

**Sustainability and Resiliency Section Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 2pm**  
**Google Meet <https://meet.google.com/ttm-jzwh-jxi>**

**Present:** Larissa Brookes, Marissa Lieberman, Lauren Antolino, Sandi Cronce, Jessica Osolin, Emily Abramenko, Lizzie Latham, Cara Berg, Mary Catherine Sudiak, Lisa O'Shaughnessy

Meeting called to order at 2:15pm and last month's minutes approved.

November 8th is the NE Summit on Climate Adaptation for Library Facilities from 9:30-12:30.

Sandi talked about being tasked with a vulnerability assessment followed by a sustainability plan. She asked if anyone knows of any libraries that have done one, and offered to share her plan when it's done for others to look at if needed.

Mary mentioned Sustainable Jersey and how their website has Actions listed. It's open to everyone including non-members. They also have resiliency efforts listed. Michele from State Library's work on resiliency could be helpful.

Mary talked about a possible NJLA conference program for libraries who joined Sustainable Libraries. Larissa mentioned about "pioneers of NJ" and how they are faring...the early adopters, as part of that.

We discussed doing a craft share or swap at the conference. Please email Larissa or any of the E-board members with other ideas.

Larissa shared our new logo that she adapted from the conference Logo on Canva.

Larissa also talked about our two database lists, grants and presenters. She added more grants to the grants list. Larissa has been applying and working on grants for sustainability for her library.

Larissa opened it up to the group for ideas for articles, programs, initiatives.

Sandi mentioned she is interested in discussing programming ideas. And how do we reframe it for the public so it is more uplifting and useful to the community– ideas like seed exchange, composting, etc. and tailoring them to our specific communities.

We talked about support from library administration/Boards and how we can gain support and understanding about how important and time-sensitive sustainability is. We talked about creating support and sharing tips for advocating to directors and/or Boards through this Section.

Ideas include incorporating it into library strategic plans so it eventually becomes part of library operations, and looking for stakeholders and getting them on board. Partnering with OEM, especially for those who work/live in flood plain areas.

Curtis Library in Maine was mentioned with a Power Point introducing Sustainable Library initiative to their staff as an example.

We talked about resiliency after events like Sandy; using our strengths to get information out to people, power cords, etc.

Our next meeting will be Thursday October 12, at 2pm using the same Google link.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45

-Submitted by  
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