



December 2022 Newsletter



Member News

Two new libraries join us this month to begin their certification journey. [Belvedere Tiburon Library](#) in Tiburon, CA and [Elting Memorial Library](#) in New Paltz, NY. Our new members are Kimberly Nolan from the Health Sciences Library at Upstate Medical University and Plymouth Public Library in Massachusetts.



ALA eCourse on Sustainable Librarianship Launches



The Sustainable Libraries Initiative and the [American Library Association](#) (ALA) are partnering to bring you a four-week eCourse, [Sustainable Librarianship: Core Competencies and Practices](#). Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, President of the Sustainable Libraries Initiative Advisory Board, will lead you through the

principles and practices of sustainable librarianship along with a group of expert speakers, lecturers, and writers.

This course will allow attendees to gain an understanding of the triple bottom line, accurately identify what their library is already doing as a sustainability leader through services, programs, and partnerships, and understand the importance of diversity, equality, and inclusion in the context of climate justice. The eCourse will run for four weeks, starting on February 13, 2023.

Registration is now open through the [ALA eCourse page](#). There are 25 spaces available for active SLI Members to join this course for free. These spaces are first come, first serve. [Contact SLI Staff for information about registering as an SLI Member](#). [See the full press release here](#).

Strategic Planning Webinar

Join us Thursday, December 15 at 1:00 PM EST for a 90-minute webinar describing the steps needed to gather community input and create a forward-thinking and responsive strategic plan. Guest presenter, Ron Kirsop, will be guiding us through this process and answering your questions. [Registration is now open](#).



Upcoming Events

[Online SLCP Meetup](#). Thursday, December 1st, 11 am EST

[NJLA Webinar, Introduction to Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#). Monday, December 5th, 10 am EST

[SLI Strategic Planning Webinar](#). Thursday, December 15th, 1 pm EST

[The Library of Virginia Webinar](#). Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 10 am EST.

[Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference](#). Keynote Address, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich. Wednesday, January 25th, 8 am EST

[ALA Sustainable Librarianship eCourse](#). February 13th, 2023

Action Item Spotlight: A.12: Waste Audit

One of the most intimidating items in our Sustainable Library Certification Program is Action Item A.12: Waste Audit. As with our other Action Items, there

are resources available to help that are conveniently linked in the descriptions of the actions. Because there are a number of libraries that are just starting out in their certification process, this has been a lively part of our SLCP Member Meetup Discussions over the past few months. There is flexibility built into the certification process to accommodate libraries of all sizes. A larger library may be able to gather a representative amount of trash for the audit in a single day. A smaller library might need to collect trash for a week before having a good sample size to audit. There are no strict weight or time limits for this task in order to accommodate libraries of all sizes.



Take a look at the SLI website for a [waste audit how-to guide](#) and highlights from Harborfields' waste audit.

Resource Highlight



The [U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit](#) is a new resource created through a partnership of federal agencies led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency. This website combines several different resources to provide a thorough look at a region's risks due to climate change, the projected temperature and sea level rises, and an analysis of what action should be prioritized based on this data. The available tools combine GIS mapping, climate, and weather data to allow for a localized report. Information gathered can be used by libraries to inform their communities of the specific risks they face due to the changing weather patterns. These powerful data tools can help libraries advocate for resources from local government officials and seek new partnerships with community partners.



Administrative News

Sustainable Libraries Initiative Offices will be closed from Friday, December 23rd to Tuesday, January 3rd. We will be answering emails as quickly as we can on our return. We thank you for your patience.

Do you have a program or resource to share? [Contact us](#) to be featured in our newsletter, on social media, or on our website.



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