



**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice & Accessibility (DEIJA)
Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 11:00 AM
Minutes**

Present: Rachel Dworkin (Chemung County Historical Society), Karin Wikoff (Ithaca College); Jenny Shonk (Finger Lakes Library System); Beth Hylen (Corning Museum of Glass, retired)

ex officio: Christine Brown, Jessica Philippe

Excused: Virgilio Pinto (Ithaca College); Allie Shanafelter (Corning Museum Of Glass)

Notes from Last Meeting ([Minutes 8/19/25](#))

Around the Table

Karin- She is now retired. She went to No Kings on Saturday and it was inspiring that it was bigger than the previous protest. The silly costumes and singing brought joy to communities.

Jenny- She also went to the protest with her whole family. She's been working on accessibility and she's trying to make the website accessible. She accidentally locked herself out of her phone while trying to use a screen reader to determine if documents are accessible, so be aware if you are using screen readers.

Rachel- They are hosting the Smithsonian Voices and Votes exhibit and they are hosting events surrounding that. They got a grant to digitize women's suffrage materials through SCRLC and they are highlighting that collection at associated events. They are giving a tour at SCRLC's annual meeting.

Beth- No updates.

Information from NNLM Region 7 Advisory Committee

Update (Prior to Shutdown): Christine shared that PubMed is still being updated. Notice on some webpages: some things were taken down (abortion info, vaccine info, etc.) but they were court ordered to return that information.

The CDC Library staff was not brought back after the layoffs due to the shutdown.

DEIJA Advisory Committee 2025/2026 Activities List

The proposed activities were approved by the committee and Christine will post them to the website.

SCRLC Plan of Service – DEIJA Goals to be included in 2026-2031 PoS

We discussed expliciting explaining our stance on DEIJA in the POS. Christine reviewed the current Plan of Service and identified the DEIJA goals throughout in [this Google Doc](#). This committee can review the current goals and see what should be added or edited.

Review of DEIJA news items in SCRLC News

- STLS is holding a 3-part webinar series on the new accessibility requirements under the ADA – August 22
- NYS Libraries is offering two webinars on the Science of Reading – September 5
- The Play “Bad Books” was shown at the Kitchen Theater in Ithaca – September 19

Reasons for positivity/hope

- The No Kings Protest, nature, friends of the library book sales, the phone ban in schools letting kids reconnect with each other

Upcoming meetings

Mark your calendars!

December 16, 11am

February 17, 11am

April 21, 11am

June 16, 11am

Minutes taken by Jessica