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READS Annual Meeting and Executive Board Elections

In lieu of an in-person Fall Conference, the READS 2020 Annual Meeting will be held remotely on October 9th at 10 am. In preparation for the meeting, you can review the draft of the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes [here](#). To join the Meeting on October 9th, click [here](#).

As part of the Annual Meeting, we will share the results of the 2020 Executive Board elections.

This year, the Vice President and Treasurer positions are up for election. The Vice President position is a three-year position, which cycles through Vice President, President and Past President. Natalie Moser is nominated for this position.

Natalie Moser has worked in public and academic libraries for over fifteen years. She is currently the Head Cataloger and one of two Adult Programming Coordinators at Laconia Public Library. She received her BA in English from Plymouth State University, and has taken Library and Information Science continuing education courses through the NH State Library and Simmons College. Natalie has held the position of Public Relations Chair on the READS Executive Board for the past two years and is excited about the possibility of transitioning to a more involved role as Vice President/President Elect.

The Treasurer position is a two-year position. Two candidates have been nominated for this position, Laura Pezone of Newbury Public Library and Jessica DeLangie of Derry Public Library. Thank you to Mat Bose of Concord Public Library for your six years of service in this position!

Laura Pezone has been the assistant director at the Newbury Public Library for the last four years. She previously worked as a substitute librarian at the Abbott Library in Sunapee while obtaining her MLIS and working as an editor at a marketing firm. She has a B.A. in journalism and has worked as an editor at various newspapers and magazines around the state. Running for treasurer of the READS Board is her first step in being involved with library services at the state level. She is eager to get to know more of her fellow NH librarians and help out in any way. Plus... she's really good at balancing her checkbook.

Hi! I'm Jessica, Head of Technical Services at the Derry Public Library. I love details, data entry, and organization, so would really love to serve as the Treasurer for READS. I have been involved in a few different groups over the years, and have served as the Purchase Coordinator for NH Downloadable Books. I believe participating in professional groups to support our library communities is a must and would honor the position if you vote for me. Thank you for your consideration!

Please cast your vote for these two positions by following this [link](#).

Manchester City Library and NH Audubon



Birdspotting BINGO July 20-August 31

The Manchester City Library and NH Audubon are teaming up to bring you Birdspotting BINGO! This fun event will last for 6 weeks, and is a challenge for YOU to notice the birds in your own back yard!

The Manchester City Library recently partnered with the NH Audubon to bring patrons a fun summertime game! Birdspotting BINGO is a great program for all ages and can be done quickly and completely virtually! It's easy to play, and easy to set up! Setup is quick and easy. First, contact Sue Harmon for a dropbox link to download images granted by the NH Audubon for use in this program. There are 2 sets: one to use with the BINGO board and one to provide patrons with reference photographs. Second, set up your BINGO board using bingobaker.com or your preferred online BINGO card generator. Third, edit the included Word document for your specific libraries' information and registration process. Then, all that's left is to advertise and choose prizes!

To play, patrons create their bingo card (link in the downloadable file below) with birds that can be seen here in NH during the summertime. Second, patrons register their participation with their Library. Third, start bird watching! Each bird on the card spotted in real life counts as a bingo square. If you want to help your patrons along, you can post additional bonus birds through Facebook or Newsletter.

For Bingo Cards and Downloadable Game Rules click [here!](#)

For questions, please contact Sue Harmon
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Virtual Programming Best Practices

-Sue Harmon, Librarian I, Manchester City Library

Programming was hard enough when we had decades of librarians sharing their best practices for running good ones. I certainly don't have to preach to the choir about how things are different now. So, we can either wring our hands about it, or we can strap in and get to work. I've written a guide based on my 3 months of experience doing virtual programs (my experience isn't out of diapers yet). Many of you won't need it! I've seen hundreds of interesting and informative programs all around New Hampshire! I am stunned and amazed by the ingenuity of the library community at large. We are all amazing and we should be so proud of what we've accomplished!

Maybe this guide will address something you haven't thought of. Maybe it'll give you a different idea of how to do something you like better. Maybe you'll find something NOT to do! Or, maybe it'll be a helpful tool for staff who haven't yet had the time or courage to start virtual programming.

It's a brave new world! Take a towel with you. ;-)

Click [here](#) to download the Virtual Programming Best Practices Guide



