

SLCP Meetup #29 Notes

December 1, 2022

Attendance

Annemarie Gordon (SLI/SCLS)
Francesca Hembury (SLI/SCLS)
Emily Spizzirri (Patchogue-Medford Library, NY)
Miki Porta (New Caanan Library, CT)
Hazel Onsrud (Curtis Memorial Library, ME)
Ryan O'Rourke (Bayport-Blue Point Public Library, NY)
Claudia Depkin (Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library, NY)
Joanna Goldfarb (RCLS, NY)

Ken Miller (Copiague Memorial Public Library, NY)
Katie Herbst (Elwood Library, NY)
Johanna Reinhardt (Butterfield Library, NY)
Sophie Smith (York Public Library, ME)
Debbie Bush (Comsewogue Public Library, NY)
Michael Dietz (Plainedge Library, NY)
Tim Sicurella (Sayville Library)
Roger Reyes (SLI / Suffolk Cooperative Library System)

SLI Announcements

CCP Solutions is still offering access to Print Releaf. This program plants trees based on your paper usage. 10 trees are planted when your library enrolls in the SLCP. You can connect your printer and automate sending the paper usage counts to count toward the SLI total trees planted. Email us: sliadmin@suffolknet.org with questions or for more information about the program.

SLI Offices will be closed from Dec 23rd to January 2nd. We will return on January 3rd and respond to emails and calls.

This Meetup space is valuable. Notes are kept, but the virtual meeting is not recorded. If you wish something to be off the record, please state that or email SLI Staff. You are welcome to email SLI Staff at any time with questions for the meetup.

Introductions and Updates:

Claudia (HKDPL) Certified. Saw the SLI logo at a 'train the trainer' session at RCLS. Happy to see the organization's mission reflected in the library system and in expanding channels.

Hazel (Curtis) getting through the Sustainable financing portion of the Action Item Form. Completed an Indigenous Peoples Display and offered a free Geocaching session that was popular.

Joanna (RCLS) closing in on a year of being in the SLCP. Just ordered a battery box for recycling batteries. Looking into a portable dishwasher for staff and events. Ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Miki (New Caanan) suggested Ecolab - a commercial dishwasher that can be rented.
Claudia (HKDPL) after having a leak she learned they have to remember to run the dishwasher regularly so that the seals don't dry out
Debbie (Comsewogue) toys can be washed in the dishwasher

Katie (Elwood Library) currently working on Section A. Wondered if other libraries did them in order.

*most in the meeting agreed that it was helpful to pick off the "low-hanging fruit" - the items that you have already done prior to signing up to get a boost at the beginning of the process.

Johanna (Butterfield) Gave away reusable mugs as a staff kickoff.

Ken Miller (Copiague) member of the low-hanging fruit club 😊. Planning a renovation and sustainable programming are planned for spring. Question about battery collection

Debbie (Comsewogue) Uses Big Green Box, they put a shoe box for collection at the front door and the 'real' box is at the children's desk. Checking the boxes is built into the page's routines.

Tim (Sayville) Uses Call2Recycle. You can choose what to recycle. Right now they are doing batteries and phones.

Mike Dietz (Plainedge) Just had a staff meeting to discuss the certification program. Question about who has access to SLI Website account.

Annemarie (SCLS) The website is set up for one account per institution that is getting certified. Username and password can be shared.

Roger (SCLS) recommended advocating for sharing the credentials with key members of the team.

Roger (SCLS) Advisory role for SCLS Sustainability Team. Staff make decisions and bring ideas. He does the financial and policy portions of the certification process.

Ryan (BBP) Early on in the certification process, at 19% complete

Sophie (YPL) they are waiting to check things off and going in order. An angel investor gave the library money for EV Chargers and solar panels. The SLCP has been a good motivator for the Board, Staff and community. Question about bringing in the community to the process.

Roger (SLI / SCLS) good idea to get the board involved, give them a stake in the process

Emily (Pat-Med) Library is already certified, planning for solar. Question about web pages talking about library's sustainability work.

Some examples: [Sayville](#), [HKDPL](#), [Comsewogue](#), [Copiague](#)
(*stay tuned for resource page on SLI website*)

Tim (Sayville) about a year into the process, working in fits and starts. Working on assigning someone, possibly from each department to go in and identify things they are currently doing or could accomplish. Question about site management plans. Examples: [Mid-Hudson Library System](#), [Montauk Library](#), [Concord Free Public Library Sustainability Plan](#) (*stay tuned for resource page*)

Question about staff engagement: How to get staff involved, keep them informed and motivated

Claudia (HKDPL) monthly newsletter, giveaways for trivia