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From the President

By Annie Donahue, President, NHLA

Dear Colleagues,

I am excited about the work the NHLA Board will undertake in 2007. I am committed to visiting the various NH Public Library Cooperatives and to attending meetings around the state to advocate for NHLA membership, to talk about the scholarship and financial support available for continuing education activities, to recruit ideas and committee members for the 2008 NHLA Annual Conference, and to listen to NH librarians to learn what NHLA can do for them.

In December 2006, the incoming and outgoing officers and committee chairs met to set priorities for the 2007 year. Rich discussions led to many ideas and the NHLA Board chose to focus on six specific topics – revitalize the advocacy

committee, plan for the 2008 annual conference, create a treasurers' council made up of the treasurers from the sections and the NHLA treasurer, improve communications with the membership, focus on scholarship and continuing education opportunities, and visit each NH Public Library Cooperative to showcase the benefits if membership in NHLA. Although each of these goals is independent of the others, there is a clear connection between the goals with each informing some element of another. We have already begun the work. Please check out our new web page at www.nhlibrarians.org.

These goals align with the mission of our organization which is to advance the interests of its members through advocacy on library issues and increasing public awareness of library service; to support the professional development of its members; to foster communication and encourage the exchange of ideas among its members; and to promote participation in the association and its sections. As elected and appointed members of the NHLA Executive Board, we are charged with leading our state's professional organization and I invite you, the membership, to participate in that leadership by joining a committee, applying for a mini-money grant, voicing your suggestions and recruiting new members. I look forward to working with you this year and welcome your help as we strive to meet each of our goals this year.

Cheers!
Annie

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READS: 20 Years and Still Kickin'

In 2007, the Reference and Adult Services Section of NHLA celebrates 20 years of service to libraries across New Hampshire. READS kicks off this momentous year by sponsoring the 3rd Annual Round Table Discussions. This year the Round Table Discussions will have a new twist. Attendees will have an opportunity to begin the program by playing "Chutes and Ladders in Library Land", a board game which will challenge teammates to conquer the morale busters of daily life in the library. After the game, a moderated discussion will give teammates a chance to share their innovative ideas for navigating through the various scenarios presented in the game. The Round Tables will take place in Portsmouth on March 26, Peterborough on March 27, and at the Pease Public Library on March 30th. Come prepared to play, share and learn from this program!

READS will also be releasing its new Book Club Kit program, READS-TO-GO at the NHLA/NHEMA Spring Conference. Be sure to attend the NHLA/NHEMA Spring Conference, May 17 and 18 at the Mount Washington Hotel to get a first hand look at the new READS-TO-GO Book Club Kits. After last year's Book Discussion Round Tables, a steering committee was created to develop this program. With the support of librarians from all over New Hampshire, the READS-TO-GO Book Club Kits will help libraries and book groups, by enhancing the book group experience for members and simplifying the borrowing process for Inter-Library Loan Librarians and Book Club leaders. Libraries and patrons will be able to borrow through ILL a complete book club discussion in a

bag! The bag will include 15 copies of the book, discussion questions, author biographies, and information on starting and keeping a book club energized. The READS-TO-GO Steering Committee will be presenting a program at the spring conference which will provide librarians with all the information they will need to participate in READS-TO-GO. This program will be offered on both Thursday and Friday at the conference. Information will also be available at the READS booth in the vendor hall. Be sure to

attend the program and visit our booth to take advantage of a fun giveaway and more!

READS doesn't turn twenty every day so join us for this year long celebration and remember READS is here for you!

Ladybug Picture Book Award

Ain't Gonna Paint No More! by Karen Beaumont and illustrated by David Catrow is the winner of the 2006 Ladybug Picture Book Award with 3,553 of the 17,027 votes cast. Taking second and third place were *The Great Fuzz Frenzy* by Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel and *Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies* by Carolyn Crimi & John Manders. 130 schools and public libraries participated in the voting, which took place during Children's Book Week in November.

The ten titles to be voted on for the 2007 award will be available at <http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/bookcenter/programs/ladybug.html>. The Ladybug Award is sponsored by the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library.

NH Summer Reading Program 2007

This summer libraries all across New Hampshire will be fueling up for a variety of programs related to transportation, travel, vacations and the United States as they gear up for "Reading Road Trip U.S.A." – the 2007 New Hampshire Summer Reading Program sponsored by CHILIS.

Concord, NH resident Julie Brillhart designed the artwork for this summer's program. She created colorful, whimsical designs for a poster, reading certificate, reading log, bookmark, a t-shirt, and a tote bag. Artwork can be viewed at <http://www.plaistowlibrary.com/SRP2007/ChilisSummerreading07.htm>. Ordering information is also available at the website. Public libraries around the state will receive a free manual and poster—if they returned last summer's evaluation form.

