

Thursday, June 16, 2022 12 pm CST

# Virtual Membership Meeting



# Current Steering Committee

Coordinator:	Lisa Kropp *
Coordinator-Elect:	Tina Chan
Past Coordinator:	Casey Conlin *
ALA Councilor:	Matthew Bollerman *
Treasurer:	Marcia Bailey
Secretary:	Jennifer Washburn
Member-at-Large:	Vivienne Byrd *
Member-at-Large:	Eric Tans
ALA Executive Board liaison:	Christina Rodriques
ALA Staff liaison:	Danielle Ponton

\* Denotes Steering Committee members whose terms are finished. We thank them for their service to SustainRT!

# Steering Committee as of July 1, 2022

Coordinator:

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Mandi Goodsett

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ALA SustainRT Councilor:

Jen Ferriss

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Jennifer Embree

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# Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs

Advocacy and Awareness:

Mandi Goodsett & Jen Ferriss

Awards:

Jennifer Washburn & Kelsey Flynn

Membership:

Britt Fagerheim

Online Education and Programming:

Uta Hussong-Christian & Sarah Gluck

Publicity and Outreach:

Beth South

Sustainability Resources:

Angele DeNeve

Website Liaisons:

Christina Mayberry & Alex Dryden

# Treasurer's Report

	Actual EOM 1/22	YTD Budget	Prior Year Actual
Beginning Net Assets	\$18,925	\$0	\$11,772
Total Revenues	\$2,389	\$1,542	\$2,151
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$330	\$1,529	\$132
Ending Net Asset Balance	\$20,985	\$12	\$13,790

**Known expenses not yet processed - Adjusted Net Asset Balance: \$19,089.50**

(5301) CONFERENCE EQUIPMENT RENTAL

(5302) MEAL FUNCTIONS

(5304) SPEAKER/GUEST EXPENSE

(5305) SPEAKER/GUEST HONORARIUM

(5306) AWARDS	\$1,275 (15 ALA scholarships)
	\$500 (Diversity stipend)

**(530) MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES**

(5402) PRINTING OUTSIDE	\$120.50 (Sustainability award plaque)
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(5406) REVIEW SERVICE

**(540) PUBLICATION RELATED EXPENSES**

**TOTAL EXPENSES NOT REFLECTED IN FY FINANCIAL STATEMENT: \$1,895.50**

# Treasurer's Report

**Coming soon!** Updated process for timely reimbursements

- Proactive
- Establishes a vendor record for speakers, awards, etc.
- Option for electronic payment

# Upcoming Events at ALA Annual

- 6/24, 2:45pm Eastern, Tour of DC Public Library Southwest Branch ([sign up!](#))
- 6/25, 11:00am Eastern, Tour of DC Public Library MLK Jr Branch ([sign up!](#))
- 6/25, 2:30pm Eastern, SustainRT Membership Meeting at ALA
- 6/26, 8:30am Eastern, Chair's Session
  - "Sustainability Hubs in Practice: How libraries can develop dynamic spaces and services to help foster an action-based sustainability culture in their communities" (Jennifer K Embree)
- 6/26, 2:30pm Eastern, Discussion Session presentations
  - "CQ In Review: One Library's Experience with Workshopping Cultural Competency" (Kellee Forkenbrock)
  - "Cultural Humility as a Replacement for Cultural Competency" (Loriene Roy)
  - "Mental Health Staff Focus: Emphasis on Grief and Bereavement" (Monique Oldfield)



# SustainRT Councilor Update

- Annual 2022 will continue the conversations and resolutions to change the governance of our organization, all subject to vote by the membership, btw.
- Core Values Task Force is asking to change its purpose to include a broader scope. Sustainability as a core value is still present at this time.
- My final report as Councilor - I want to thank the members of SustainRT and Steering Committee members for their help in my time as the inaugural Councilor. I feel the Roundtable will be expertly served by Jen Ferriss going forward.

