

**Coordinator-elect:**

Denise Brush:

I was asked to run for Coordinator Elect of the Sustainability Round Table and I believe I have the right combination of skills and experience to be successful in that role if elected.

I have been the science and engineering librarian at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey since 2005. I am currently library department chair and manager of the library's institutional repository team, which promotes open access faculty publication and creation of open educational resources. During my service on campus environmental committees I have seen several sustainability successes such as water bottle refilling stations and bike racks. I am currently reading [The Sustainability Library's Cookbook](#) (Pun/Shaffer, ALA) to learn about sustainability projects and instruction I can implement in my library.

I have experience leading small organizations and advocacy groups to accomplish goals. After convincing Glassboro to pass a resolution setting a goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035, I was asked to serve on the town environmental commission, which does a variety of projects to obtain certification from the New Jersey municipal sustainability program. Last year the local climate change non-profit I founded partnered with our university student environmental group to hold a campus move-out recycling event.

I have been a member of SUSTAIN-RT for the past four years and served on the SUSTAIN-RT Booklist Committee in 2018-2019. At ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia this year I attended the SUSTAIN-RT business meeting and programs, and was particularly interested in the citizen science presentation. Prior to becoming an academic librarian I worked in a newly opened public library in Delaware for four years.



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Irina Holden:

I am an Information literacy and Science Outreach librarian at Science Library at the University at Albany. I have been teaching a credit-bearing information literacy courses since 2005: first general Information Literacy, then Information Literacy in the Sciences (2006-2014), and since 2014, Information Literacy in Mathematics and Statistics. Sustainability came into my life in many different ways. Graduating with MSIS in 2004 from UAlbany, I already had an understanding that librarians are educators. Beside that, librarians are also avid learners as they continuously work with patrons and explore for themselves the knowledge that is being sought by others.

A few things stand out that prompted to shift my interests toward sustainability: gardening on a small urban community garden plot (practicing organic gardening), volunteering weekly at our local food co-op at the deli department, and reading Science section of the New York Times with my students. The issues of sustainability were showing up and discussed more often everywhere, and I found myself being interested in them not only as a professional educator but also as a citizen of the planet and a parent.

In 2011 I developed a freshman seminar, sustainability and science literacy related. It's called "Food and Our Future: Understanding Science Literacy and Sustainability". I have been teaching it every fall, with one exception for 2014. In this class I discuss with my students what science literacy is, and its types: civic, practical and cultural, but mostly practical. Practical science literacy addresses the issues that do not require a specific scientific knowledge but help solving real life problems. Students also get familiar with some of the problems of sustainability of food systems, such as food labeling, food waste, local vs. global food production, and more.

In 2013 I took "The Sustainability Movement on Campus: Forming a Library Action Plan for Engagement" course taught by Madelaine Charny through Library Juice Academy, and discovered that sustainability is a much larger issue than the environment. It is more about preserving our culture, our conscience, being responsible before next generation for the world we're going to leave for them.

I have joined SustainRT in 2018, and since July 2019 I have been working on Outreach committee (responsible for twitter). I am also a mentor and trying my best to stay in touch and report my sustainability endeavors to my young colleague. I would like to involved more actively with SustainRT work as I find it extremely important and enlightening. I strongly believe that only education can save the world facing environmental and political problems, and librarians as educators should be among the leaders.

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Lisa Kropp:

I have been fortunate to serve as the Secretary for SustainRT over the last two years, where I have witnessed the passion and dedication of our members and Board to sustainability issues and how those issues affect not just our profession, but also our lives within our own communities. In addition to my work on the SustainRT, I have been very involved in the New York Library Association (NYLA) Sustainability Initiative since 2017. I currently serve as the Secretary for NYLA's sustainability roundtable, called START (Sustainable Thinking and Action RoundTable), and I serve as a mentor to four libraries in NY that are currently undertaking Sustainable Libraries Certification through NYLA. The Lindenhurst Memorial Library, where I work as the Library Director, became the third library in New York to achieve Sustainable Library Certification this past fall. This meant our library worked through a series of benchmarks and metrics that focused on the triple bottom line definition of sustainability to

ensure all library services and programs are socially equitable, environmentally sound, and economically feasible for our community.

