

Southeastern Mass. Reader's Advisory Roundtable (SE-RART)
SAILS Conference Room, 10 Riverside Dr., Suite 102, Lakeville

June 7, 2017, 10 am-12 pm

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Announcements, etc.
 - a. Thank you to Maggie for baking and the SAILS Network for hosting today!
 - b. MLS Reader's Advisory LibGuide (sign up for email updates)
<http://guides.masslibsystem.org/RA> (Fantasy Genre Overview at
<http://guides.masslibsystem.org/RA/fantasy>)
3. Discuss key elements/appeal factors for Fantasy readers
4. Discuss readings:
 - Alter, Alexandra. N.K. Jemesin on Diversity in Science Fiction and Inspiration from Dreams. The New York Times, August 24, 2016. https://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/25/books/n-k-jemesin-on-diversity-in-science-fiction-and-inspiration-from-dreams.html?_r=0
 - Govinnage, Sunili. I read books by only minority authors for a year. It showed me just how white our reading world is. The Washington Post, April 24, 2015. <http://wapo.st/2qHoXVo>
 - Saricks, Joyce. Fantasy (Chapter 14) The Reader's Advisory Guide to Genre Fiction. pp.265-87
5. Discuss benchmark title: *The Grace of Kings* by Ken Liu
6. Discuss 2nd titles in Fantasy genre with a focus on RA aspects and diversity
7. General discussion -- RA issues, questions, comments
8. SE-RART next year's theme (Adventure) and possible dates (still subject to change):
Wed., Oct. 18, 10-12
Wed., Dec. 7, 10-12 (Snow date, Tues., Dec. 12, 10-12)
Wed., Feb. 7, 10-12 (No snow date)
Tues., Apr. 10, 10-12
Thurs., Jun. 14, 10-12

Other Resources

- a. Fantasy handout
- b. ALA RUSA CODES Conversations – 2-day email discussions on RA topics (4/year?)
<http://lists.ala.org/sympa/subscribe/codes-convos>
- c. How to read a book in 10 minutes <http://www.alaeditions.org/blog/62/how-read-book-10-minutes>

Please add your second titles to the blog at <http://rartsoutheastma.wordpress.com>!