# Major Work for the 2021-22 Year:

- Website refresh task force
- Roundtable Coordinating Assembly and bylaws updates
- Council Committee on Sustainability joint statement to ALA Education Committee regarding the inclusion of sustainability in the revisions of the core competencies
- Libraries & Sustainability: Programs and Practices for Community Impact chapters co-authored by SustainRT members
- Launch of student scholarships
- Working through our strategic plan



# Public Advocacy and Awareness

Jennifer Ferriss, co-chair  
Mandi Goodsett, co-chair  
Lisa Ancelet  
Evan Meszaros  
Laura Ploenzke  
Sarah Tribelhorn  
Heather Tuck-Macalla



# Awards Committee

Jenn Washburn, co-chair  
Kelsey Flynn, co-chair  
Casey Conlin

## **2022 SustainRT Award Winners**

### **Citation for Wellness in the Workplace**

#### **Queens Public Library**

The QPL Health and Safety department worked on COVID safety and developed protocols keeping employees safe. They moved to virtual programming and focused on reaching a larger audience with newsletter, webinars, and mental health resources. They created time and a safe space for staff to invest in their physical and mental health at work.

### **Diversity and Sustainability ALA Conference Stipend**

#### **Sourav Guha**

We are excited to offer funds to help bring diverse voices to the ALA conference and to our SustainRT community. Sourav's bio shared the importance of libraries in diverse communities and a commitment to sustainability through their authorship of "Sustainability Without Justice Just Sustains Injustice" which argues diversity must be included in sustainability efforts.

# Membership Committee

Britt Fagerheim (chair)

Jamie Conklin

Brian Thompson

Beth Filar Williams

Kate Wingate

Richard Wade

Marcia Bailey (Liaison)

- January 2022 membership numbers: overall up 8.59%. Regular membership up 13.54%, student membership up 1.98%
- Coordinated annual mentorship program
- Developed plans for graduating student ALA Membership/SustainRT dues scholarships
- Outreach to round tables with high student memberships to discuss student engagement
- Updated welcome/renewal email text which are send from ALA

# Online Education and Programming

Uta Hussong-Christian (co-chair)

Sarah Gluck (co-chair)

Sara Joyce Hrachovy || Kelly Kreps

Tara Lingg || Kristin Mastel

Kelsey Molseed || Rachel Sperling

- Programming addressed strategic plan actions 3 & 13
  - innovative and practical ways to implement sustainability in their organizations and their communities
  - understand cultural competency concepts and how they can be applied to their work in the library
- 4 webinars (view [available recordings in the Zotero library](#))
- LibLearnX 2022: “Sustainability 101 for Libraries” (view available [recording](#))
- ALA Annual 2022 (coming soon!)
  - Chair’s program - Sun, 6/26
  - Discussion program - Sun, 6/26
  - 2 sustainable library tours: DCPL’s Southwest (6/24) and MLK Jr (6/25) branches:
    - SIGN UP for the tours!!  
<https://forms.gle/FRiuuEJT3iT9MtQ38>

# Publicity and Outreach

Beth South (chair)  
August Smith  
Irina Holden  
Karie Schulenberg

<https://www.ala.org/rt/sustainrt>

## Email Campaign Archive

from Sustainability Roundtable

join our mailing list

06/07/2022 - [SustainRT Newsletter Summer 2022 – Issue #8](#)

04/01/2022 - [SustainRT Newsletter Spring 2022 – Issue #7](#)

01/14/2022 - [SustainRT Newsletter Winter 2022 – Issue #6](#)

10/04/2021 - [SustainRT Newsletter Fall 2021 – Issue #5](#)

06/10/2021 - [SustainRT Newsletter Summer 2021 – Issue #4](#)

04/07/2021 - [SustainRT Newsletter Spring 2021 Issue #3](#)

01/20/2021 - [SustainRT Spring Newsletter](#)

10/14/2020 - [Sustainability Round Table Newsletter](#)

01/03/2020 - [Newsletter Vol. 2](#)

12/17/2019 - [Newsletter Vol. 1](#)





# Sustainability Resources

Angele DeNeve (chair)

Laurie

Aycock

Clay Daetwyler

Kacper Jarecki

Jen Ripka

Rachel Sperling

<https://www.zotero.org/groups/2154386/sustainrt/library>

## TOP 10 SUSTAINABILITY THEMED CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2022

Presenting the SustainRT Top 10 Children's Books published last year! The American Library Association's Sustainability Resources Committee curates an annual list of 10 notable children's books on nature, conservation, and communities that reflect SustainRT's mission "to exchange ideas and opportunities regarding sustainability in order to move toward a more equitable, healthy, and economically viable society." Check them out today!



