

Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library
Three Year Plan
January 2009 - December 2011

Mission Statement

The mission of the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library is to celebrate and promote reading, books, literacy, and the literary heritage of New Hampshire and to highlight the role that reading and libraries play in enriching the lives of the people of the Granite State.

1. Celebrate & promote books & reading

- 1.1. Promote book & reading activities going on in NH
 - 1.1.1. Use the website to promote NH's book community & literary heritage
 - 1.1.1.1. Maintain links to existing web calendars and publications
 - 1.1.1.2. Maintain blog with regular postings on NH book topics
 - 1.1.2. Use the newsletter where appropriate to profile these projects
- 1.2. Work with the NH Writer's Project to strengthen the NH Literary Awards
- 1.3. Apply for an NEA Big Read grant for a project in Spring of 2010

2. Celebrate & promote literacy

- 2.1. Continue to sponsor the annual Ladybug Picture Book Award
- 2.2. Continue to participate in the LC Letters About Literature Project
- 2.3. Coordinate the Granite State Reads literacy grant project
- 2.4. Showcase established reading & literacy programs in NH through Center publications, both print and electronic

3. Celebrate & promote the literary heritage of NH

- 3.1. Continue to update and expand the NH Authors database (in partnership with the Reference Section of NHSL)
- 3.2. Develop the NH Books website as a resource for finding books about NH
- 3.3. Maintain the NH Author's Room at NHSL
 - 3.3.1. put together major exhibits in the room at least annually including supporting web and printed materials where appropriate
 - 3.3.2. put together spotlight exhibits in individual NH authors
- 3.4. Create an online celebration of NH Poets for National Poetry Month (April)

- 3.5. Develop a plan for the creation of a NH Literary map
 - 3.5.1. determine what form(s) map should take
 - 3.5.2. determine what type of information should be included
 - 3.5.3. identify sources of information for inclusion
 - 3.5.4. identify sources of funding

4. Highlight the role that reading plays in the lives of the people of the Granite State

- 4.1. Continue to serve as a nominating agency for the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award
- 4.2. Continue the Granite State Readers Recommend project
- 4.3. Explore additional ways to foster dialog about books among NH readers

5. Highlight the role that libraries play in the lives of the people of the Granite State

- 5.1. Include regular articles on NH Libraries in *Book Notes*
- 5.2. Develop a plan for a celebration/promotion of NH's libraries (2010 at the earliest)

6. Develop & maintain the Center as a viable part of NH's literary community

- 6.1. Maintain the infrastructure of the NH Center for the Book
 - 6.1.1. follow up on Advisory Board member appointments to keep them current
 - 6.1.2. keep the bylaws relevant and up-to-date
 - 6.1.3. maintain our affiliate status with the Library of Congress
 - 6.1.4. identify projects appropriate for the Center
 - 6.1.5. develop a plan for 2012-2014
- 6.2. Communicate Center activities to interested parties
 - 6.2.1. Keep the web site up-to-date
 - 6.2.2. Maintain book-list page in the NHU-PAC for the Center
 - 6.2.3. Maintain the Center for the Book blog with regular postings
 - 6.2.4. Continue to publish *Book Notes* twice per year & distribute widely as possible
 - 6.2.5. Create and distribute bookmarks to promote the Center & its programs
 - 6.2.6. Issue press releases on activities of the Center when appropriate
 - 6.2.7. Look for opportunities (conferences, articles, etc.) to promote the Center
- 6.3. Identify & pursue funding sources for the Center
 - 6.3.1. Develop and implement plans to expand membership/contributors program
 - 6.3.2. Research potential grant opportunities & apply for grants as appropriate to fund specific projects

7. As a state affiliate, endorse the goals, purposes, and concepts of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress

- 7.1. Participate in National Book Festivals in future years if they are held