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SLI November 2022 Newsletter

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Breaking News



SLI Partners with NJLA

New Jersey Library Association member libraries will now have access to SLI tools and resources. We are excited to announce this partnership which allows a broad group to learn more about strategies to lessen their environmental impact, find vendors and aligned organizations through our vendor list, and view our on-demand webinars. As part of this partnership, NJLA members will also be eligible for a 20% discount for the Sustainable Library Certification Program. [Learn more about this partnership on our website.](#)



Member News

Four new public libraries have enrolled in the Sustainable Library Certification Program this month: [Lancaster Public Library](#) in western New York State, part of the Buffalo-Erie Library System; [Suffern Free Library](#), part of the Ramapo Catskill Library System; [Elwood Public Library](#) and [Center Moriches Free Public Library](#), both from the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. These new SLCP Members join a network of seventy public libraries, many of whom are also just beginning the program.

Joining us as Members this month are [Randall Library](#) in Stow, MA; [Hooksett Library](#) in Hooksett, NH; and [Upper Skagit Library](#) in Concrete, WA.

If you are interested in joining the SLI as a Member, enrolling in the SLCP, or have questions, please contact the [SLI staff](#). We are available to meet virtually and discuss the membership options and provide more details about the certification program.



Congratulations, Mid-Hudson Library System!

Congratulations to the [Mid-Hudson Library System](#) in becoming the first Library System designated as Certified Sustainable through the Sustainable Library Certification Program! Led by Executive Director, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, they have demonstrated to their member libraries that sustainable decision-making can be successfully integrated into the policies and practices of a library system. The guidance and support for environmentally and socially conscious actions they have provided for their member libraries has resulted in seven of their libraries enrolling in the Sustainable Library Certification Program. Last year, [Highland Public Library](#) became the first Mid-Hudson Library to become certified.

[Read more about their certification on our website.](#)

Upcoming Events

[Online SLCP Meetup #28](#). Thursday, November 3rd, 11 am EST

[NYLA 2022 Annual Conference Presentation](#). Innovations in Sustainable Libraries, Friday, November 4th, 11 am EST

[Strategic Planning Webinar](#), Thursday, December 15th, 1 pm EST. Stay tuned for registration details

Member Updates and News

Throughout October, many of our member libraries have been participating in [The Great Giveback](#). This community service initiative aims to provide opportunities for New York State libraries to participate in meaningful experiences. Our member libraries hosted events that ranged from collecting donations, hosting pet events, community clean-ups, and planting crops at local farms.



[Butterfield Library](#) worked together with other local libraries to collect donations for “United For The Troops”, who send care packages to troops deployed overseas. [Sayville Library](#) hosted multiple events, including their community breakfast for the fifth year in a row. The event showcases local organizations and offers complimentary breakfast; this year 25 organizations and nearly 100 attendees were involved in the event. Sayville also hosted its first Wag and Walk, where patrons walked to the library with their dogs and donated items to the library’s pet pantry. [Kinderhook Memorial Library](#) participated in The Great Giveback by collecting winter coats; additionally, they have started accepting batteries to be recycled and also began recycling plastic film through the [Trex Community Recycling program](#) to earn a TrexBench, which should be completed in December. Suffolk Cooperative Library System (SCLS) staff also participated in The Great Giveback by getting their sustainability action team together, along with other coworkers, and took to the fields to plant garlic at a local

farm, the Hamlet Organic Garden.



Repair Café Webinar recording available

The recording of our 'Hosting a Repair Café' webinar is now available. Along with the recording, our website has helpful resources and a summary of the questions and answers that were provided in the chat during the live sessions: [Repair Cafe Webinar](#)

Comsewogue Public Library Certification Celebration

[Comsewogue Public Library](#) became [officially certified sustainable](#) earlier this year and in October they held their certification celebration. They highlighted their efforts, recognized the staff that made it possible, and received their plaque and proclamations, which we hope they display proudly. Congratulations to the library and the staff!



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