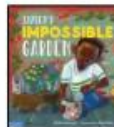
### **Reuse This Book** by Emma Morris

In this interactive, clever board book, young children are introduced to the concepts of reducing, reusing and recycling with an emphasis on keeping our planet healthy and protected in the simplest of terms. *Age range:* 3-6. *Grade level:* Preschool-1.



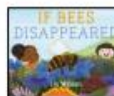
### **Zonia's Rain Forest** by Juana Martinez-Neal

A native child living in the rainforest of Peru describes her days filled with joy as being called to nature. Zonia visits her friends introducing the reader to life in the rainforest and its inhabitants. Zonia hears the rainforests' call for help and vows to answer it as we all should. *Age range:* 4-8. *Grade level:* Preschool-3.



### **Jayden's Impossible Garden** by Melina Mangal

Jayden loves nature but his mom tells him that there is no nature in the middle of the city. However, Jayden makes a new friend and together they accomplish the impossible – an impossible garden! This is a sweet book that will motivate anyone: if you love something, and put in time and effort, your dreams can come true! *Age range:* 4-8. *Grade level:* Preschool-3.



### **If Bees Disappeared** by Lily Williams

This beautifully illustrated book teaches readers about the crucial role bees play in our lives. It examines what would happen if bees were no longer around to pollinate the plants. The impact on our world would be tremendous as food would become less plentiful, for people and for other species. Fortunately, the book ends with a list of practical activities young people can do to help the bees. *Age range:* 4-8. *Grade level:* 1-4.



### **A Garden to Save the Birds** by Beatriz Mayumi

Young Callum & Emmy worry about birds flying into the window of their house. They learn about making bird-safe windows & a bird-friendly yard, and eventually bring their neighbors together in making a wildlife habitat. A heartwarming story and gorgeous illustrations of people and wildlife alike. It concludes with tips and resources to try at home. *Age range:* 5-8. *Grade level:* K-3.



### **Saving American Beach** by Heidi Tyline King

This is a story based on the life of MaVynne Betsch. When she was a girl, beaches were segregated and there was even a rope in the ocean to divide people. When American Beach was in trouble of being overrun by developers, MaVynne became the beach lady, who took action & motivated others to preserve the beach forever. *Age range:* 5-8. *Grade level:* K-3.



### **The Last Straw: Kids vs Plastics** by Susan Hood, illustrations by Christiane Engel

This book teaches young readers about the negative impact that single-use plastic has on the environment & gives real-life examples of children & scientists working to repurpose or eliminate single-use plastic. It also offers practical alternatives to single-use plastic & includes a comprehensive list of resources. *Age range:* 6-10. *Grade level:* 2-5.



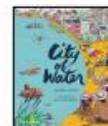
### **The Wisdom of Trees: How Trees Work Together to Form a Natural Kingdom** by Lita Judge

This book describes the importance of trees & their functions, such as the "secret networks" they form to communicate with other trees. Each two-page spread features a poem & a short description on topics such as the importance of tree diversity & how healthy forests are an important defense against climate change. It includes suggestions on how students can help the forests. *Age range:* 7-12. *Grade level:* 2-5.



### **Our World out of Balance: Understanding Climate Change and What We Can Do** by Andrea Minoglio and Laura Fanelli

Using age-appropriate language, the authors provide science-based explanations for the causes of climate change & its impact on our lives. Each two-page spread tackles a different aspect of the climate crisis & includes information on current efforts to mitigate the effects of climate changes and ways that young people can help. *Age range:* 8-12. *Grade level:* 3-6.



**City of Water** by Andrea Curtis illustrations by Katy Dockrill  
This title explores the many ways we use and interact with water in society, through history and around the world. Readers can learn about environmental, social, and engineering issues, and explore how we can make a more sustainable world and water cycle. *Age range:* 8-12. *Grade level:* 3-6.



Sustainability  
ROUND TABLE

Find out more about SustainRT: <http://www.ala.org/rt/sustainrt>

# Get Involved with SustainRT!

- Fill out the ALA [volunteer form](#) and join one of our **committees** (log into ALA, scroll to the bottom and click the “committees” link. When you access the form, choose SustainRT to get a list of our committees)
- [Contribute](#) to our Zotero Database
- Write a guest blog post about sustainability in your workplace