

Library Environmental Committee Minutes—March 27, 2018

Present: Loretta Crum (chairing), Susan Kendall (minutes), Pat Olson, Eric Tans, Stephanie Perentesis, and Jonah Magar

1. Events

- Summer deadline is April 6. Susan will get info on summer Beal Garden tours to Holly.
- Loretta will introduce Peter at the April Beal Garden tour, and Jonah will assist if needed in case the Beal Instruction Room is needed as a rain option.
- Earth Day Upcycling Event is on April 20, 12:30-2:30. Eric Tans has been working with Make Central on this and mentioned that Terrence has passed off his part to Erica.
- Peter Carrington is interested in doing his event about scientific illustration in the fall. Pat will be working with him to choose a date and pick out rare books to showcase.

2. Composting Report

Jonah reported that he did an environmental orientation for new library staff member, Rachel Macauley, in Distance Learning Services. She expressed interest in having composting on 3E. We discussed that this could be a good idea for the staff area if people are willing, and Jonah will follow up about this at a later date.

3. Recycling Report

It was noted that some recycling bins are now available in the Digital Scholarship Lab for both paper and metal/plastic.

Per a library staff person's question, the committee confirmed that paper clips are approved items for metal/plastic recycling bins.

4. Queries from Library staff –window cleaning solutions

Jonah was asked if the Library Environmental Committee has a suggested environmental alternative to ammonia/Windex for cleaning the windows in the Digital Scholarship Lab. The group discussed different options we use at home and concluded that we do not have any specific suggestion that is easy and doesn't leave streaks. There may be some options for sale that we haven't tried. For cleaning tables, mild soap solutions are fine.