If elected to serve as Coordinator-Elect for SustainRT, I will ensure that work continues on taking the Final Report of the ALA Special Task Force on Sustainability, and bringing those recommended actions to life through our professional work, as well as through engagement with our local communities on the topic of sustainability. I will work with our members to provide connections to resources that will assist libraries (public, school, academic and special) become sustainability leaders within their own communities. I also would work on increasing the paid membership of SustainRT members to ensure that we remain a strong and viable roundtable, with a united voice on sustainability best practices, as ALA transitions to a new organizational model.



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**Member-at-large:**

Debby Andreadis

Hello, my name is Debby Andreadis, and I am running for the position of Member-at-Large. I am the Deputy Director at Denison University Libraries and the liaison to the Environmental Studies Program at Denison. Along with my MS in Information Sciences, I have a second masters in Ecology, both from the University of Tennessee. I believe that libraries can be leaders in shaping sustainability efforts in our communities and our world. I would love the opportunity to be more involved in SustainRT and bring the concerns of our members to other ALA groups. As a member of the College Libraries Section of

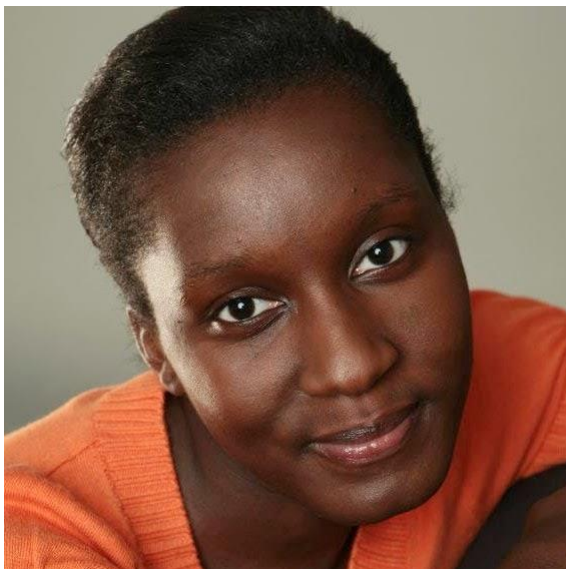
ACRL, I know that many of our colleagues share our concerns about environmental issues, but it is exciting to be a part of a Round Table that has these concerns at its core. As Member-at-Large, I look forward to liaising with SustainRT committees and relaying their ideas and activities to the Steering Committee.



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Genee Bright

I am Genee Bright, a Youth Services Librarian at the New York Public Library. I am passionate about how libraries could better implement sustainable guidelines and programs to serve our patrons and the planet better. I'm prepared for the committee office position because I've attended NYC x Reuse Expo and have taken a class with Library Juice Academy titled "Incorporating Sustainability into Information Literacy, Library Programs, and Library Organizations." I'm especially interested in curating resources for teens and emerging adults on the topic of sustainability. My vision for the SustainRT Steering Committee would be to have a list of sustainable programs, and book suggestions that would be searchable and potentially expand into other categories like grants, sustainable institutional ideas and how to implement them. For these reasons, I respectfully request your vote.



