

NHLTA Education Committee – Annual report 2024-2025

The 2025 annual conference was the focus of the 2024-2025 year. It was co-chaired by Tammy Hooker and Janet Hromjak and held at the Doubletree Hotel in Manchester, NH. The theme of the conference was “Trustees Unleashed: The Must-Have Info!” The keynote topic, “The Courage to Put on the Cape: How Library Trustees Can Harness Their Power for Good,” was delivered by Kelly Jensen, editor of Book Riot. There were 15 concurrent sessions and 29 sponsors. DrummondWoodsum was the premier sponsor. Participants were encouraged to visit all vendors and have their passport stamped for it to be entered into a drawing for a cash gift card. Breakfast, a plated lunch and a cookie break were served. Next year’s conference will be held on May 27, 2026

Several regional gatherings were scheduled for this year. Chesterfield Public Library hosted a gathering on April 9th and 37 people attended. The Newbury/Pillsbury libraries held a gathering on May 12th and 39 people attended. Sleeper/Minot libraries’ gathering will take place on September 9th and the Barrington Library’s gathering will be October 25th. Discussion at gatherings have touched on recommended policies for libraries and how current legislation will affect local libraries.

An orientation for new trustees was held on August 5th in person at 25 Triangle Park Drive in Concord, NH with 52 people in attendance.

The first gathering for Friends of Libraries will be held on September 27th at the Hooksett Library. This is a first of its kind gathering with the goal of discussing topics pertinent to Friends of Libraries and connecting these organizations throughout the state.

2024-2025 members of the Education Committee include: Cathy Harvey, chair, Suzanne Nieman, secretary, Connie Kirwin, liaison, Katrinka Pellecchia, liaison, Cliff Blake, Mark Branoff, Tammy Hooker, Janet Hromjak, Renee Mallett, Marcia McLaughlin, Conrad Moses, Kathy Parenti, Jeanne Palleika, Sue Whitbeck, and Ann Xavier.