

CHILIS Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 21, 2014
(Via conference call)

Present: Luci Albertson (Bedford Public), Amber Coughlin (Lebanon Public Libraries/NERTCL Rep), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack Public Library), Ann Hoey (NH State Library), Nancy Lang (Dunbarton Public), Tara McKenzie (Campton Public Library), Kristin Readell (Stephenson Memorial Library), Judy Russell (Converse Free Library), Nina Sargent (Thornton Public Library), Gail Zachariah (Keene Public)

Call to order at 10:02 AM

Secretary's report: January minutes approved.

Treasurer's report:

- \$19,857.47 balance, before total conference deposit money (we currently only have 28 deposits).
- GSF Checks Issue: There seems to be improvement on timeliness of checks but Nina is still assessing. NHSLMA conference tends to have biggest burst of sales of GSF bookmarks, so spring is usually a good time to assess this. However, there is no NHSLMA conference this year, but this group is attending conference at Keene State.

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

Great Stone Face: Luci Albertson, Chair.

- The GSF Committee will convene on Friday, March 21 to finalize the selection list for 2014-15. This will be revealed at the NHLA Conference, along with this year's winner.
- GSF Tea: 6 members of the committee will present booktalks at the tea. 3 will have registrations paid by CHILIS, others will find own funding.
- Voting Deadline: April 15th. Ballots & tallies can be found on the CHILIS Website.
- Bookmarks will be ready to sell at NHLA in April. Base run was laid down last year, so we only need a print run of 15M. Last year's price: \$325. This year's should be similar.
- We have a few packs left over from this current year, which are now being offered on our Website at a discount (\$3.00 per pkg.) Normal price: \$8.00. Catherine Ryan is contact person for this.
- We have been invited by NHSLMA to sell bookmarks at a conference at Keene State on Saturday, May 17. Gail Z. has offered to be rep for GSF committee.
- CHILIS board needs to review process of getting GSF Winner and new nominees up onto the website as of announcements at NHLA conference.

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

- The Committee met on February 12th at the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library in Wilton. Yvette Couser, Allison Steele (host) and Nancy Bergeron were present. We discussed the list, cutting two titles.
- There are currently 25 titles being considered on the list. Due to time constraints we will not be able to accept any more recommendations from the students. We'll need to

focus our energies on reading the current nominations; these 25 will need to be cut down to a final 15 on the list. We have 2 more meetings - March and April - before the list needs to be finalized.

- 4 titles have received rave reviews from several committee members and are favored to be on the list. The rest of the books need additional readers and Yvette will send out an email to the various listservs and committee members asking for readers for these specific titles.
- Next meeting Bow Memorial School, March 12, 4 pm
- Final meeting Dee Whall's house, Dover, April 2, 7 pm, potluck

Website updates: (Nancy Lang)

- Save the Date added for fall conference.
- Can we update the information on the Accu-Cuts to be more concise? Nancy will look into this.
- Kits info needs to be updated as well – Perhaps we discuss this at spring business meeting?
- Need to get old 2012 SRP info off of Summer Reading drop-down menu.

Membership News: (Patty Falconer, not in attendance. Sent information via email.)

- 137 registered for spring conference

NERCTL – Amber Coughlin, Rep

- The NERTCL one day conference on Kids and Technology will be held March 21, 2014 at Worcester State University in Worcester MA from 9:30 – 3:30pm. Lunch is in the cafeteria.
- Attendees can park anywhere it says staff/faculty parking. We are in the Blue Lounge on the first floor of the student center. There will be large post-it paper plastered on the wall of the Blue Lounge and librarians are encouraged to share their Twitter handles, Facebook pages, Pinterest accounts etc. with one another.
- Sessions planned are as follows:
 - Cindy Wall will talk about her experience as a children's librarian incorporating tech into kids programming and directing parents on how to use it well with their little ones. She is the founder of the eTots program at the of the Southington Library & Museum which you can read about here <http://blogs.slj.com/touchandgo/2012/05/30/etots-a-public-library-ipad-program-for-preschoolers/>
 - Noreen O'Gara from the Bedford (MA) Free Public Library will be talking about building an ebook collection and what is going on in the world of ebooks in libraries in terms of collection development and all those wily, wily publishers.
 - Jen Reed, will discuss use of the technology in schools, what kids are using at her (public) school in Newton MA, and how we can help serve kids by helping them navigate technology at school and at home.
 - A slate of Youth Services librarians will be discussing how they use technology in mini sessions with plenty of time for Q & A. Topics covered are Twitter, Tumblr, Minecraft, Instagram, You Tube, Pinterest, vine and (maybe) Goodreads.
- In other news!

- NERTCL has set up a twitter account and you can follow them @nertcl.
- NERTCL's Facebook page is currently in admin limbo after a changing of the guard this fall, but hopefully this will be resolved soon and NERTCL will have an active Facebook page once more.
- NELA 2014:
 - No theme has yet to be determined.
 - Possible NERTCL topics/presenters for 2014 NELA in Boxborough MA.
 - Celeste Bruno, the Communications Specialist of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has been asked to present about the issues of children's privacy, particularly the issue of photos online.
 - Author Padma Venkatraman will present on global literature and the Common Core.
 - Two librarians from differing sized communities will present on teen summer reading sessions.
 - There will be a makerspaces session .
 - Peter Reynolds will be the luncheon speaker.
- Looking ahead to 2015 in Manchester and 2016...
 - Sy Montgomery has agreed to be our luncheon speaker in 2015. She will talk about her crazy adventures swimming with dolphins and hopping around in literal snake pits and chilling with man-eating tigers and such. She is awesome.
 - Board should discuss option of not doing Fall Conference in 2015 and encouraging CHILIS members to go to NELA. We could have business meeting there. YALS is considering doing this and could work for us as well.
- Next NERTCL meeting is in Concord, NH in May and CHILIS members are welcome to attend.

