

**Sustainable Libraries Initiative
June 2023 Newsletter**

New Sustainable Library Certification Program Members:

Public Library:

John G. McCullough Free Library - VT

School Librarian:

Laura Silver - PS 90 The Magnet School of Environmental Studies and Community Wellness

Academic Library:

San Diego State University Library - CA



New Members:

Public Libraries:

The Colony Public Library - TX

Newtown Public Library - PA

Library System:

Northeast Kansas Library System - KS

Academic Library:

Lipscomb University - Beaman Library - TN (Jules LeFort)

Upcoming Events

[Sustainable Libraries Initiative Meet Up at ALA:](#)

Join us in the Presidential Suite on June 24th, from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Hilton-Chicago for an in person Sustainable Libraries Initiative Meet Up!

Meet Up Location Address:

Hilton-Chicago - Presidential Suite

720 S Michigan Ave

Chicago, IL 60605

[SLCP Meetup:](#) Thursday, July 6th at 1pm

July topic of discussion TBD.

**Please note the permanent time change of the SLCP Meetups*

[WebJunction and SLI's Webinar Series:](#)

Starting on July 18th and running through December 2023.

Three More Library Leaders are Certified Sustainable

During the month of May, three members of the Sustainable Library Certification Program (SLCP) achieved their sustainable certification!



Congratulations to the outstanding librarians and libraries on achieving certification; we commend Claire Mitchell from Fairfield Elementary School, Shelter Island Public Library, and Valencia College for their exceptional dedication to sustainability and for setting an inspiring example for not only their local communities, but the library community as a whole.

Each of them have effectively demonstrated and implemented the Triple Bottom Line of sustainability, the foundation of the SLI's beliefs and community of practice. This approach considers environmental, social, and economic factors.

We are thrilled to announce that Nardia Cumberbatch, the leader of Valencia College's Sustainable Library Certification team, has joined the SLI as a mentor for academic libraries embarking on the program. Nardia's exceptional dedication to her own library's certification at [Valencia College](#) makes her a perfect fit to guide and support libraries as they navigate the program.



With the ever expanding list of libraries and librarians joining the SLCP and the SLI's membership program, we continue to expect 2023 to be an exciting year! May their successes inspire and motivate other libraries and librarians to follow suit and embrace sustainable initiatives that prioritize the well-being of our communities and our planet! Once again, congratulations!



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SLI and Webjunction



WebJunction and the Sustainable Libraries Initiative are partnering to support libraries in addressing climate change and integrating sustainability into their programs and services with a webinar series titled “Living Our Values Out Loud: Programs that Walk the Talk”.

This series of six webinars will provide insight, strategy, and offer resources to incorporate sustainability into library programs. Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System and Co-founder/Current President of the SLI, will lead the discussion. Additional guest presenters who have successfully implemented sustainable programs in their own libraries will also join the panel, offering diverse perspectives and insights. The following webinars will be offered beginning July 18th. Click on each title for more information and to register.

[Sustainability 101](#)

July 18, 2023 - 2:00 pm–3:00 pm EDT

[Climate Action Planning \(Part 1\): An Introduction](#)

August 16, 2023 - 2:00 pm–3:30 pm EDT

[Climate Action Planning \(Part 2\): Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience](#)

September 26, 2023 - 2:00 pm–3:30 pm EDT

[Climate Justice](#)

October 3, 2023 - 2:00 pm–3:30 pm EDT

[Living Our Values Out Loud: Programs that Walk the Talk](#)

November 28 2023 - 2:00 pm–3:00 pm EST

[Stronger Together: Collective Impact and Climate Action Programming](#)

December 13, 2023 - 2:00 pm–3:30 pm EST

Don't miss this opportunity to learn practical strategies for incorporating sustainability into your library programs. Register now for the webinar and let's walk the talk together!

ALA Annual Meetup



We would like to invite all members of the SLI community, as well as those who are interested in learning more, to join us this month on June 24th at ALA Annual! We are hosting an in person meet up from 9:00am to 11:00 am to connect with others who share a passion for sustainability in libraries. If you are planning to attend ALA Annual and are interested, click [here](#) to learn more and register!

Survey

Do you have a minute to share your thoughts about this newsletter? Take [this quick survey](#) and provide your feedback, we greatly appreciate it!

Sustainable Libraries Initiative on Social Media

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