Library Environmental Committee meeting, October 24, 2017

Chair: Eric
Minutes: Tim
Present: Susan, Stephanie, Jonah, Sarah
Regrets: Lisa, Pat

1. Discussion: LEC Newsletter proposal
   a. The committee is happy with Sarah’s draft and discussed options for highlighting upcoming LEC-sponsored events. We think our events should be particularly prominent.
   b. Sarah plans to experiment with the “monthly reads” section, and may instead highlight seminars, etc., as they arise.
   c. The committee discussed numbering/date format.
   d. Likely schedule: Sarah will prepare draft for each meeting for review; final version will be posted to LEC website (Lisa?, or Jonah), and Sarah will share via all-staff email during the first week of each month.

2. Seeking volunteer to chair 11/28/17 meeting
   a. Jonah will chair in November.
   b. The normal chair/minutes rotation will resume in January. Jonah will prepare 2018 chair/minutes schedule on LEC website.

3. Discussion: Mini-bins at 11/28 All-Staff meeting?
   a. Following discussion, the committee decided to table the issue for the time being.

4. Spring event planning
   a. Next LEC meeting (11/28) is the final opportunity to finalize plans before the 12/1 PR deadline.
   b. Eric has contacted Makerspace and Surplus Store to gauge interest in a potential upcycling-themed event in conjunction with Earth Day.
   c. Jonah will continue investigating possibility of beekeeping-themed event.
   d. Eric will pursue possibility of a Ph.D. candidate presenting an urban wildlife program, and noted that LEC members might consider Ph.D. candidates as a heretofore untapped source of future LEC programming in general.
   e. Earth Day exhibit planning. Possibilities: Upcycled objects and/or upcycled art objects? Environmentally-themed art/craft books?
      i. Sarah volunteered to lead/install Earth Day exhibit on one of these themes or another theme altogether; Stephanie will assist as needed.
   f. Follow-up on Pat Soranno lake ecology event in October: A successful event, approximately 20 in attendance, including numerous non-library staff.

5. Other business
   a. If the 11/28 all-staff meeting/LFA goes past 11am, LEC will meet immediately afterward.

The next meeting is Tuesday, 11/28/17. Chair: Jonah. Minutes: Stephanie.