

SLCP Meetup #28 Recap

Attendance

Annemarie Gordon (SLI/SCLS)
Francesca Hembury (SLI/SCLS)
Janet Scherer (South Huntington Public Library, NY)
Emily Spizzirri (Patchogue-Medford Library, NY)
Kara Stock (Lancaster Public Library, NY)
Katie Herbst (Elwood Public Library, NY)
Azuree Agnello (West Babylon Public Library, NY)

Sophie Smith (York Public Library, ME)
Michelle Lipson (Plainedge Public Library, NY)
Hazel Onsrud (Curtis Memorial Library, ME)
Miki Porter (New Canaan Library, CT)
Reni Cunningham (Concord Free Public Library, MA)
Kristin Stroh (Sachem Public Library, NY)

SLI Announcements

Annemarie: Mid-Hudson Library System has become certified! I presented at the NELA/NHLA Conference in October and will be moderating a panel discussion about SLCP at the NYLA 2022 Annual Conference tomorrow.

Introductions and Updates:

Azuree (WBPL) Getting started, working through Part A. They have 8 people on their sustainability committee

Emily (PML) Library is taking the [Save our Bay Pledge](#) through the Blue Oyster Foundation which pledges to not use nitrogen fertilizers. Question about Sierra settings to reduce paper use.

Annemarie (SLI) For SCLS Libraries, PALS will be holding a Sustainable Sierra program in December. Stay tuned for more details.

Hazel (CML) They have been doing a lot of work, but not a lot of documenting. Very pleased with the Biolaminate book jackets recommended here at a past SLCP Meetup. [CoLibri Cover System](#)

Janet (SHPL) Mentor, Advisory Board Member for SLI. Sustainability Team is starting to meet again and finding new areas to work on after becoming certified last year.

Joanna (Butterfield) Small library, but enthusiastic team. Question about Print Releaf Program.

Kara (Lancaster) Just started. First Sustainability Team meeting is today.

Katie (Elwood Public Library) Also Just started.

Kristin (Sachem) EV Charging station is being set up.

Michelle (Plainedge) In the midst of a construction project. The team is getting established.

Miki (New Canaan) “Stuck” in the first section. They are reconciling the work they have done with the Action Items. Question: What do you consider local in a purchasing policy?

Reni (CFPL) Beginning the SLCP. There are many things pending in the first section. Finishing the staff survey.

Discussion of what local means for purchasing.

Summary: It is hard to put a number of miles down for ‘local’ because there are many factors in that decision. The determination of the best options depends on many factors. You may go a little farther in miles to support a minority-owned business. You also may go farther in miles for a small farm with better environmental practices. It might be best to write about how purchasing decisions are made rather than establish a specific mileage.

Discussion of Print ReLeaf Program

Summary: All libraries enrolled in the SLCP are eligible to participate in the Print ReLeaf program. This program plants trees based on the paper usage at your library. If your library is set up with the printers/copiers on a WiFi monitoring system (FMAudit is a popular one), we can connect your account to the SLI Dashboard and automatically count your paper usage toward the SLI group’s reforestation. That is the number that appears in the Print Releaf Widget on our webpage. Each library also has the ability to choose where their trees are planted and can have their own widget on a webpage to show off the efforts. Participation in Print ReLeaf is provided free of charge by Wayne Piskin at [CCP Office Technology Solutions](#). He has agreed to donate 10 trees for every library that signs up for Print ReLeaf.

If your library does not have a WiFi monitoring service, you can still participate. We can manually input your paper usage into the dashboard. You can send us monthly numbers or keep it on a spreadsheet and we can upload it anytime.