

SAILS Network News

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Jill Fernandes is New Beckwith Middle School Librarian

Jill Fernandes started at Beckwith Middle School in Rehoboth on October 26. Prior to arriving in Beckwith, she had been an elementary school librarian for 16 years. Before being a librarian, Jill was in higher education in student services at both Bristol and Massasoit Community Colleges. Jill has a BA in humanities from Providence College, a MAT in history from Smith College and a MLIS from the University of Rhode Island. Jill lives in Warren, RI with her husband. They have a son in college and a daughter in high school. Additionally, they have two senior mutts, KC and Wiley. Daily, she is in awe at the amount of dog fur in the house. Jill enjoys watching soccer (Revs & NWSL), gardening, traveling (fingers crossed for 2021!), and laughing with friends. Please join us in welcoming Jill to SAILS!



Best Wishes to Chris Johnson

By Kathy Lussier

SAILS sends congratulations and best wishes to Attleboro Public Library director Christine Johnson, who is leaving the network to take a position at the Waterford Public Library in Connecticut. Chris has been the director in Attleboro since March 2019. She is also a SAILS board member and was serving as SAILS treasurer. We wish Chris the best of luck in her upcoming adventures.

Overdrive Magazine Collection Expands through End of March

As part of its recent acquisition of RBDigital, Overdrive has changed its magazine supplier to ZINIO. As a current subscriber of Overdrive magazines, SAILS was automatically upgraded to a new collection of more than 3,000 popular magazine titles. This upgrade comes at no additional cost to SAILS or member libraries, as OverDrive is covering the fees to upgrade the magazine collection for the remainder of the current subscription plan.

The upgrade occurred the week of November 30, 2020. SAILS staff, working in conjunction with the Overdrive committee, is updating the collections on the magazine page to better

expose the variety of subjects now available in the collection.

Moving forward, all new magazine issues in this package will be supplied by ZINIO and available with article view in Libby. Any back issues that are already in the SAILS collection will remain available at this time but will not have article view in Libby. There will also be no impact on any magazines that are currently checked out in the existing SAILS collection.

Just in PASSING



Thomas Niles
A BENTON inventor has refined and redesigned a vintage technology battery and brought it into the modern realm with exciting results. It's an aluminum-air cell which generates nine times more energy than lithium-ion batteries, takes up less space and is much lighter. The new battery could give an electric car a potential range of a whopping 2700 miles (4345km). There are more benefits. It's cheap to build, as aluminum is the most abundant metal on the planet, and it's easily recyclable. On the downside the aluminum-air battery's main drawback is the inability to recharge it, once it is dead, it is dead, like an empty tank of gas. Does that make it no different from having to keep purchasing fuel? Well maybe, except that the battery can easily be swapped at a local supermarket, and the removal/replacement process taking a mere 90 seconds, which is way more convenient and quicker than stopping at a gas station to fill up. Plus, it's easy to carry a spare battery or two huh. Man the times are changing fast!



Cubic
BENTON's monstrous 1300x130 is rated as the biggest piston V8 ever built. The American all-aluminum 12-valve DOHC 60-degree V8 engine was engineered and produced by the Ford Motor Company post-WW2 and during World War II. It features cast iron block, NaVVO carburetion, dual magnetos and twin spark plug making up a full dual ignition system, and overhead induction. It puts out well over 1200HP of torque while the factory-rated output was 500HP at 2,000 rpm. There were a little over 20,000 built, and of those, about 3,000 were factory installed into Sherman tanks on the assembly line while the remaining engines were converted into earlier model tanks when they came due for major overhauls.



New Crew
A NEW CREW changing of the guard. From left new zone 9 delegate in Tina Robinson next to the previous Zone 9 delegate and new zone 10/11 delegate Tony Robinson, Zone 10 delegate Brian Ward and new delegate for the deep south Tracy Niles. From Greg Stone.

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Browsing magazine

Article view in Libby

For now, individual magazine issues will continue to display as their own title records in the SAILS collection. In a later release, Overdrive will update this behavior to display only the most current issue of each magazine. From the title details page of the current issue, users will have the option to see and borrow back issues, as desired. Overdrive plans for this update to be available early next year.