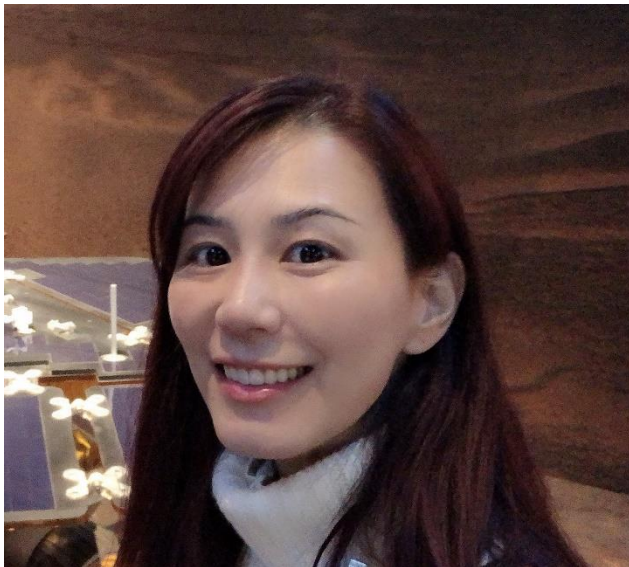
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Vivienne Byrd

I am passionate about environmental conservation and preservation. What I have learned is that sustainability depends on active participation of informed, conservation and environmentally-minded citizens.

In my role as the STEM Librarian at Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL), I implemented an inclusive citizen science pilot program. The program leverages the library's strong community connections and focuses on enhancing ecological literacy, sustainability awareness, environmental stewardship, and STEM learning. An important feature of this program is its emphasis on ensuring the equitable distribution of resources in underprivileged communities in Los Angeles.

I believe that libraries can change lives and communities, and thus are in an ideal position to help mitigate the environmental disparities and inequality borne predominantly by marginalized neighborhoods. If elected SustainRT's member-at-large, I will advocate for establishing a defined role for libraries to support sustainability and create opportunities for collaboration across all types of libraries. Together, we can find ways to engage and empower people, especially the historically vulnerable populations, to develop inclusive, equitable, and resilient communities.



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Kayla Kuni:

My name is Kayla Kuni and I am an Associate Director of Libraries at Pasco-Hernando (FL) State College. I have been involved with SustainRT this past year as both a mentor as as a member of the Programming Committee. During my time of these committees, I had the opportunity to meet several different professionals and learn of their passion for sustainability. I am currently working on an MBA from the University of South Florida, with an emphasis on sustainable business. I have enjoyed learning about

how organizations, including libraries, can become more sustainable and educate others about sustainability.

I am currently a member of this year's ALA Emerging Leaders class. My team's project is related to climate change and how to build more resilient libraries. Through working with my team, and doing the research I have, there is so much more we can do to share information with one another and our patrons about creating sustainable libraries. I plan on remaining active in SustainRT for the foreseeable future because it has enhanced my knowledge of something that is critical to the future of us all.



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Tara Lingg:

I am a full-time children's librarian at Half Hollow Hills Community Library, since 2007 and a part time children's librarian at Mastic Moriches Shirley Community Library, since 2005. I have been a member of the Sustainability RT since 2017. My programs are planned and run using primarily recycled or reused materials, and I am always looking for new ways to incorporate better practices into my daily work. This year, I and my coworkers are planning our second annual library wide education and information program called "Earthstock" to introduce people to climate change, sustainability, resilience, reducing, reusing, mindful living, social justice, local eating, etc., attempting to have each of the UN SDGs addressed in the event.

I have been educating myself on the issues of climate change and sustainability. In October, 2018, I was accepted and attended the Yale Sustainability Leadership Forum; energy, environment, and the economy were examined as integrated aspects of a larger societal framework. I completed two online courses with Cornell; Climate Change Education, Science, and Action (October, 2019) and Introduction to Environmental Education, (December 2018).

One thing that all three of these programs taught me is there is a communication problem. I see that problem inside and outside the library. Communication about issues of climate change, environmental pollution, and sustainability is confusing, and can be divisive. Even though libraries are known for good stewardship of resources, I am shocked by the waste that happens on a daily basis. If the day to day things that we do as libraries and librarians do not engender a sustainable, resilient, and regenerative

environment, then even a Gold LEED Building Certification will be of no value to a community. As a trusted part of a community, libraries should be models of sustainability with embedded eco ethos, and should be able to communicate the issues to the public.

I am running for the member-at-large position in order to work with like minded individuals on issues of sustainability to help libraries move community behaviors that will actually save us all.

