

Library Environmental Committee (LEC) Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 23, 2010, 11 a.m.

Attending: Michelle Allen, Elida Marti, Kate Ojibway (Minutes), Kriss Ostrom, Stephanie Perentesis, Heidi Schroeder (Chair), Mike Unsworth Regrets: Hsiang-Ping Cha, Susie Garmo, Susan Kendall

Bikes for library staff use Mike Unsworth volunteered to investigate the feasibility of this request. After discussion of initial cost, availability of storage, reservation/check-out procedures, helmets, liability, repair/maintenance costs, etc., the group decided to table the suggestion for the time being.

Calendar of events Kate O. will compile a calendar of environment-related dates/events that will then be posted on the LEC wiki by Heidi S.

Environmental steward videos The Office of Campus Sustainability wants to do brief profiles of what environmental stewards do around campus to be environmentally friendly and advocate Be Spartan Green. The video clips would be posted weekly on their website. No individual wanted to be featured but Michelle A., Mike U., Kriss O. and Heidi S. agreed to talk about the group effort. Heidi S. will follow up on this idea.

The town that was (a film by Chris Perkel and Georgie Roland) Kriss O. suggested LEC purchase a DVD of this film because it deals with man's part in creating environmental disasters. Elida M. suggested the subject bibliographer be approached about acquiring this title since LEC has no budget. Mike U. will follow up.

Environmental subject headings Mike U. said some bibliographic records have minimal subject access. Now that subjects don't all have to fit on a catalog card, we are free to add headings to more fully reflect the content of the piece. Mike U. and Kate O. can add environmental headings to most bibliographic records if they are in need of them.

Granger field trip Some LEC members have expressed interest in touring the Granger facilities. With travel, the outing would require 2-3 hours. Mike U. has been on the tour and said Spring would be a better time to go. Further discussion was tabled until the Feb. meeting.

The three Rs at library events (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Michelle A. suggested LEC confer with chairs of library events to address environmental issues and make staff aware of the goals. For example, use discreet signage to make sure everyone knows where to place dishes that will be washed and stored after use, or plastic items that can be rinsed and recycled. She also suggested we might expand that collaboration to include any groups hosting events in the MSU libraries. She will talk to Mary Black-Junttonen about working with the LSA (Library Staff Association)

LEC events: Earth Day, April 2011 LEC will create an exhibit for one of the library display cases (Michelle A. and Kate O.), sponsor a Beal Garden tour by Peter Carrington, and set up recycling games in the main lobby Writing Center area (Heidi S.). City chickens and Urbandale

Farm Kriss O. reported that she has secured speakers for the January panel on keeping chickens in urban areas. She also said the March speaker will be Laura DeLind who will give a presentation on the Urbandale Farm Project in Lansing. Specific dates will be determined later

Miscellaneous LEC will not meet in December. Heidi S. updated the wiki today to reflect 2011 meeting duties. Kate O. will send out the Nov. Ecogram.