

A-Z library meeting - Thursday, February 23, 2012
Audre Lorde to Howard Zinn Library
Meeting Agenda | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2012
Facilitating: Kristin P.
Attending: Kristin (Facilitator), Anna, Meghan, Frances, Marcus, Heather (notes)

FAWG update – Heather sent in the required form. Sounds like they'd like someone to be at Tuesday's GA for a discussion of participatory budgeting.

Social Media update – Heather to check in with Stacie, Vered, etc. (Done) Lot of events coming up it would be a great time to be able to announce what we're up to. We can flesh out guidelines later and hold off on non-event announcements until guidelines in place.

Facebook is on hold pending information about twitter.

March 4th Party – It will be at Bryce's. Need to ask Bryce about the parking, time limit.
Decorating the cart – powder-coated steel so it probably needs a primer, some spray paints may contain their own primer. Kristin is going to make stencils. Meghan has painter's tape and a drop cloth. Kristin will put out a call for additional supplies.

NEA presentation – Stacie and Frances will both be on the NEA panel. Jeannette is also trying to get A-Z archivists to come in to talk to Simmons Student archives group.

Kristin passed around the Records survey document.

Smithsonian institute archive publishes how they do interviews for their records surveys. We might be able to use this to guide our questions.

Things that might be good to talk about at NEA:

- Decision-making is done in a distributed way.
- Tools we're using. Google docs.
- Ephemera – important to collect as it was an important way to communicate during the tent city, so we kept it.
- Origin: Kristin learned about active archiving from other activist archivists.
- Important to both preserve and provide access to.

Teach in at Brandeis – early April. Kristin is going to speak, Heather willing to help. Anna wants to attend. Daniel Chavez is alum, Kristin interested in him speaking. Describe how people have been involved in the topics raised by Occupy. Looking for both Occupiers and Brandeis affiliates.

SxSw - doesn't seem like anyone is going from A-Z.

Spokes – reached out to Anna. Trial-run of spokescouncil. Currently working towards March 17 action as a pilot for the model. It's been contentious because some want to talk about other occupy issues (not just March 17), but Spokes has only been GA approved for the March 17 discussion as a pilot.

Looking for resource lists on a number of topics.

New business

Need to have a discussion about what we want our ongoing situation to be. Possibly the next meeting's entire agenda could discuss the future of A-Z, involvement with Occupy (spokes, GA, etc.) Heather - point person

Occupy Harvard is archiving their stuff. Do we want to reconsider the idea of a repository for our stuff? What about the electronic part? Could we work with internet archive or similar organization to host or provide guidance on this.

Critical Libraries Symposium – Stacie's idea, so we'll hold off until she's available.

Occupy the Film – doing a screening, looking for ephemera to hang around. Maybe A-Z could have a table and hang around ephemera from the archive?