Fundraising Committee:

- Although it is too late to get money to underwrite the entire 2014 summer reading program, Gail thinks we could still solicit funds, suggesting that The Common Man might underwrite bookmarks that we would design promoting our programs. Librarians could take these to schools or distribute them in other ways such as utilities bills or whatever works best in their town. Gail would be willing to work on this, though concern was expressed at the time-frame for getting funding for this summer. Nina/Tara will talk to Gail offline on this regard as Tara has a personal connection to the company.
- Gail provided links to ways other states have found partnerships:
 - <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/13facts.pdf>
 - <http://firstlady.utah.gov/docs/2013-printout.pdf>
 - http://libraries.idaho.gov/files/Board-Game_0.pdf
- Gail will submit Walmart grant again. The next time that we can ask for support for educational programs is July 6. Their focus is on Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating or Career Opportunities and these have priority until then. We could develop a STEM or Maker program for school age children that could fit in the Career Opportunity focus and submit it in April.
- Some of the other companies Gail is pursuing have also focused their funding areas or have restricted their giving to agencies they already have relationships with. Gail will be searching the Foundation Directory, and would like to work with board to create a list of organizations to solicit. On a recent CHILIS survey there was a response from someone

willing to contribute. “The Woods at Beauty Hill, it’s a disc golf course and I would give a donation.” Along with phone number. She or he didn’t give a name but we should at least inquire.

Summer Reading: Ann Hoey, head.

- NH Public TV asked if we’d contribute a \$75 value gift basket for their auction this year, as we have done in the past. Due to our recent budget issues, the board decided not to contribute this year, as the partnership doesn’t offer a great return.
- Does Steve Blunt have summer reading theme song? Liz will pursue.
- CSLP meeting is in April @ Biloxi. Ann and Kristen will attend.

Librarian of the Year – discussed 3 excellent nominees, and chose winner!

CHILIS Spring Conference:

Thursday March 6th SNHU

- 137 are registered as of this morning.
- The menus for breakfast and lunch are as follows:
Breakfast Quadrangle (set up 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.) Assorted Breakfast Breads, Assorted Bagels, Scones, Cream Cheese / Butter / Assorted Jellies, Seasonal Fresh Fruit Tray, Chilled Bottled Orange Juice and Cranberry Juice, Freshly Brewed Coffee / Decaffeinated Coffee / Hot Herbal and Non Herbal Tea / Beverage Accompaniments
- Lunch--Create Your Own Buffet (set up 11:45 a.m. to 12:45) Grilled Chicken Breast with a Cilantro-Lime Marinade, Garden Salad, Vegetarian Lasagna with a Traditional Marinara Sauce, Balsamic Vinaigrette, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable Medley - fresh Broccoli, Carrots, Red and Green Peppers. Double Layer Chocolate Cake
- SRP Presentation--The presenters will be Meg Siebel of Newport, Lisette Scott, formerly of Grantham, and Judy Russell of Lyme. Each will present an entire story time, complete with craft or activity. Meg will also present a toddler story time and all will offer additional resources (will have them ahead of time for upload to the website).
- Other bodies for raffle needed – Assembled who from CHILIS board can be there early/late to fill those spots.
- Nina/Tara are still doing thematic booktalks. They need to get bibliography to Ann for copies, at least a few days before the conference.
- KBA Coupon: We have anonymous offer of matching funds of \$150 if we put in \$150. Motion was approved to match this donation, to offer a \$300 coupon total. Coupon will be raffled from registrations.
- Judy will send out assignment sheet.
- Nina will bring change for raffles.
- Wear your theme-related clothes!

NHLA Spring 2014 Conference

- Wed April 23rd-Thurs 24th at Mountain Grand in Whitesfield
- April meeting will need to adjust for conference. We may meet informally at NHLA. Kristen will poll board members to find out when most are attending.
- CHILIS social meet-up is another possibility.

Fall CHILIS Conference 2014

- Fall Conference: Thursday, October 9, at Barbara Harris Conference Center, Greenfield
- We need a theme! We've discussed something around the idea of kids and technology.
 - "Making Makers"?
 - Advocacy theme?
- Speakers: Do we invite an author to this event? ALSC president Starr LaTronica? It is good to have a mix of local speakers and people outside NH. Judy will connect with Gail about reaching out to LaTronica. Forward any speaker ideas and theme ideas to Judy. Stephen Lechner also mentioned as possibility.
- Nina is still confirming presenters for Rural Libraries presentation. She has 3 so far.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Kristen will prep business meeting agenda for spring conference. Discussed promoting/sharing member benefits at spring conference. Also to inform attendees that there is no fall conference in 2015 and to encourage NELA attendance.
- Thanks for dealing with the conference call! We can explore using this as option more often. Discuss at next meeting.

Announcements:

Congrats to Liz on article in www.thelibraryeffect.com, and belated congrats to Ann on her Yates Award! (View here: http://www.nh.gov/nhculture/mediaroom/2013/hoey_yates_award.htm)

Next Meeting:

Spring Conference Business Meeting, then NHLA conference meet-up, then an LGC board meeting in June.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM