

**Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library**  
**Three Year Plan**  
**January 2012 - December 2014**

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 blog with regular postings on NH book topics
- 1.2. Work with the NH Writer's Project to strengthen the NH Literary Awards

**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 as long as funding allows
- 2.4. Showcase established reading & literacy programs in NH through website and blog

**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. Maintain the NH Author's Room at NHSL
- 3.3. put together major exhibits in the room at least annually including supporting web and printed materials where appropriate
- 3.4. put together spotlight exhibits on individual NH authors
- 3.5. Develop the NH Books website as a resource for finding books about NH
- 3.6. Investigate potential partnering opportunities with NH poetry groups to celebrate the work of NH Poets during National Poetry Month (April)
- 3.7. Develop and implement a plan for the creation of a NH Literary Map
  - 3.7.1. identify the purpose of the map (who is the audience, what makes it a useful project for the Center)
  - 3.7.2. develop a plan for the creation and distribution of the map including a budget
  - 3.7.3. identify appropriate partners to work with us on map
  - 3.7.4. identify sources of and obtain necessary 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. 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. Explore partnership/programming opportunities with the NH Library Association
- 5.2. Begin work on a library history project to compile and highlight the heritage of New Hampshire's libraries

**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 and implement projects appropriate for the Center
  - 6.1.5. develop a plan for 2015-2017
  - 6.1.6. work with local schools to expand the intern program at the Center
- 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. Issue press releases on activities of the Center when appropriate
  - 6.2.5. Look for opportunities (conferences, articles, etc.) to promote the Center
- 6.3. Identify & pursue funding sources for the Center
  - 6.3.1. Reevaluate our membership/contributors program and modify it as needed
  - 6.3.2. Research potential grant opportunities & apply for grants as appropriate to fund specific projects
  - 6.3.3. Investigate potential of selling Center for the Book promotional items
  - 6.3.4. Investigate potential for donations from local book businesses (dealers like YBP, publishers, stores, binderies, etc.)

**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