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Eric Tans:

Greetings SustainRT members!

My name is Eric Tans and I am running for the SustainRT Board Member-at-Large position and would appreciate your vote! I am the Science Collections Coordinator and Environmental Sciences Librarian at the Michigan State University Libraries, where I am blessed to have my professional responsibilities align with my personal value of sustainability. I am passionate about library sustainability and feel that a position on the SustainRT board would be a great way for me to share that passion.

I have prior experience volunteering with SustainRT, previously serving on the nominating committee and as chair of the Online Education Committee, and currently through the mentoring program. I have also served six years on my library's environmental committee, fostering partnerships with other sustainability organizations on campus, developing sustainability programming, and greening our facilities and operations. Finally, I have presented and published on sustainability in libraries at both library and sustainability themed conferences nationally and internationally.

I believe that every library is a sustainable library. A library does not need a new LEED certified building, or a green roof, or a big budget to be sustainable. Any library that provides space for community building, access to information and educational resources, and encourages the sharing and reuse of materials is already doing sustainability work. My goal if elected as Member-at-Large would be to help to highlight the value of this sustainability work already being done across libraries while also providing space to explore additional avenues for sustainability in libraries.

Thank you very much for your consideration!



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Richard Wade:

My name is Richard Wade, and I would love to work on the SustainRT Steering Committee. I graduated from the University of Buffalo in May 2019, earning my MLIS. I currently work as a Reference Librarian at Niagara Falls Public Library. The daily task of assisting patrons can be challenging, but I relish every opportunity and interaction.

I welcome the chance of serving on this committee. Thank you and have a wonderful day.

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**Secretary**

Jenn Stayton

The opportunity to serve on the SustainRT is an exciting possibility for me as I look for ways to broaden and amplify the conversations that many of us are having around sustainability issues in libraries. Coming from a background of digital scholarship, I am interested in helping our profession move toward a sustainable future in their physical and digital spaces. By applying the triple bottom line holistically and creatively in library environments we have already seen the momentum and positive community response that can result from prioritizing sustainability through socially equitable, economically feasible, and environmentally sound design. I believe that libraries can be the change they want to see in the world. The solutions we find to combatting the real and immediate environmental, social, and technological problems of our own library-world can be a beacon to the larger bodies we inhabit. As SustainRT Secretary I hope to promote opportunities for engagement and provide a platform for those that are meeting the challenges of sustainability head on in their libraries and information settings.





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### **Treasurer**

Marcia Bailey

Greetings! I am a candidate for Treasurer of SustainRT. This opportunity to integrate my life long interest in sustainability, my education, former career in business management and present work at the University of Michigan Library is very appealing.

Sustainable living has been a part of my life since childhood. Organic square foot gardening, scouring vintage and resale shops (on foot or bike, of course) and reworking clothing and furniture wasn't always fun (at the time) but these activities certainly have shaped and helped me embrace a minimalist AND meaningful life.

As a riparian living in the state of Michigan my interest in a sustainable lifestyle and careful stewardship and use of the earth's resources has grown exponentially over the past two decades.

As the manager of Circulation and Access Services and Distributed Libraries at the University of Michigan I serve as an advisor to our Library Sustainability Group and support efforts to provide a forum where staff:

- have their voices heard on sustainability topics and research
- hear about sustainability-focused work happening across the library divisions and the campus at large
- can get involved in sustainability within their building, office and home - on all campuses and in the broader community.

Examples of group engagement include:

- Composting and waste reduction
- Achieving workplace sustainability certifications across the library
- Current and potential projects that advance our contribution to the U-M sustainability goals around climate action, waste prevention, healthy environments, and community awareness
- Promotion of library collection resources in the area of sustainability

I have found my interim role as treasurer very rewarding and I have a great respect for round table members' passion for the profession and environment. As treasurer, I plan to leverage the body of work accomplished and planned to increase SustainRT's influence within ALA. Thank you for your interest.