In addition to professional artwork, this year's Summer Reading Program also features its own theme song, written

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and produced by Steve Blunt. Steve's song, "Reading Road Trip U.S.A." can be downloaded by libraries and used at summer reading events.

During the summer of 2006, more than 12,000 children participated in the "Treasure Reading" Summer Reading Program. They read 131,130 books and logged nearly 38, 193 hours of reading. We hope 2007 will be another "reading summer" across the Granite State.

CHILIS Spring Conference

On Thursday, April 5, 2007 CHILIS will hold its annual Spring Conference at Sawyer's Banquet Hall in Plaistow. The conference kicks off the Summer Reading Program by featuring the showcase of Kids, Books and the Arts presenters. Kids, Books and the Arts is a project sponsored by CHILIS and the New Hampshire State Library.

Artists who develop a program related to the NH Summer Reading theme are selected to perform at the showcase. Libraries can apply for grants to the state library to bring these presenters to their communities to perform during the summer. The presenters include musicians, storytellers, puppeteers, and magicians from New Hampshire and other New England locations.

Kids, Books and the Arts grant applications will be sent to libraries in March, and will also be available on the state library website. The application deadline is Wednesday, April 18, 2007. For more information about the program, contact Ann Hoey at the state library at 271-2865.

Calling all Academic Librarians!

The Academics Section of NHLA needs your active participation to be an effective resource for academic library staff throughout the state. At present there is no Chair of this section, and I would like to encourage you to consider taking on the challenge. Think about the possibilities for leadership, professional development, and social networking inherent in an engaged community.

I suggest we hold a 'revival meeting' to connect and discuss the future of this section. Please come to UNH Manchester Library on Friday, April 20th at 1pm for a pizza lunch meeting – you know what they say "if you feed them, they will come". You must register to attend as headcount will be necessary for both room assignment and lunch. Please send an email message confirming your participation to me at annie.donahue@unh.edu. I will respond via return email with parking instructions so that you avoid the dreaded Manchester parking violation ticket. I hope to see you then.



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Save The Date

NHLTA Gala celebrating the 50th. Anniversary of the organization will be held on Friday May 11, 2007 at the Grappone Convention Center, Concord. This is in place of NHLTA Annual Conference. All libraries and trustees will be receiving a mailing regarding this event within the next week. Please check our website www.nhlta.com for further information.



Celebrate National Library Week by helping NHLA to fundraise for the Great Stone Face Award! NHLA and Barnes and Noble have teamed up for a Book Fair to take place Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st.

Four stores are participating, and a percentage of sales (potentially up to 20%) will be donated to New Hampshire's Great Stone Face Award when customers bring in vouchers. Programs will vary from store to store, but will include book signings by local authors, babysitting classes, and poetry slams.

If your library is in the vicinity of these stores (Nashua, Manchester, Newington and Salem) please help to distribute vouchers! They can be downloaded from NHLA's website, www.nhlibrarians.org, or contact sean.fleming@lebcity.com if you would like to have some sent to your library.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this fundraiser a success!

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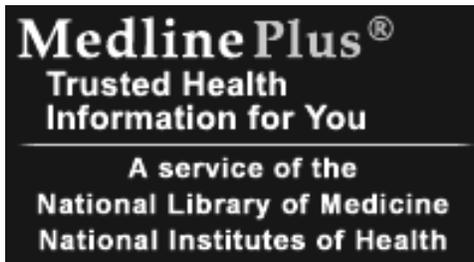
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Month of the Military Child

By Elizabeth Harding, State Youth Coordinator, New Hampshire National Guard Family Program

April has been declared "Month of the Military Child", a month to pay tribute to military children who share in the burden of protecting the Nation. The daily struggles and personal sacrifices of these children often go unnoticed. This April, libraries across the state have an opportunity to honor and support the contributions made by these special kids.

A simple way to support these youth is to highlight resources for families that can guide them through the three phases of deployment; pre-deployment, deployment, and reunion. By pulling resources into a "Month of the Military Child" display families will easily be able to identify books and other materials that they may find helpful. In addition, the general public will be made more aware of the challenges many military families and children face each day.

There have been many resources published to specifically support military families but general materials may be appropriate to display as well. Any items that discuss

separations, stress, losing a parent or staying connected would be fitting. In addition, materials targeted at adults could be included in a display. Resources about parenting, discipline and the importance of rest and relaxation for caregivers are all examples of subjects to include.

A comprehensive list of books can be found at: <http://www.fieldproblems.com/booklist.shtml>

For more information and access to additional resources please contact:

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