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REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SECTION

April/May 2021 Newsletter

Spring Roundtable!



READS ROUNDTABLE

Thursday, April 15th at 10:00 AM | Virtual Discussion

Library programming and outreach have changed so much in the past year. Join fellow NH library workers who have adapted programming, tried something different, made new connections in their community, and learned A LOT about Zoom. Share frustrations and successes in a small group discussion on **Thursday, April 15th**.

Since our plan is to have a detailed conversation, space is limited. An overflow roundtable will be held **Thursday, April 22nd** for those who are waitlisted. To join the waitlist, [register here!](#)

Can't make it either roundtable session? We've got you covered! Join Eileen Gilbert (*Director, Belmont Public Library*), Kristin Lavoie (*Instruction and Outreach Librarian, Manchester Community College*), Carol Eyman (*Outreach and Marketing Librarian, Nashua Public Library*), Laura Pazzone (*Assistant Director, Newbury Public Library*), Shayla (*Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Laconia Public Library*), and Sue Harmon (*Information and Technology Librarian, Manchester City Library*) in a pre-recorded virtual discussion of this year's roundtable topic. Listen in as your fellow NH Librarians discuss programming during a Pandemic, from virtual programs and how-to tutorials to promotion and statistics. You'll be sure to find a take away or two from this discussion!

[Click here for viewing!](#)

Call for Submissions: READS Award of Excellence!



Do you know an amazing librarian who provides outstanding services to adults? We bet you do!

Nominate someone for the READS Award of Excellence right [here](#)! It's quick, it's easy, and it's a nice way to give someone that professional shoutout they deserve. You can read more about the purpose and criteria of the award [here](#) or feel free to contact READS Past President, Mindy Atwood at director@abbottlibrary.org.

Welcome to the READS Programming Database!



READS is proud to announce our new programming database!

The **READS Programming Database** is a publicly accessible Google Docs Spreadsheet featuring a variety of programs from Arts & Entertainment and History & Travel to Science & Nature and Health &

Wellness, plus SO MUCH MORE, submitted from libraries across the state. This database is a living organism, and will house program listings with reviews and all the information you'll need to book your next program.

Anyone who has hosted or created an Adult Services related program is encouraged to share it on this platform!

Submission couldn't be easier:

- Simply fill out the questions on the [Adult Program Recommendations Form](#).

To start exploring the database, and to get some programming ideas for your library, click [HERE](#) or go to: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Vkmf9uwO6-LaEBml8uZoUy9rZC7BHdolvPM3eX7YW9w/edit#gid=1840946262>.

READS Raffle!



Have you hosted an awesome adult program; created some helpful tech training resources; or designed an eye-catching flyer? We bet you have!

Submit your Adult Services related content to either our Programming Database or the READS Repository for a chance to win a \$50 gift card and \$100 towards a program at your library.

Each Program Database or Repository submission will be worth one raffle entry.

Submission couldn't be easier:

- For the repository: Email your PDF, png, jpeg, or Word document, to READSrepository@gmail.com and use the subject line: Steal This Content!
- For the Programming Database: Simply fill out the questions on the [Adult Program Recommendations Form](#).

Raffle entries will be collected until our Annual Meeting, at which we will draw one lucky winner.

Let's curate some Adult Services resources and programming ideas together!

Learn More About NHLA EDI's Task Force!

- by Justin Levesque, *Assistant Director*, Abbott Library

In light of the social reckoning that followed the murder of George Floyd, institutions could no longer neglect to address the pernicious effects of racism and other forms of injustice. It was out of this moment in the summer of 2020 that the New Hampshire Library Association Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion came together to “identify, promote, and share resources to support the ongoing advocacy work of the NH library community, with a mission of fostering a coordinated, collaborative dynamic in order to make NHLA an organization where all members have a voice and a home.” To that end, the committee maintains an evolving and wide-ranging list of resources for education on social justice issues (please see <http://nhlibrarians.org/nhla-equity-diversity-inclusion-edi-committee/>), cultivates alliances of mutual support across NHLA sections, works to identify and pursue action opportunities, and offers programming on an approximately quarterly basis. Virtual events so far have included a dialogue led by Shay Stewart-Bouley as well as a roundtable “lunch and learn” discussion.

Coming up via Zoom on **Wednesday, May 19th** at 1PM is a chance to share “bite sized reviews” of media that participants find compelling or instructive in relation to social justice issues. If you would like to RSVP, have a suggestion(s), or need to get in touch for any other reason, please contact the committee at edi@nhlibrarians.org.

READS Repository: Social Media!



Looking for some new social media content? Check out the READS Repository! Whether you want to share some fun memes, feature your library's databases, or even highlight downloadable books, you'll find a variety of curated content for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube [here](#)!

Do you have some social media content to share? Submit your Adult Services social media posts and learn more about the Repository [here](#).

Haven't checked out the repository yet? Get started by browsing this publicly accessible [Google Drive](#) featuring Programming, Social Media, and Technical Training resources, plus SO MUCH MORE, submitted from libraries across the state!