

Progressive Librarian's Guild
Meeting Minutes
10/11/07

- I. Introductions of new officers
 - a. Wendy Brown, formerly the Event Coordinator, is now a Co-Chair.
 - b. Erin Harper is the Secretary.
 - c. Laura Krier is the new Event Coordinator
- II. Skillshare
 - a. 2nd annual skillshare was a great success!
 - b. Wendy and Marcel will be writing a how-to on putting together a skillshare, to be published in [Library Student Journal](#)
- III. October events
 - a. 10/12/07 – Simmons Custodial Workers and UNICCO negotiate a fair labor agreement at Simmons. The Custodial Workers asked for graduate students to show up at the meeting to indicate that our community supports their cause.
 - b. 10/12-10/19 – Prison Book Program Book Drive
 - i. Drop books off in the marked box in the GSLIS Lounge
 - ii. Fiction, nonfiction, used, new, paperback, hardcover – anything
 - iii. Wendy will deliver the books to the collection site on Saturday, 10/20, where you can also volunteer – see www.prisonbookprogram.org for details.
 - c. 10/26 – Faculty Retreat – the faculty is currently brainstorming on the “Vision of the Future of GSLIS.” At their retreat they will present what areas GSLIS should focus on in the next several years, including new hires. PLG is working on a statement to send the faculty before their retreat to emphasize the importance of progressive issues in the library field. Look for more on this issue in an email from Wendy!
- IV. November events
 - a. **11/13 – next PLG meeting, 5:30-6 in the GSLIS lounge**
 - b. 11/13-11/20 – book drive for the [Women's Lunch Place](#) shelter
 - i. Collection box will be placed in the GSLIS lounge
 - ii. Mass market paperbacks, fiction please!
- V. December/future events
 - a. 12/6 – Spanish Language Outreach session, 5:30-8:30, more details to come!
 - b. Collaboration with Simmons ASIST on a Digital Divide Panel
 - i. Three speakers from three perspectives – the tech world, the international scene (SIR), and the progressive/activist viewpoint
 - ii. PLG will invite [Jessamyn West](#)
 - iii. More details TBA
 - c. Ongoing visits to the Prison Book Program, [Lucy Parsons Center](#) for Radical Movie Night
- VI. PLG Web Initiatives
 - a. PLG blog – for book and film reviews

- b. Resource lists on the wiki
 - i. More information on a topic/event/group we're dealing with
 - ii. Progressive events in and around Boston

Ideas, comments, suggestions? Send an email to plg_list@simmons.edu