

CHILIS Annual President's Report

October 19th, 2017

CHILIS's spring 2017 conference took place in Manchester NH at the Derryfield School on Thursday, March 30th 2017. During the business meeting, Letty Goerner of Wadleigh Memorial Library, was formally elected by the general acclamation of our membership as VP/President Elect. Sam Lucius of Wiggin Memorial Library was appointed to be the CHILIS liaison to NERTCL, the New England Library Association's youth services section. It was wonderful of them to step up and serve on the CHILIS Board.

At the conference, The CHILIS Librarian of the Year award was presented to Kayla Morin of the Goodwin Library in Farmington New Hampshire for her resourceful dedication to youth services librarianship. Christine Friese, NHLA Advocacy Chair gave a talk about advocacy in youth services librarianship, with a special emphasis on summer reading programs. CHILIS members were encouraged to apply for a visit from the Boston Bruins mascot as part of the 2017 Summer Reading Program, and also to apply for grants from the Kids Books and the Arts program to bring showcase performers to their libraries this summer.

CHILIS is looking to restructure our spring and fall conference schedule. We will move our very popular performers' showcase to the fall conference, which will have a summer reading focus. The spring conference, which will alternate with NHLA's spring conference, will host the Great Stone Face Tea, and will focus otherwise on various topics pertinent to the professional development of CHILIS members. In lieu of the KBA showcase in the spring of 2018, there will be a virtual showcase of KBA performers online, and CHILIS members will be able to view performers and apply for KBA grants based on the strength of their online content. The first summer reading fall conference with performers' showcase will take place in the fall of 2018 in support of the 2019 Summer Reading program.

At its annual meeting in Charleston South Carolina this spring, CSLP chose its themes and artists for the next few years: Brian Pinkney is the artist/illustrator for the 2018 manuals. The theme is music and the slogan is "Libraries Rock." State representatives and voting proxies selected "A Universe of Stories" as the 2019 slogan and outer space as the larger theme for all age groups. Leeza Hernandez will illustrate. LeUyen Pham is the artist/illustrator for the 2020 manuals and Fairytales/Mythology/Fantasy will be the

theme for all ages. The slogan will be determined at the meeting in Denver Colorado next spring.

CHILIS has decided that a committee comprised of the president elect, past president, treasurer and membership chair should be the conference committee going forward, and the conference co-chair and hostess positions should be eliminated. Anyone who wishes to join the conference committee is very welcome to do so, and any member who has ideas about great locations for future CHILIS conferences is encouraged to let the CHILIS know!

CHILIS received a donation of 1000 dollars from the New Hampshire Academy of Family Physicians on behalf of the NH 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. The sale on 1000BB4K bags that began in the fall will continue through the end of 2017. The bags will sell for \$2.50.

CHILIS is changing its name, and encourages its members to put forth ideas of what the new CHILIS name should be. A Survey Monkey survey will be sent to members shortly. Put on your thinking caps!

On behalf of the CHILIS board and membership, I would like to extend well-wishes and immense gratitude to Ann Hoey for her service on the CHILIS Board, and to New Hampshire Librarians, upon hearing of her retirement from the New Hampshire State Library. She has been an incredible mentor to me, and I suspect to many other CHILIS members. Her advocacy for youth librarianship in New Hampshire has been tireless, resourceful and has had an impact that is very difficult to measure. In many ways she has been the heart and soul of CHILIS, and we will miss her very, very much.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Coughlin
CHILIS President

Report from the Summer Reading Program

NH enjoyed a successful summer reading program during 2017. We received evaluations from 121 libraries, and most reported a positive experience with the CSLP theme of "Build a Better World."

The 2018 manuals on USB and DVD along with the incentive catalogs will be sent via van over the next couple of weeks. Online manual access codes will also be sent soon. If your library wants a manual in printed form, you will have to order it from Upstart. CHILIS pays only for online manuals and those on the USB or DVD format.

The Boston Bruins visited six NH libraries during the summer and gave out prizes to 27 kids. CHILIS plans to continue this partnership in 2018. The Bruins pay for the CSLP summer reading manuals distributed by CHILIS.

The 2018 Kids, Books and the Arts Roster will be chosen on October 27. Although there will be no showcase next spring, librarians can see the presenters in online videos. Grant applications will be available next February.

Amber Coughlin will be the state representative for CSLP and the Boston Bruins until a new Youth Services Consultant is hired at the State Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hoey

Membership Committee Report

According to NHLA's WildApricot our current membership numbers are:

126 active members

2 lapsed

1 pending renewal

1 pending new

Please visit the CHILIS website <http://chilis.nhlibrarians.org> for valuable information and updates about our organization. Pull down the Membership tab to learn about 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

Great Stone Face Committee Report

The Great Stone Face Committee is off to a great reading start in this new year—we've already had two meetings, and are working with a master list of 26 books at this point. The list will get much longer as the year goes on, and we'll continue meeting and discussing books.

It's not too late to join the committee, and we're always looking for new members. So if you love to read (and talk about!) middle-grade fiction, give us a call—we'll be happy to talk to you about what's involved with serving on the Great Stone Face Committee. It's a great way to get involved in library work on the state level.

Sarah Hydorn, Chair
Great Stone Face Committee

NERTCL 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. The NELA annual conference will be held Oct 22-24 in Burlington, VT. NERTCL will sponsor sessions on Movement in Learning, Lending Healing Experiences to Families, Increasing patron engagement using participatory tools and more! We'll also hold two Tech Try it out sessions which will give librarians the opportunity to get their hands on coding toys, robots, KEVA planks, low cost marble runs, and much, much, more! The NERTCL Luncheon will feature Adam Gidwitz, author of *A Tale Dark and Grimm* and its companions.

In March of 2018 we'll hold our NERTCL one day conference with a theme of "*Learning in the Library*." More details are coming soon! Be sure to like us on facebook and follow us on twitter @NERTCL to stay up to date!

We are in need of a New Hampshire NERTCL rep, it's a great position that lets you play a meaningful part in planning professional development opportunities for youth librarians all over New England. We meet bimonthly and there is always the option of attending virtually. Sounds great right? Contact Amber or Sam to learn more?

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Lucius NERTCL/NELA Liaison

