

## SLCP Meetup # 31 Notes

### Thursday, February 2, 2023 11 am EST

#### Attendees:

**SLI Staff:** Annemarie Gordon and Francesca Hembury

Ariel Borowsky (Plainedge Public Library, NY)  
Christie Matheson (Center Moriches Free Public Library)  
Debbie Bush (Comsewogue Public Library, NY)  
Debbie Engelhardt (Comsewogue Public Library, NY)  
Denise DiPaulo (Montauk Library, NY)  
Hazel Onsrud (Curtis Memorial Library, ME)  
Ivan Silva (Belvedere Tiburon Library, CA)  
Janet Scherer (South Huntington Public Library, NY)  
Jessica Ceramello ()  
Joanna Goldfarb (Ramapo Catskill Library Sysytem, NY)  
Johanna Reinhart (Butterfield Library, NY)  
Katie Herbst (Elwood Library, NY)  
Ken Miller (Copaigue Public Library, NY)

Kristin Stroh (Sachem Library, NY)  
Lisa Neumann (RCS Community Library, NY)  
Maggie Rusch (Plainedge Public Library)  
MariaVanessa Cipolla (Finkelstein Memorial Library, NY)  
Matt Pavloff (Kinderhook Memorial Library, NY)  
Michael Dietz (Plainedge Public Library)  
Michelle Athanas (Northport-East Northport Public Library, NY)  
Peg Gorman (Plainedge Public Library)  
Nardia Cumberbatch (Valencia College)  
Reni Cunningham (Concord Free Public Library, MA)  
Sophie Smith (York Public Library, ME)  
Tim Sicurella (Sayville Library, NY)

#### News / Announcements:

##### SLCP news:

Montauk is Certified!

Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick, ME is currently revising. (They have turned in their completed Action Item Form, it has been evaluated and they are completing the items that they were asked to revise.)

Several libraries are very close to completing their Action item Forms (including an Academic Library that is piloting the program)

**Upcoming Events:** ALA eCourse starts February 13th, Introduction to the SLCP, February 15th, and SLI's Project Planning Webinar, March 15th

**New Resources:** [Post-Certification Toolkit](#)

#### Introductions and Updates:

**Denise DiPaulo (Montauk Library)** Certified! Denise highlighted the community impact of the certification process, their local history room, and digitized oral history. Community Partnerships and collaborations were very important. She added that reflecting on what you are doing and what is important to you helps to start meaningful conversations. Sustainability is top of mind now and the reflection is ongoing.

**Tim (Sayville)** One year into the certification process. Working on collecting plastic for Trex Recycling. Starting 15 min break called "Balance Break", to focus on meditation/yoga, wellness, and fitness breaks. These are done at different times to make sure that evening staff have an opportunity to participate.

**Sophie Smith (York)** Going to start the waste audit with their highschool eco-club

**Sara Fiorenzo (Lindenhurst)** Certified, recently renovated and added solar panels. Has done Trx Recycling, got their bench and now other local organizations are doing recycling for Trex too.

Currently focusing on financial/social equity aspects of sustainability. Looking into starting up a community drop off spot for compost scraps.

**Ivan Silva (Belvedere, CA)** From the Chat: We're moving slowly with first Get Started action items. We are also planning a Sustainability Fair for this Spring to bring the community together and to let everyone know what we're up to as far as sustainability goals are concerned.

**Reni (Concord)** Question: Any fun ideas for launching your Sustainability Team?

Janet (SHPL) Planted seedlings together at their launch. Had an event that combined a lot of different initiatives that they were starting up: community garden, seed library. They did a scavenger hunt to have staff find all the new recycle bin locations.

Hazel (Curtis) Food is always fun! Make it plantbased and local and you are purchasing with your values.

**Nardia (Valencia)** 7 libraries on different campuses. Valencia is a Community College in Orlando, FL that offers Bachelor's degrees. Doing waste audit next month with the Anthropology Department. Being a community college, they have access to county and city services, buildings in Orlando have access to waste carting and free food scrap bins.

**Michelle (NENPL)** Sustainability Coordinator, signed up for the SLCP last May. Group meets every other month. Michelle is doing all the documentation of work on the Action Item Form. They are creating a seed library and will announce their participation in the SLCP to the public in March through the newsletter and website. They are focusing on less printing, asking first about receipts, circulation is looking at digital library cards, the Children's dept created pouches for scavenger hunts using laminated whiteboards and dry-erase crayons. Libraries in their zone are working with the Town of Huntington to make recycling possible at commercial and municipal buildings.

**Michael (Plainedge)** System Integrator, Small community on Long Island. Recently had a Bond Vote that was turned down. The small team there are moving forward and sharing ideas. Joined PrintReleaf. Added more recycling bins strategically around the library.

Question: wondering if anyone has experience with clothing donation bins. Was approached by a vendor, concerned about bags of clothing or furniture being left in the parking lot.

- Sophie (York) Collects books for Discover Books:  
<https://www.discoverbooks.com/Host-a-Collection-Bin-s/103048.htm>
- Debbie (Comsewogue): Suggested looking into partnering with local churches or organizations. Previously they did Halloween costume donations during the month of September and Prom Dress swaps.

- Nardia (Valencia) the pick up timing usually impacts the "mess". For our area, when they are full they spill over
- Hazel (Curtis) We work with local partners like Goodwill, Foodbanks, and Clothing centers to temporarily target our donation bins based on local needs and recycling. Ultimately it requires daily maintenance, so we work that into our schedules.
- Mike: [www.itsnottrash.info](http://www.itsnottrash.info)
- Peg (Plainedge) Halloween costume giveaways were successful here at Plainedge! We received many costume donations during the month of September. Then during a day in early October, we advertised that costumes were available to take. After the advertised date, we had the costumes on garment racks & in boxes in our Children's Room. We had many thankful patrons who got to take advantage of the program.

**Matt (Kinderhook)** Located in Columbia County, NY. 53% done with certification. His team has set a goal of finishing the required tasks by June. They have received a bench from the Trex Recycling program and are working with their village to distribute more benches that they earn to other locations. The plastic collection started slow but built up. They are planning to do a trial run for electronics drop-off with the possibility of continuing it.

**MariaVanessa (Finkelstein)** Rockland County, NY. Just started, some things are already in place, and some are planned.

**Ken Miller (Copaigue)** Looking into converting an unused part of the library ground into a natural area for birds and wildlife. "Pocket meadows"

Debbie (Comsewogue) No Mow May was a big success at her library.

**Question** about the organization of health and wellness walks. Are the employees on the clock?

Tim: keeping the time short, 10-15 minutes. Lunch break walks would be off the clock.

Sara: also short breaks.

Yoga on YouTube was mentioned, Yoga with Adrienne.

**Hazel (Curtis Memorial, ME)** From Chat: We are going to be doing a trash cleanup with what to do with that trash afterward That allows us to also go to different community areas and give out information about our library at the same time. We also have purchased a tool (like a tawa or tortilla press) for community use as part of LOT, had a class on that, and then gotten local takeout from a similar restaurant for a staff lunch.

**Maggie Rusch (Plainedge, NY)** From Chat: we switched to recycled printer paper, put out recycling receptacles, switched to recycled bottle pens and refills, trying out rechargeable air dusters instead of cans of air currently.

Links:

Trex Recycling program: <https://nextrex.com/view/programs>

Yoga with Adrienne: <https://www.youtube.com/user/yogawithadriene>