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June/July 2021 Newsletter

Call for Submissions: READS Award of Excellence!



There's still time to submit your nominations for the READS Award of Excellence! We all know people who deserve a professional shout out, and this is a chance to give them one. It could be someone who offered a new and exciting program, someone who has excelled at outreach to the community, or some other creative innovation.

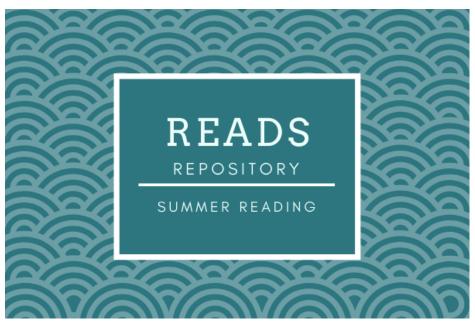
To nominate someone for the READS Award of Excellence, fill out the brief nomination from by **June 30th**, <u>here!</u> You can read more about the purpose and criteria of the award <u>here</u> or feel free to contact READS Past President, Mindy Atwood at <u>director@abbottlibrary.org</u>.

Save the Date: READS Fall Conference!



Join us on **Friday, October 8th**, for our virtual Fall Conference with Readers' Advisor Becky Spratford. Stay tuned for more information!

READS Repository: Summer Reading!



Summer Reading is right around the corner for many of us, and with that comes one of the busiest times of the year. Make Summer Reading planning easier with the help of the READS Repository and Programming Database! Browse through both the Repository and Database to find programming ideas, social media posts, promotional materials, and SO MUCH MORE, submitted from libraries across the state. Get started browsing here:

Programming Database

Already finished your Summer Reading planning? Submit your Summer ideas and programs to the Repository and Programming Database! Each submission will also give you an entry in our READS Raffle. Learn more about the Raffle here!

Let's curate some fun Summer Reading content together!

READS Raffle!



There's still time to submit your raffle entries! 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 <u>Adult Program</u> Recommendations Form.

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

READS Spring Roundtables!



This past April, READS hosted their annual Spring Roundtables about programming during the Pandemic. Thank you to our programming committee for organizing this event, as well as all those who participated, shared their insights, and viewed the pre-recorded virtual discussion. We would also like to note a correction to the April/May Newsletter in which virtual discussion participant Kristin Gurciullo's name was listed incorrectly as Kristin Lavoie in the video description. We hope you all found a take away or two from these insightful discussions!