

CHILIS Section and Committee Reports March 2017

Membership Committee Report

According to [NHLA's WildApricot](#) our current membership numbers are:

152 active members
72 lapsed
9 pending renewal
5 pending new

Please visit the CHILIS website <http://chilis.nhlibrarians.org> for valuable information and updates about our organization. Thank you Judy Russell and David Basora for their diligent work on the website. Pull down the Membership tab to learn about just a few of the ever-growing number of benefits of becoming a CHILIS member.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Laun
CHILIS Membership Chair

Summer Reading/CSLP Report

Ann Hoey and Amber Coughlin will be attending the CSLP annual meeting in Charleston, SC in April. CSLP will be finalizing slogans and themes for upcoming programs and announcing an artist for the 2020 program. The 2018 artist is Brian Pinkney, and Leeza Hernandez has been selected as the artist for the 2019 program. NH librarians are encouraged to participate in CSLP by joining committees. Please visit the website for more information or contact me.

All libraries that ordered a summer reading manual last June should have one by now either in print, on a flash drive, on a DVD or as an online manual. All NH public libraries can access the online manual through the CSLP website once they have the instructions (no matter which format they originally ordered). If you need these instructions, please contact me. The online manual contains all of the content and all of the artwork that the other formats have. **Libraries will be asked to order 2018 manuals in May or June this year**, so please look for that announcement on the CHILIS listserv.

The Boston Bruins are once again supporting the NH summer reading program. In addition to underwriting the cost of the summer reading manuals, the Boston Bruins offers visits to six to eight libraries along with prizes for SRP participants. Applications for library visits are due to Ann Hoey on **Friday, March 31**. As you plan your summer reading programs and begin registering kids, be sure to keep track of your participants' ages, so that you can enter names into the Bruins' prize raffle at the end of the summer.

Please contact me if you have any concerns about CSLP or anything else summer reading-related.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hoey
Summer Reading Program Chair

New England Roundtable of Teen and Children's Librarians (NERTCL) Liaison Report

The New England Round Table of Teen and 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. During the 2016 Annual NELA conference in Danvers, MA NERTCL coordinated sessions on topics such as a Media Mentorship, Coding for Kids and Teens, Life Skills Programs for Teens, Early Literacy Programming for Families with Fragile Babies, Lessons In Censorship, Yoga for Kids, and The Importance of LGBT YA Fiction. Gary Schmidt spoke at the annual NERTCL luncheon.

The upcoming annual conference of the New England Library Association will take place Oct. 22nd - 24th in Burlington, Vermont. Program proposals for that conference are being accepted through April 30th <http://conference2017.nelib>. NERTCL is also planning a one day conference in Spring of 2018 on Learning in the Library. NERTCL meets every other month in a different state in New England, and we usually have a virtual attendance option as well. We are always working to get more members involved and would love to see some new faces at any our meetings. Learn more about us at <https://nelib.org/connect/>. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @NERTCL.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Lucius, NERTCL Liaison

Great Stone Face Committee Report

The Great Stone Face Committee has been meeting monthly to propose titles for consideration for the upcoming list, and to discuss and winnow down that list of titles. In response to a discussion which began over the course of the summer, we have added "diversity" to the list of criteria we consider when rounding out the final list of books. Those of us who serve on the committee feel that this can be incorporated quite naturally into the process we currently use for selection.

Also under discussion this year:

- Creating a link on the webpage to connect to a full list of past nominees—hopefully that will be up soon!
- Updating our mission statement/selection criteria and all of the GSF information

that is displayed on the website.

Although we haven't managed to fully accomplish this, it remains a high priority, and we'll continue to work on it in the upcoming months.

Currently, we are looking forward to our meeting in April, at which we will finally trim the list to the 20 nominees!

Sarah Hydorn, Chair March 25, 2017