

## Membership Benefits & How to Join

CHILIS is a dynamic, curious, and active group of public and school librarians working in New Hampshire to provide the best possible library services to the children of our state.

We believe:

- **Only the best is good enough for children.**
- **Meetings should be full of the gift of laughter.**
- **An exchange of ideas is a basic ingredient of any meeting.**

We, the members of CHILIS, would like to invite you to join this wonderful organization. CHILIS members are encouraged to take leadership roles, engage in activities and enjoy sharing ideas and experiences with other librarians. We offer members the opportunity to be inspired and involved.

There are many benefits to belonging to this group of your peers. Here are a few to consider:

- **CHILIS Website.** <http://chilis.nhlibrarians.org>
- **CHILIS Facebook page.** <https://www.facebook.com/NHChildrensLibrarians>
- **CHILIS Listserv.** There's no need to feel isolated. CHILIS has an e-mail discussion list where information, ideas, questions, etc. are posted to and by members daily. Go to <http://maillist2.nh.gov/mailman/listinfo/chilis-l> to subscribe.
- **Summer Reading Program Support.** For children's librarians, the Summer Reading Program is one of, if not THE, major program of the year. CHILIS offers support through participation in the national Collaborative Summer Library Program; Performers' Showcases; and the Kids, Books and the Arts project, which provides grant opportunities to have a performer at your library.
- **Conference Opportunities.** Twice a year, CHILIS hosts a daylong conference for youth librarians. These conferences offer workshops, speakers, performer showcases, raffles and vendors. CHILIS members receive a discount on conference registration fees. New members attending your first CHILIS conference will get \$5 worth of raffle coupons as a welcome gift.
- **Scholarships.** CHILIS offers a scholarship program for members who would like to take advantage of professional development opportunities, including library conferences, module courses offered by the State Library, and other continuing education offerings.
- **Collegial Networking.** There is nothing like the opportunity to toss around and share ideas, laughs and experiences with your colleagues. Even carpooling to conferences or workshops can be a real boost!
- **CHILIS On-the-Move Book Club Kits.** CHILIS members may borrow multiple copies of a large selection of titles. Visit <http://chilis.nhlibrarians.org/book-groups/>
- **Informal Mentoring.** As mentioned, CHILIS is a great opportunity to engage with other librarians and benefit from everyone's experience. Often this can take the form of

informal mentoring among members, particularly those who may be new children's librarians or new to NH Libraries.

- **CHILIS Librarian of the Year Award.**

The first step to becoming a CHILIS member is to become a member of the New Hampshire Library Association (more benefits and opportunities!). Go to the **NHLA website** and click on **Become a Member**. Be sure to check the CHILIS box and add your \$5 to the fee schedule.