Call to order: 10:16am

Welcome from the President

Introduction of officers:
- Letty Wadleigh, Past president.
- Molly Pevna, Treasurer
- Sam Wiggin, President
- Mo Churchill-Calkins, Secretary
- Azra Palo, Vice-President
- Grace LaRochelle, NERTCL representative (attends NERTCL virtual meetings)
- Debbi Dutcher, Youth Service consultant and state library liaison

Officer Led Discussion:

Sam:
Sam asked board members to each share what we have enjoyed about joining the board, and a little bit about how and why we got into it. Everyone discussed getting to know librarians from all over the state and learning about the NH system and creating a network of peers. Everyone spoke about having a lot of fun. (We really do have a lot of fun.)
We need new board members to fill several vacant positions! Please stretch your leadership muscles and join us!
Next, the members introduced themselves. Members from libraries all over the state, who serve our public in a variety of different capacities attended, from children’s department leaders to directors, to paralibrarians to everyone in between.

Molly:
Molly has been working on revamping the Books of the Move kit system. She has been checking the list that we have of the current kits to see what still exists, and what needs to be added or removed. Get in touch with Molly if you have Books on the Move kits or want to learn more.
Molly invited us to think of ways that we can keep working on HOW we circulate diverse books; how should we approach helping each other learn how to circulate these books? What can we do to help each other in this area?
- Dhonielle Clayton from We Need Diverse Books could come back, Grace suggested.
- Debbi is picking up NH’s own Welcoming Library kit, which includes 25 books about immigration and refugees, as well as book discussion lists, and a beautiful nice wooden display case.
- Azra suggested that librarians who are succeeding can write blog posts for NHLA or CLNH pages to share strategies that are working.
- Email Robert Azzi (theother.azzi@gmail.com) for his book list or to invite him to your library, or ask Azra Palo to come visit.

- Azra encouraged members to not be afraid to talk about or be open about your own experiences, if it’s possible. Or, you can share your experience anonymously by emailing us to share on a blog post or otherwise. We are here to provide a platform for children’s librarians and to help us all grow.

**Debbi Dutcher:**
Debbi had so much to share with us about upcoming opportunities and professional development that she provided her own handout. You can find out what is currently upcoming on her blog, [http://nhlibraries.org/youthservices/](http://nhlibraries.org/youthservices/)

**Azra:**
Networking! Azra wants to do meetups everywhere, at libraries, or at bakeries and coffee shops. Reach out if you want a get together in your area! We want to do informal groups.
- Field trip to Eric Carle museum is a lovely idea!

**Member Led Discussion**
**Topics people are interested in include:**

- Kayla asked about Mother Goose on the Loose, and whether we can do provide some information about the program.
  - Debbi suggested bringing the Betsy, the creator of MGoL to New Hampshire, or maybe doing a webinar.
- Mary asked about resources for successful book groups. Is there a way to share resources and ideas about how to do book groups? She is interested in learning how to run and organize book groups.
  - It was brought up that the Books on the Move kits can help with this once that system is back up and running.
  - Julia Lanter, YALS President, ([exeterpljal@gmail.com](mailto:exeterpljal@gmail.com)) was also cited as a great resource.
  - Collaborate with school librarian!
  - One person’s format is to discuss the books, do an activity, eat snacks, vote on the new book (from a few pre-vetted choices). They have a field trip at the end of the year!
  - A theme for all the books read during the year
  - Ask parents for help with set up and clean up to involve the parents
  - Gale Drucker may be a useful resource
Heather also suggested doing an activity related to the book, such as making dioramas, or having a jeopardy game. She always serves food inspired by the book in some way. You can have participants register, and on the form include a field for food allergies.

- Youth mental health
- Supervised visits at the library between children and their non-custodial parents and how to handle them
- Connecting with library trustees; “How do you get to Yes?”
  - One library director shared that she has employees go in front of the trustees and report on a monthly basis in order to build connections between staff and trustees and keep trustees informed.
- How to have difficult conversations with your director
- How to work with friends group
- How to advocate for yourself as a children’s librarian with your trustees and director.
- How to advocate for youth services in the wider world
  - Debbi is working with someone in Maine about this; she wants to know your GREAT things going on with teens at your library to share!
- There is interest in a resource page hosted by CLNH, with things like recommendations for books for our collections
  - Posts about lists of books, such as books about dealing with grief
  - Share it with us if you make a list and we can get this going!
- How do you spot the holes in your collection?
  - Consider genrefying junior books to see what areas you are missing. It helps reveal the blank spaces.
- Storytimes: how to make storytimes inclusive of physical disabilities, or children with autism or sensory disorders?
  - A panel or spark session about sensory storytimes
  - All the hands-on sensory ideas everyone has
  - How to incorporate sign language
- Paralibrarian program-- Let’s take paralibrarians into consideration, and not schedule events at the same time as paralibrarian events.
  - Did you know librarians can attend their $5 trainings?
- The Homeschool spelling bee is looking to be sponsored by CLNH and YALS, hopefully with a committee to keep it going. The spelling bee will shift to October or November. It is for homeschoolers in 4th to 8th grade to allow them to be eligible for the state spelling bee. If anyone is passionate about homeschooling, please reach out about joining the committee.