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# NEWSLETTER



**WELCOME  
VERMONT  
LIBRARY  
COHORT**



**Lincoln  
Library**  
Books & Community



Windsor Public Library



**BROWNELL  
LIBRARY**



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LIBRARY**



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**Quechee Library**  
Two Sites One Library Service



**PETTEE MEMORIAL  
LIBRARY**  
Wilmington, Vermont



**Richmond  
Free  
Library**

## WELCOME, VERMONT LIBRARY COHORT!

Our nationwide rollout continues with eight libraries from Vermont joining the Sustainable Library Certification Program (SLCP). Working with the [Vermont Community Foundation](#) and the [Vermont Library Association](#), these libraries secured funding to form a cohort that will go through the process of becoming certified. Each library will be working through the certification benchmarks with support and collaboration from their peers who are taking on this challenge together. In a rural location like Vermont, having the opportunity to go through this process with other libraries at the same time will help build community within already familiar networks, while also allowing these libraries to share ideas and resources with other [SLCP libraries](#) across the country.

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## MEMBER NEWS

This month we also welcome [West Babylon Public Library](#) in Suffolk County, NY. The commitment to sustainability from the libraries of Suffolk County continues to be a model for other regions. There are 7 certified libraries in Suffolk County, NY, and 12 others working to become certified.



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## 'ROAD MAP TO SUSTAINABILITY' MOBILE APP LAUNCH

With support from [OCLC](#), the Sustainable Libraries Initiative has released a new mobile app version of our "[Road Map to Sustainability](#)." This app is available for Android and iOS and is interactive, allowing you to save your own responses to the thought-provoking prompts. Check out our [website](#) for downloading information or to read more in the [full press release](#).

Looking for the PDF? If you haven't already received a PDF copy as a member of our [eNewsletter](#) mailing list, please email [sladmin@suffolknet.org](mailto:sladmin@suffolknet.org) for a copy.

## DEI IN A SUSTAINABLE LIBRARY WEBINAR

If you missed our '[Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in a Sustainable Library](#)' webinar, the full recording is now available for a limited time on our [website](#). In May it will be moved to the Members Only Resources where Members and Sustainable Library Certification Program Members will continue to have access.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SLCP Member Meetup**, Thursday, April 7th, 11am EST

**School Librarian Certification Meetup**, Thursday April 7th, 3:30pm EST

**School Librarian Drop-in Work Session**, Wednesday, April 13th, 3:00pm EST

**School Librarian Drop-in Work Session**, Tuesday, April 26th, 8:00am EST



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## SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT



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## TREX PLASTIC RECYCLING

Libraries all over the US are joining the [Trex Community Challenge](#). This program supplies libraries with a receptacle to collect plastic film for recycling. Trex partners with many regional and national chain stores to serve as plastic film drop-off centers. Once collected and weighed, libraries can drop off the plastic film at convenient locations. Trex has partnered with several grocery store chains and national retail store chains to provide drop-off locations. Collect 500lbs of plastic for recycling and earn a free Trex bench for your library. We love the example set by [Mamakating Library](#), where, as part of their work for certification, they have collected enough plastic to earn several benches. When they ran out of room on their property, they raffled off the bench that they earned as a library fundraiser. For more information, see the [Trex Community Challenge](#) page on our website.

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## NEW ONLINE RESOURCE

The [Climate Change Library Lab](#) was developed as a project by the [ALA Emerging Leaders Program](#) and sponsored by the ALA's [New Members Round Table](#). This website contains resources that have been compiled from trusted websites and organizations that focus on how climate change will impact our communities and how we can prepare and respond to these threats. There are case studies from libraries that have experienced extreme weather events or natural disasters. There are also resources for preparing your institution for these events. The 'Additional Resources' Tab includes an Environmental Justice page that lists books, articles, videos, and podcasts on this topic.

