Synchronizing the Asynchronous: Working through the Library Publishing Workshop as a Cohort

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This Time Last Year...

Revising the Library Publishing Curriculum: Values, Progress, and Possibilities
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From Idea to Plan

● **Recruitment:** LPF 2021 Discord, Twitter, CUNY, snowballing

● **Interest & Attrition:**
  - Initially interested: 26
  - Signed up for a group: 22
  - Attendance:
    - 11 attended at least once
    - 8 attended 50% or more
    - Attrition over time
  - **Merger:** January (Unit 4)

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Some of us at #LPForum21 are thinking of working our way through the asynchronous Library Publishing Virtual Workshop Series in a loose, vaguely synchronized group. Also interested? Let me know and I'll loop you in!

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To learn
To connect
What could have worked better?

Scheduling

Curriculum
What made participation challenging?

If you ended up not participating (or not participating much), why not?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your experience?
Takeaways

- **Real Intentions, Real Life:** Expect enthusiasm but also attrition.

- **More Monthly Planning:** Could have pre-screened unit content and suggested readings/media to prioritize. Would have helped those with limited time.

- **Missed Opportunity:** Should have connected early with curriculum authors and collected unit-by-unit feedback to inform revisions.