtube, Tumblr, possibly Vine?, Twitter, still finding out about Pinterest).
- NELA 2014 conference ideas for NERTCL (Oct 19-21st) Boxborough, ma
 - Teen Summer Reading
 - Makerspaces
 - Foreign Language collection development
 - Tech Trends
 - Collaborative Teen Services
 - School/Public Library collaborations, esp. on Common Core
 - Peter Reynolds confirmed for NERTCL lunch
- NELA 2015 will be held in Manchester NH
- In May, NERTCL will meet in NH

Fundraising Committee: Gail Zachariah, head. Gail was not present, but informed us in email that we did not get the Walmart grant. She will keep pursuing that, but recommended others send out requests for donations to support the summer reading program manuals and other aspects of the program this month. She will work up a template that we all can use to send letters to companies, organizations, or individuals that we think might contribute. Tara has drafted letter to Common Man for Summer Reading Support.

Summer Reading: Ann Hoey, head.

- Theme for 2014: Fizz, Boom, Read!
- SRP Committee is currently in transition.

CHILIS Spring Conference:

Thursday March 6th SNHU

- Discussed what to do for morning half of program.

- Kristen proposed – combo school presentation inspiration + Q/A session with “Fizz, Boom, Read” meets Stooges theme.
- Judy proposed having early lit librarians present storytimes related to the theme, plus other easy programs session.
- Proposed booktalks on new books that fit theme.
- Decided that in opening hour of program, 30 minutes would be devoted to sample storytimes for theme (Judy as organizer), and 15 minutes of rapid booktalks in theme (by Tara and Nina), with 15 minutes open for discussion and questions.

NHLA Spring 2014 Conference

- Wed April 23rd-Thurs 24th at Mountain Grand in Whitesfield
- Programs:
 - Confirmed: GSF Tea
 - Confirmed: Chris Rose
 - Budget for CHILIS programs is 700 (Chris will get 450).
 - Other program ideas (need to be in by Jan 8th):
 - Gail proposed bringing in ALSC president, but that is costly.
 - YALS is covering Isinglass, Flume, Barry Lyga speaker for Graphic program
 - Attracting families to Rural Libraries. Nina and Tara will investigate successful rural libraries for possible presenters.
 - Summer Reading program ideas for middle-grades.
 - Implementing technology in children’s services. Judy will look into presenters.

Fall CHILIS Conference 2014

- Approved deposit for Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield. Nina will seek out invoice for \$300 deposit.
- Conference date: Thursday, Oct 9th, 2014.
- Center has outdoor walkways, which would be great for Storywalk sample.
- We will send out save-the-date since it is falling on a “nonthird” Thursday.
- Possible reach out to April Mazza as speaker, for advocacy.
- What about “Advocacy” as a theme for the conference, or for morning half anyway?
- What about a “Tech for kids (within in NH budgetary means)” in afternoon (an extension of NERTCL Spring ideas)? Including its use in programs, implementing in general library use.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- May 9th meeting conflicts with Small Libraries Summit.
 - NERTCL was hoping to have May meeting in NH on May 2nd – do we want to combine?
 - Or, possibly meet at NHLA? – we will try for this option.
- Can we send Kristin to CSLP meeting in Biloxi? We are working to make this happen.
- Idea of charging KBA performers small fee for presenting at spring conference resurfaced. Decided to charge \$10 fee for lunch, but that lunch will be optional.
- Motion approved for CHILIS to donate \$2000 for KBA showcase grant.

- Librarian of the Year promotions
 - Forms on website are up to date.
 - Promote in December-January. Last Friday of Jan is due date for submissions.
 - At February meeting, Librarian of Year is chosen
 - Person who nominated is then invited to conference.
 - Traveling plaque goes from Librarian-to-Librarian, plus gift card and flowers.
- Facebook: We need link to page on CHILIS website, and rename to have "CHILIS" in group name. Liz is having trouble getting on Admins for the page, and is working with Diane to fix.
- We need phone tree for snow dates. Kristin R is going to make one, please send her your contact info.

Announcements: None.

Next Meeting: Jan 10th 2014. Liz will bring refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM