

## Educational Services Advisory Committee Minutes

4/4/2024, 10:00am

Online via Zoom

**Present:** Laura Kuo (IC); Lauren Delaubell (SUNY Cortland); Penny Sweeney (CO BOCES); Brian D. Lee (4CLS); Jenny Shonk (FLLS); Simone Clunie (BU)

**Excused:** Megan Benson (BU)

### Article Discussion on [Time: It doesn't have to be this way](#)

The essay addresses how many people feel short on time and how this adds stress. We discussed how we can create less urgency in our workflows and feel like we're doing enough. This is a cultural phenomenon and other cultures naturally have more relaxed rhythms. Some strategies included capping the number of classes taught at a certain amount and making our own deadlines when possible. Younger generations seem to be better at pushing back against urgency and making mental and physical health a priority. My notes were sparse because it was such a good discussion! We're looking forward to the other essays in the series.

### Events Review, Oct-Dec 2023 (links to survey results)

We reviewed attendance and feedback for recent events. The highlight has been the large number of views for the archived eclipse webinars. Safe Solar Eclipse Viewing and Photography had 3.5K views! In the Shadows: The Wonder, Science, and Beauty of Eclipses topped 800 views and Eclipse Soundscapes & Dark Skies topped 700 views. This is well beyond our typical engagement on YouTube.

### Upcoming events (with registration links)

- [Tree Selection and Care in a Changing Landscape](#), 4/9
  - Link above to the recording. We had 21 registrants for this webinar.
- [Resource Sharing Updates @FLLS with a tour of Cornell's Africana Library](#), 4/24
  - This event was canceled due to low registration, but will likely be held in the fall online
- [ESLN Webinar: Institutional Repositories](#), 4/25
- [Alternative Vocabularies: What to do when LCSH isn't enough](#), 4/26
  - Thanks to Simone for helping to set this up.
- [ESLN Webinar: Basic Book Repair for Libraries](#), 5/8
- [Lunch & Learn: Green Cleaning Principles and Alternatives](#), 5/21
- Civil Warriors Film Screening (with Tompkins Libraries Connect & FLLS), 5/22
- [Guided DEI Engagement: What We Learned In a Year](#) with Dr. Kawanna Bright, 5/30
- New York Archives Conference (NYAC) Watch Party @FLLS, 6/7
- [Fatphobia: What Is It, Why It Matters, and How to Fight It](#), 6/14
- [ACRL Roadshow: Building Your Research Data Management Toolkit: Integrating RDM Into Your Liaison Work \(ESLN & SUNY OLIS\)](#), 7/16-7/17

### Educational Services Survey, 2024- [review results](#)

The survey received 27 responses which is by far our lowest response rate ever. We gave out two Bookshop certificates. For the next survey in 2026, we will consider a bigger incentive for

filling it out. We've had better luck with newsletter polling questions. For example, the last newsletter poll was on people's preferred learning style and we had 55 responses.

### **Prioritize events for July 2024-June 2025**

From the survey, the most requested area of focus was management and leadership. Simone suggested making the emphasis be on simplified management. We also talked about a program or article discussion around the science of reading and the NYSED briefs. Literacy skills are decreasing among school age kids and into college and adulthood. Penny suggested the book, [The Joy of Reading](#). Jenny mentioned that summer reading has moved away from number of books read to minutes read to be more equitable. Library dog programs where kids read to a dog helps to build confidence as does older kids reading to younger children.

### **Next Meeting:**

We'll try to find a time to meet in person for a walking meeting in July or early August.

[Doodle poll](#)

Suggested meeting schedule for 2024-2025:

October 10, 10am

January 9, 10am

April 17, 10am