The SAILS Overdrive Committee will meet at the beginning of the year to discuss the new collection and whether SAILS will renew it in March.

Meet Google Meet - a Zoom Alternative

By Laurie Lessner



For those of you who want to take advantage of your SAILS non-profit g-suite account, take a look at Google Meet. This free service has no time limits and can hold up to 100 people in a meeting. It is so simple to use, you may think you're missing something. Here is how to start - Start a video call

1. Open [Gmail](#).
2. In the bottom left corner, under "Meet," click New meeting .
3. To send the meeting invite via link or email, click Send invite.
 To copy the meeting invite details, click Copy meeting invite.
 To send an email invite, click Share via email.
4. When you're ready to join the meeting, click Join now.
5. Before you join your first meeting, make sure to allow permissions for your Microphone and Camera. Once you have granted permission,
 To turn your microphone on or off, click Microphone .
- To turn your camera on or off, click Camera .
6. To enter the call, click Join now.
7. To end the call, click Leave call .

Join a video call

1. Open [Gmail](#).
2. In the bottom left corner, click My meetings  to join a video call that is upcoming on your calendar.
3. Under "My Meetings," hover over the upcoming meeting you'd like to join click Join.
 Tips:
 -Only meetings scheduled in Google calendar will show up under "My Meetings."
 -You can click on any of your upcoming meetings to view the call details or make changes.
 -If your upcoming meeting is not on your calendar, click Join a meeting.
 Enter the meeting code or nickname > click Join.
4. Before you join your first meeting, make sure to allow permissions for your Microphone and Camera. Once you have granted permission,
 -To turn your microphone on or off, click Microphone .
- To turn your camera on or off, click Camera .
5. To enter the call, click Join now.
6. To leave the call, click Leave call .

If you want to learn more, here is Google's help page on Meet -

<https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9282720>.

You can also contact support@sailsinc.org and we'll help you get started.

Highlights from the November SAILS Board Meeting

By Kathy Lussier



Board Meeting

- SAILS Treasurer Chris Johnson (Attleboro) announced she will be resigning from the Board to take a new position at the Waterford Public Library in Connecticut. The nominating committee will work on finding a replacement to represent large libraries. Board members interested in taking the treasurer position were asked to send an email of interest to nominating@sailsinc.org.
- Frank Ward (N. Attleborough) reported on the November meeting of the investment committee. The current allocation of investments is Equities:26.70%, Fixed Income:58.07%, Cash: 15.23%. The percentage of investments in the money market is higher than the investment policy's recommended allocation of 0-10%. However, the committee recommends maintaining this level of cash in the current environment in case reserves are needed to supplement the network's budget.
- The Board approved a new bibliographic record loading policy that outlines minimum requirements for loading bibliographic records into the system. The policy also outlines when the network will load records for electronic resources into the database. Libraries must own or license an electronic resource for its record to be loaded. The network will not load records for web sites or for public domain e-books that are not owned/licensed by the library. Companion e-books that are sometimes provided with print collections are also eligible for being loaded into the database.
- SAILS reported that staff is preparing for rollback in services at libraries as COVID resurges. If there is a suspension of delivery again, SAILS is planning to handle holds differently. SAILS will continue to run the local hold pull list, but will not selectively suspend holds. Staff will be expected to cancel any prompts to put items into transit. SAILS also plans to change a setting that will allow materials checked-in at a pickup location to fill a hold even if an item is already in transit to fill that hold.
- Board President Gail Roberts (Rochester) appointed Libby O'Neill to be the Board representative on the Personnel Committee.
- The January Membership meeting, originally scheduled to be held at the Raynham Public Library, has been rescheduled as a Zoom call.



The SAILS office will be closing at noon on December 24th for Christmas eve and will be closed all day December 25th. The office will also be closed January 1st.

Network Stats November

Circulation (no Overdrive):

Total Items Circulated: 178,444

Items Loaned between SAILS Libraries: 61,093

OverDrive Circulation to SAILS patrons:

Ebook: 33,894

Audio Book: 15,063

Video: 64

Magazines: 1107

Database Size:

Titles: 1,129,182

Items: 3,543,628

Total Patrons: 409,142



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