

**NJLA SRS Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2024**

Attendance: Larissa Brookes, Marissa Lieberman, Lauren Antolino, Lisa O'Shaughnessy, Abby Mulligan, Cara Berg, Mary Catherine Sudiak

Meeting called to order at 2:02pm

Approval of last meeting minutes.

Larissa talked about our new format, which will be monthly for executive board members (but still open to everyone). The focus will be on what the group can do for the greater membership, librarianship, and NJ.

Larissa mentioned ALA has a Wellness in the Workplace award nomination, if anyone is looking to nominate anyone.

Larissa talked about Sustainability Lib Guides, part of the Sustainability Summit about being resilient in face of climate change. One of the New Hampshire State Librarians is posting a lib guide on their website. There are state specific ones, as well.

Larissa mentioned that the Section's seed library program that she proposed was not accepted for NJLA Conference. She talked about the possibility of a poster or doing something through LLNJ Skill Share or a webinar completely sponsored by our group.

Larissa talked about an app related to seed libraries, as well as repair cafes. She is looking to possibly do something that is a more hands-on in person workshop where others can see how a Repair Cafe works.

We talked about reaching out to libraries with Board connections who approved becoming certified as sustainable. Mary can reach out to the Rutgers Environmental Stewards group, of which Mary is a part of.

Lauren talked about the pollinator group Xerces who have a pollinator starter kit called Habitat Kits. The information is sent bilingually in English and Spanish. It's for community gardens, libraries, etc with NJ as a priority. It's free and they're accepting proposals until February 18. The focus is on native plants. The plants will go out in May.

Larissa talked about "pocket gardens."

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

Submitted by  
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