Summer Reading Program Committee  
CHILIS Fall Conference  
October 9, 2014

This past year, the SRP Committee met to choose the 2014 Kids, Books and the Arts Roster in early November. It also helped plan the summer reading program presentation at the CHILIS Spring Conference in March. In early April, CHILIS President Kristin Readel and I attended the national meeting of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) in Biloxi, Mississippi. There we helped to select themes and slogans for upcoming years, and we looked at and gave feedback about vendor products and CSLP initiatives. We also recommended different artists for the 2016 "Fitness, Health and Sports" theme. CSLP is in the process of hiring an Executive Director as well as designing a new website. Stay tuned for more information about these activities. Since I am no longer a member of the Vendor Committee, I will not be soliciting feedback about artwork. Any NH librarian wishing to be an active member of one of the CSLP committees should contact me for more information.

I hope you will be receiving your 2015 SRP manuals at the CHILIS Fall Conference. Libraries that do not pick up a manual at the conference will have to send me a van slip so that I can send along a manual to them.

The NH Summer Reading Program Committee will meet next on Monday, November 3, 2014 to choose the 2015 Kids, Books and the Arts Roster. I am looking for about 5 new members to join us in this effort.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hoey

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Membership Committee Report  
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Membership Chair Patty Falconer resigned earlier this year. The CHILIS Board thanks Patty for her dedicated service and wishes her well.

As of July 3, 2014, there are 187 CHILIS members. NHLA is in the process of transitioning to a new software system to enroll and track membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hoey  
Acting Membership Chair
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The Isinglass Teen Read Committee Report

The 2014 Teen Read Winner was In A Heartbeat by Loretta Ellsworth.

The Committee took a hiatus over the summer and did not receive any nominations from 7th and 8th graders. Now that school is in session, we will be starting up again. Public and School Media librarians who are interested in participating should email Chair Yvette Couser – ycouser@merrimacklibrary.org. Meetings this year will be in person at some locations as well as via Skype. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, please email Yvette. We will continue to utilize the Committee Wiki for list maintenance and discussion. The current 14-15 list is available (along with other information) on the Barrington Public Library website http://barringtonlibrary.com/barrington/is inglass.asp

Yvette Couser
Committee Chair

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The New England Round Table of 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.

NERTCL planned nine sessions during the 2013 Annual NELA conference in Portland Maine on topics as diverse as advocacy for youth and teen services, Skyping with authors, the Common Core, collection development, serving diverse language groups, and keeping families engaged. Melissa Sweet spoke at the annual NERTCL luncheon. NERTCL also planned a one day conference on kids and technology in March of 2014.

The upcoming fall conference of the New England Library Association will take place in October in Boxborough 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.

Amber Coughlin, Chair
The committee has begun working diligently on creating a new list of 20 nominees for school year 2015-2016. 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. 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 NHLA and NHSLMA Conferences in May; it will be posted on-line, as well. Bookmarks with the new list should hopefully be available for purchase at that time…there is some discussion as to changing the format, but there has been no decision made, as yet.

Catherine Ryan (Danforth Library - New England College) expects to be handling bookmark orders this year. She can be contacted at c_ryan16@yahoo.com or by phone at 428-2344 (w) / 428-3024 (h).

The Great Stone Face Award winner for 2014/2015 will also be announced at the Conferences, and subsequently on the CHILIS website…ballot results need to be received by Sarah Hydorn (shydorn3@gmail.com) in Amherst by the April 30th 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 optimum 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, Co-chairs
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