



**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice & Accessibility (DEIJA)
Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

Minutes

Present: Jenny Shonk, Finger Lakes Library System; Karin Wikoff, Aurora/Ledyard Historical Society; Christine Brown, SCRLC

Excused: Virgilio Pinto, Ithaca, College; Rachel Dworkin, Chemung County Historical Society; Allie Shanefelter, Corning Museum of Glass; Beth Hylan, Corning Museum of Glass (retired); Jessica Philippe, SCRLC; Mary-Carol Lindbloom, SCRLC

Notes from Last Meeting - Approved as distributed

DEIJA Plan

There was a review and discussion of the DEIJA Plan. Christine will finalize the changes and it will be reviewed at the next meeting when more members are present.

Addressing J in the DEIJA

There was discussion about how we are addressing the J in DEIJA. It's more challenging than the D, E, I, or A because there are no metrics (such as legislation or regulations) like there are in other aspects of DEIJA. It also often requires a political statement which can be difficult in the current environment. So, what does J look like now? It was suggested that we bring in speakers to learn more about J in the current environment and Jenny suggested a book and a group that works on J issues.

Title II Accessibility

There was discussion about the WCAG 2.1 AA guidelines and how they have been rolled back. We're still working to meet the new deadline and while SCRLC isn't required to meet the new standards, we are working to meet them because many of our members are required to meet them and we want to be able to provide them services that they can use. We will continue to look for ways we can be in compliance and for ways to provide members with useful information so they can meet the requirements.

DEIJA in the SCRLC News

- Review of reports in recent *SCRLC News*

- The Cayuga Museum of History and Art is co-hosting an exhibit titled "Sa:gwáyo? Gayogghó:nq?/Cayuga People Returned". It's open from May 30 through September 19. May 8 Edition
- SCRLC shares LGBTQIA+ events and Juneteenth events on the DEIJA LibGuide. June 5 edition

Reasons for positivity/hope and around the table

Jenny shared that she is in two book clubs with fantasy/science fiction as the primary topic and each is reading books with LGBTQIA+ themes this month.

Karin shared that she met with the Gayogoho:no ambassadors to white people and was impressed with their 10 minute land acknowledgment

Meeting schedule for 2026/2027 – Christine will reach out to committee members who weren't present to find out if we should continue with the same meeting schedule for 2026/2027.

Other? – Nothing else was discussed.

Next Steps/Meetings – Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 18 at 11:00.