

CHILIS ANNUAL REPORT FOR NHLA

October 27, 2015

1. CHILIS first big event for 2015 was our spring conference, focusing on summer reading. This year, Kate Dicamillo was our Summer Reading Partner. She provided a short comic book, Videos, PSA's and posters that were all available on the CS:P website. At the conference, we had record attendance at 262 people. Our programs included presentations on Graphic Novels, Storytimes and the Summer Reading Performance roster. A highlight was Kathy Watson from Kimball Library who won Children's Librarian of the Year.
2. In the spring, we also updated our website with a "New Members" tab. Here, new and existing members can find information on CHILIS membership.
3. Over the past year, CHILIS has added a component, "*Books-on-the-Move*" to our resources on the website and to NHU-PAC. These are boxes of at least 10 copies of juvenile or YA books in public libraries that may be lent out for book clubs.
4. CHILIS has also started a new initiative, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten for parents of young ones. Resources are available on our website that are customizable to your library. Canvas bags with logos have been ordered by libraries at a one-time discount.
5. Great Stone Face Book Award went to Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library. by Chris Grabenstein.
6. Ann Hoey and Tara McKenzie represented CHILIS at the Collaborative Summer Learning Program (CSLP) annual meeting held in Portsmouth RI. There the collaborative voted on upcoming themes for summer reading and for the first time in history, for 2017 a common theme was chosen for children, teens and adults:

- a. 2017: Build a Better World
- b. 2018: Music

7. The Collaborative Summer Reading Program (CSLP) is heightening its profile and with that hired its first executive director, Sherry Siclair. She will do fundraising, partnerships, take on work that was done by volunteers and most importantly be the face of CSLP.

8. The CHILIS March 2016 Conference will be on March 17, 2016.

9. CHILIS currently has 195 members and growing!

10. CHILIS has the following openings it is looking to fill today with the connecting candidates

(Current president will be Kristen Paradise)

(Past President will be Tara McKenzie)

- a. VP/President/Past President a. Liz Gotauco
- b. Treasure b. Judy Russell
- c. Secretary c. ?
- d. Fundraising Chair d. Nina Sargent will help
- e. Conference Co-Chair e. ?

11. CHILIS Summer Reading Manuals will be ready at the Children's Review November 2-6 at the Concord State Library, or on the van.

12. We appreciate the time NHLA has given us during their conference today. In lieu of a fall conference, CHILIS has encouraged its members to attend the NHLA conference this week.

Respectfully submitted,

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