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NEWSLETTER

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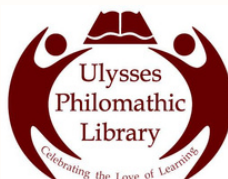
Bee Hotels created at Lindenhurst Memorial Library

MEMBER NEWS

This month we welcome three new libraries to our Sustainable Library Certification Program. [Park City Library](#) in Park City, UT has sustainability written into their strategic plan with a goal of establishing a Sustainability Center. [Ulysses Philomathic Public Library](#) in Trumansburg, NY have joined our certification program. [Shirley M Wright Memorial Library](#) in Trempealeau, WI join as the first Wisconsin library in our certification program. We also welcome three new members: Jeff Kosokoff, career coach and advisor at [The Owl Works](#) in Durham, NC; [Chapel Hill Public Library](#) in Chapel Hill, NC; and [Inverness Library](#) in Inverness, CA.



**PARK CITY
LIBRARY**



Shirley M. Wright
MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Est. 1913 by Hettie Pierce

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BREAKING NEWS

Sustainable Libraries Initiative was named as a Community Connection for California State Library's [Sustainable California Libraries Grant](#). This grant supports libraries in California to create educational and programming resources that focus on sustainability and community resilience. Read more about this announcement [here](#).



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WEBINAR RECORDING AVAILABLE

The SLI [Workplace Wellness Webinar Recording](#) is now available. For a limited time, the full recording is available publicly on our website. Don't miss your chance to hear this timely discussion of staff wellness, how to spot burnout, and learn about programs for library staff and communities from SLI Member libraries. Thank you to our excellent panelists: Claudia Depkin from [Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library](#), Debbie Engelhardt from [Comsewogue Public Library](#), and Terry Lucas from [Shelter Island Public Library](#) for sharing their great program examples. (Note: SLI Members will continue to have access to our complete webinar archive through the [Member Resources](#) page.)

SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

As summer heats up, [SLI Member libraries](#) are providing programming that helps their communities and the planet. [Lindenhurst Memorial Library](#) recently held a children's program that created bee hotels to assist their local pollinators. [Concord Free Public Library in Concord, MA](#) held a Bikes for Books program that incentivized getting out and riding your bike to the library. Not specifically summer themed, but well worth sharing is [Sachem Public Library's](#) ongoing Workplace Wellness Challenge. Many other libraries have reminded their communities that the library is a great place to cool off during a heat wave and have also broadcast information about local cooling locations through their social media channels. Share your successful programs with us, we would love to hear about it and share our experiences.

Name: _____

- Ride your bike to the Concord Free Public Library.
- Show a librarian your bike helmet.
- Get this card stamped.
- Collect 10 stamps and get a coupon for a free ice cream cone or coffee!



Concord Free Public Library Bike for Books Card

CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BIKE FOR BOOKS

One of our SLCP Member Libraries, [Concord Free Public Library](#) in Concord, Massachusetts, kicked off their [Bike for Books](#) project this month. Bike for Books encourages children, teens and adults to bike to the library instead of driving there; if they do then show their bike card to receive a stamp 10 times, they receive a gift card to a local ice cream shop! Concord Free Public Library Head of Children's, Royce McGrat, said, "it's been a really fun program and patrons are so excited about it." The program started on June 1st and so far, they have nearly 170 patrons participating and have given away eight gift certificates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August SLCP Online Member Meetup

Thurs, August 4th, 11 AM EST

September SLCP Online Member Meetup

Thurs, September 1st, 11 AM EST

ARSL Conference Presentation

"Sustainability in a Small Library: Big Impacts in Small Communities" Sat,

September 17th, 10 AM EST

SLI Repair Café Webinar Weds, September 28th, 1 PM EST



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Building bee hotels at Lindenhurst Memorial Library

SACHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF WELLNESS CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Kristen Stroh from [Sachem Public Library](#) shared a great staff wellness idea at last month's SLCP member Meetup. Their library organizes a voluntary program for staff to participate in monthly wellness challenges. Each month has a different theme with coordinating prizes. Participating staff can fill out a simple Google Form to track their participation throughout the month and prizes are raffled at the end. Kristen shared some of their past themes which included Safety, Creativity, and Cooking. This program, as with the programs highlighted in our recent Workplace Wellness Webinar, is a great example of something that could be scaled to fit any library, budget, or staff size.

The [SLCP Online Monthly Meetups](#) are a great place to share ideas, ask questions, and network with other libraries that are part of our certification program. All libraries participating in the SLCP are welcome to these meetings, held the first Thursday of every month at 11 am EST. Check out our [Events Page](#) for details. SLI Members and Certification Program Members also have access to the [archive of Meeting Notes](#) from past Meetups. Information, ideas, and links shared are included in these archives.

LINDENHURST MEMORIAL LIBRARY BEE HOTELS

Bees may be some of the hardest workers, but so are Lindenhurst's Summer Camps Campers!

Though we can enjoy amenities like air conditioning in our homes, bees aren't quite as fortunate. During July's hot and humid days, you may have noticed bees resting outside of their hives or somewhere else nearby. Don't be alarmed, this is just their way of cooling down!

Bees and other pollinators are a vital part of the ecosystem and protecting them is in everyone's best interest. One way we can do this is by creating bee hotels, which can be built out of recycled/natural materials and are perfect for urban or rural places where the bees may be. Whether for a temporary visit to cool down, get out of the rain, or stay more permanently while working in your yard, a bee hotel is a great way to help your local bees and other pollinators!

These shelters will mostly benefit mason bees, who are solitary, unlike the honey bees who live in hives with other bees. They construct individual nests in hollow reeds or other plant stems, pre-existing cavities, or burrows found in dead wood. Jessica DeCarlo from [Lindenhurst Memorial Library](#) hosted a Bee Hotel project for the Lindenhurst Public Schools Summer S.T.E.A.M. Camp. Read more about this great program on our [website](#).



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