




The Membership Committee  
welcomes you...

<http://ala.org/sustainrt>





# Why this conversation?

Clarity  
Comfort  
Courage  
Container  
Camaraderie





# SustainRT Board (starting 7/1):

Coordinator - Amy Brunvand

Coordinator-Elect - Uta Hussong-Christian

Outgoing Coordinator - Jodi Shaw

Secretary - Lisa Kropp

Treasurer - Ameet Doshi

Member-at-Large - Susan Conlon

Member-at-Large - Tina Chan

# Membership

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Total Membership: 799

144% Increase since 2017

Student Membership: 370

1270% Increase since 2017

# Last week at ALA annual...

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The Rising Tide: How Libraries Sustain a Planet in Crisis

SustainRT Lightning Rounds

Business Meeting

Presentation of Sustainability Task Force White Paper (see 2.7 for reference to SustainRT) Full report:

# Ways to get involved:

— Write a blog post

Join a committee:

Membership, Governance, Online Ed, Programming, Outreach

Run for office

Participate in virtual meetings, webinars, conversations

Become a mentor/ee (in the works)





# Introductions/brief check in

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Please share your name.

Then share a few words or a sentence on how you are right now in body, mind and/or spirit

# Excerpt from Jodi Shaw's blog post

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“If like me, you are hovering in the dark spaces between Kubler Ross’s bargaining, depression and acceptance, there is some comfort to be had in the words of Elizabeth West, in Abandon All Hope!. West boldly implores us to “abandon all hope that we can make things ‘right’ and give up the fear of what happens next.” I think I have the former part down; it’s the latter I am having trouble with.”

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“If we want to make a harmonious, just, and sustainable future, we must do both the inner work of personal growth and the outer work of political activism. Our task is to transform ourselves and our world—simultaneously. It is time to recognize that the inner and outer work are interdependent and function best when they function together.”

— Terry Patten. “What it really means to be ‘woke’: Radical activism is spiritual as well as political.” *n* . March 14, 2018

# Prompt 1 - Tools for navigating

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What helps you navigate grief/sorrow for the world or the paradox of holding hope and despair?

For example:

- Specific practices (on your own or with a group)

- Communities

- Reading/viewing/listening you recommend

# Prompt 2 - Wearing masks

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Do you feel the need to mask your true thoughts/feelings about climate change?

If so, when and why?

If so, when can you let your mask fall away?

Or...do you ever just “give up” trying to talk when people don’t seem to care?

# Prompt 3 - Emerging narrative

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What does your emerging narrative for the world sound/look/feel like...

For example:

Words; phrases

Images

Emotions

Intentions

# Check out

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Please share a few words or a sentence on how you are right now in body, mind and/or spirit.



# Additional support

Hot lines - <https://www.mentalhelp.net>

Facebook groups: Libraries Step Up (in times of crisis); Mindfulness for Librarians; Librarians are Champions of Healthy Communities; Trauma-informed Libraries

Safe Circle calls

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Thank you  
for adding your voice to  
today's conversation