

# Suffolk General Service Literature Chair Report

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The not-good news: We are currently out of stock of the English hardcover Big Book (Item B-1) and unable to reprint expeditiously. This is due to a serious supply-chain matter beyond our control regarding disruption in the necessary paper delivery during the holidays at our printing plant. Projected continued out-of-stock periods. It is likely, however, that we will be experiencing intermittent disruptions for the foreseeable future, as all publishers will be based on industry-wide reporting. We will continue to keep everyone informed.

Webstore and Member Services Our Member Services and A.A.W.S. webstore teams have implemented measures to ensure the following: 1) Those seeking to purchase items will receive all discounts earned on items that they select – including those items on backorder. 2) Individuals ordering can “add to cart” and place orders for these items as they normally would. The items will ship when they are back in stock. 3) Purchasers will receive emails informing them of any backorders.

**I would like to remind the Suffolk County trusted servants GSRs, DCM's And Committee chairs that the Suffolk General Service Tech support committee has developed a virtual Beginner's Packet that can be accessed on our Suffolk General Service website. If your group meets virtual, hybrid, or blended please let the chairs of those meetings know that there's a virtual Beginner's Packet for our Virtual Beginner. The link is below, you can copy and paste the link into the chat box on virtual meetings. The link is below.**

## **Suffolk General Service Beginner's Packet**

<https://asuffolkgs-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/SGS-Beginners-Packet.pdf>

The pamphlets that are in the package include:

**Big Book – a link to the Big Book**

**AA At A Glance**

**Frequently Asked Questions About AA**

**Is AA For You?**

**Do You Think You Are Different?**

**This is AA**

**Problems Other Than Alcohol**

**Questions on Sponsorship**

**AA World Services is continuing to run a Mixed-Title Quantity Discount Test Pilot A six-month test pilot will run: from March 31 – to September 30, 2022 During this test, folks ordering our literature will receive the Mixed-Title Quantity Discount based on the sum total of all books, booklets and boxed sets placed in one order, rather than on a certain quantity of one specific book, booklet or boxed set, as was previously the case.**

A full list of items that receive this discount is available on request; please email [publishingnews@aa.org](mailto:publishingnews@aa.org).

Test schedule of Mixed-Title Quantity Discounts 20 – 99 copies = 6% off

100 - 199 copies = 12% off

200+ copies = 18% off

Discounts are based on totals before applicable sales tax.

In response to the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a Fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experiences from members in the Fellowship.

Literature The committee agreed to forward several progress reports to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature, including reports on the development of a draft Fourth Edition of *Alcohólicos Anónimos*; requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.; development of a draft Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*; and an update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."

As Bill writes on page 29 of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*: "Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, 'Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.'"

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be 5 to 6 pages.

Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French, or Spanish.

If you have any questions, please write to [5BBStory@aa.org](mailto:5BBStory@aa.org). Instructions for submitting your manuscript: Deadline: Please submit on or before October 31, 2022.

Online: [aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th](http://aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th) Email: [5BBStory@aa.org](mailto:5BBStory@aa.org)

Subject Line: Fifth Edition of the Book *Alcoholics Anonymous*

Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

On the envelope: The word "5th Edition BB" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Fourth Edition of the Big Book Alcohólicos Anónimos Deadline for submissions: December 15, 2022,  
Email: [4LGHistorias@aa.org](mailto:4LGHistorias@aa.org)

A suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3,500 words, double-spaced, in 12-point type. Handwritten stories should be 5-6 pages. Please include your full name, postal and email address, and phone number on the first page of your manuscript. The anonymity of all authors will be respected, whether their story is selected for publication or not.

- Stories written in Spanish, English, or French will be accepted by any Hispanic member of the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.
- We suggest you keep a copy of your manuscript for your files.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

Deadline: Please submit on or before December 15, 2022.

Email: [4LGHistorias@aa.org](mailto:4LGHistorias@aa.org) Subject Line: "Fourth Edition Spanish"

Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

On the envelope: The words "Fourth Edition Spanish" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

"A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic" Pamphlet Update Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2022,

Email: [pamphletstories@aa.org](mailto:pamphletstories@aa.org)

Stories of recovery may also include:

- Experience, Strength, and Hope
- Steps, Traditions, Concepts
- Ethnic, cultural, gender, and LGBTQ diversity
- Diversity of social status
- Sponsorship
- A.A. Service
- Safety & Racism
- Military
- Black Mental Health and Diverse Abilities
- BIPOC A.A. meetings
- Atheist/Agnostics

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Appointed Committee Member Sought for trustees' Literature Committee

Some of the qualities most desirable for this appointed committee member on the trustees' Literature Committee are:

- Strong connections with A.A. members from indigenous communities and nations throughout the U.S./Canada service structure, including the Hawaiian indigenous community.

To obtain a résumé form for this opening, please email [literature@aa.org](mailto:literature@aa.org) or call the Literature desk at G.S.O. at (212) 870-3019. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2022

I have in stock the 2021 – 2023 – Revised and reformatted Conference-approved A.A. Service Manual in hard copy and of course, it's still available in PDF format on the [aa.org](http://aa.org) website. I have also included the link below.

**[Revised and reformatted Conference-approved A.A. Service Manual, now available in PDF](#)**

**[The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service 2021 - 2023](#)**

[https://aa.org/assets/en\\_US/en\\_bm-31.pdf](https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf)

Thank you for allowing me to serve

Regina C

SGS Literature Chair