

Educational Services Advisory Committee Minutes

4/30/2026, 10:00am

Zoom meeting

Present: Megan Benson (BU); Jenny Shonk (FLLS); Brian D. Lee (4CLS); Jessica Philippe (SCRLC)

Excused: Abby Juda (IC); Lauren Delaubell (SUNY Cortland)

[Minutes from January 15, 2026](#)

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

July 16th, 10:00-11:30am (in person)

October 15, 10:00-11:00am (Zoom)

January 14, 10:00-11:00am (Zoom)

April 15, 10:00-11:00am (Zoom)

I will send calendar invites.

Updates

Lauren: “I can say that I’m wrapping up a whirlwind year of ai stuff. The SUNY AI fellows are in the last round of collecting resources for the website and I’d be happy to share that link if it’s useful. We’re adding a bunch of ai literacy activities in the pedagogy section, and will be linking to the frameworks and outcomes curated by the SUNYLA Info Lit Committee’s working group this year.”

Megan: She will begin her sabbatical on July 6th for six months. The BUL received 5 million to make cosmetic upgrades to the library. She has been working on revamping the first year experience classes to make them more engaging, asynchronous, and with a focus on AI. She is continuing to work on a book that will be published by ACRL about ungrading with other colleagues. She would be willing to talk to Ruth Stiles at TST BOCES about the high school to college transition work that she has been doing with BT BOCES.

Jenny: Their annual reports are due May 1st. Their next community read is Meet Me At the Library by Shamichael Hallman. They have an upcoming Book Repair Workshop and an upcoming webinar with the Talking Books and Braille Library. They are planning their annual meeting and may have a speaker coming in to talk about AI. One thing she’s struggling with is that her members say they want in person workshops, but then they can’t make it.

Brian: He has been hosting some genealogy workshops after work hours, which is the only way that some members can attend. The 4CLS Head of Automation is retiring and they have two potential candidates for the position. They are waiting for some of their member libraries to finish up the annual reports. They were starting to work on the new web accessibility guidelines, but now almost all of their member libraries have two more years before they need to comply.

Recent Events

Recent events were shared in the [meeting agenda](#).

We discussed the successful program with Bobbi Newman. She is now writing a book based on the topic of the webinar: The 7 Types of Rest for Library Workers. She has [a new blog post](#) on finding focus and joy.

Upcoming Events:

Future-Proofed Resource Sharing: Libraries of Things (online conference with CLRC), 6/3

Two LibraryWorks webinars:

- Time Management and Prioritization for Library Workers, 5/21
- Empowering Communities Through News Literacy: Practical Strategies for Libraries, 6/18

Discussion Topics

AI bots scraping webinars and meetings and posting them online

Two of our recent events wound up on a site called [webinar.tv](#) and we had to make them take them down. Now, we have to watch registrations very closely because AI bots will register at the last minute in order to scrape up content.

NYSL Library Services and Technology Act ([LSTA Competitive Grant Program application](#))- ideas for CE?

FLLS isn't applying for a grant and 4CLS may not be either. We talked a bit about the resurgence of analog technology. We could find out what is popular in libraries of things and develop some kits from that feedback.

Social events for librarians or tours of libraries / historical organizations?

It can be tough for people to commit to in person activities, but it's worth a try.

Other topics for learning circles

Something about AI Digital Literacy- possibly have academic librarians come to share their knowledge with public librarians and others. Another good topic would be sustainability.