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## June/July 2020 Newsletter

### READS Award of Excellence

Do you work with an exceptional colleague who always goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve their community?

The READS Award of Excellence honors the contributions of an individual who has been instrumental in improving library services for adults. The nominee must be currently employed at a public, school, or academic library in the state of New Hampshire. The nomination process is simple and can be completed entirely online.

For more information go to: <http://reads.nhlibrarians.org/award-of-excellence/purpose-and-criteria/>

Nomination deadline: **June 30th.**

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### READS Executive Board Vacancies

The READS Executive Board is seeking individuals interested in serving as the next Vice President or Treasurer. Both Officers will serve for a two year term beginning January 1st, 2021.

## **Vice-President/President Elect**

- Runs Executive Board meeting in absence of the President
- Coordinates all revisions to the bylaws
- Serves as parliamentarian
- Attends READS Executive Board Meetings
- Joins NHLA Spring Conference Committee and plan READS program(s) for NHLA Spring Conference
- Represents READS at conference planning meetings in years of NHEMA/NHLA Spring Conference
- Provides written annual report of vice-presidential activities for READS members at the annual meeting (October)

## **Treasurer**

The READS Treasurer position is a record keeping position only, providing financial information to the Board to assist in determining the budget. The Treasurer tracks registration checks and deposits for the Fall Conference and Spring Roundtables. Membership fees are generally handled and deposited by the NHLA treasurer because the fee is included in the NHLA membership drive.

A note from current READS Treasurer, Mathew Bose:

"The Treasurer position requires anywhere from 30 – 90 minutes per month depending upon the time of year, with additional time for the bi-monthly board meetings and any other special projects. No prior experience is required, the transition time with the current Treasurer, NHLA training document, and support from the NHLA Treasurer, are available to get you up to speed. The position is a great way to participate at the board level and learn more about the organization!"

**If you are interested in serving on the READS Executive Board, please contact READS President Mindy Atwood at: [director@abbottlibrary.org](mailto:director@abbottlibrary.org)**

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## **Lori Fisher and Amy Lappin on NHPR**

On April 30th, Assistant State Librarian Lori Fisher, and NHLA President and Deputy Director of the Lebanon Public Libraries, Amy Lappin, spoke with Laura

Knoy of *The Exchange* on New Hampshire Public Radio. They discussed the creative ways libraries across the state have adapted their services during COVID-19.

In case you missed the initial airing, you can hear a recording of their conversation at: <https://www.nhpr.org/post/nh-libraries-closed-visitors-expanding-virtual-offerings-and-taking-new-roles#stream/0>

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## Reflective Planning

- Natalie Moser, Adult Programming Coordinator at Laconia Public Library

As the weather insists it is time to savor the out-of-doors, libraries are having to think about even their most basic services in an entirely new way, not to mention their summer program offerings. It may feel like Summer Reading and outdoor programming are things of the rose-colored past, but with a little ingenuity and a whole lot of embracing change, we can innovate new ways to connect with readers and meet the public where they are: at home.

This article from The Atlantic takes a look at how our profession has adapted to uncertain times and faces planning for a new future: <https://www.theatlantic.com/notes/2020/05/post-pandemic-future-libraries/611458/>

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## The READS Programming Committee

### Still Wants YOU!

READS is still seeking individuals interested in joining our Programming Committee. The committee typically organizes 3-4 Roundtables, the Annual READS Fall Conference, and occasional event collaborations with other sections of NHLA. Responsibilities include arranging for speakers, choosing

venues and caterers, and reviewing surveys. The approximate time commitment is 2-3 hours per month.

Please contact Eileen Gilbert, Programming Committee Chair, at [director@belmontpubliclibrary.org](mailto:director@belmontpubliclibrary.org) for more information or if interested.

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