



2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

CERTIFICATIONS

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- Comsewogue Public Library (NY)
- Hauppauge Public Library (NY)
- Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library (NY)
- Brentwood Public Library (NY)

LIBRARY SYSTEM

- Mid-Hudson Library System

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

- Paula Michalak
- Aileen Basuljevic
- Beth Green

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

- Clarkson University Libraries

NEW CERTIFICATION ENROLLMENTS

- 31 Public Libraries**
(CA, CT, MA, ME, NY, UT, VT, WI)
- 2 School Librarians**
- 3 Academic Libraries**
(certification pilot program)

PARTNERSHIPS AND MORE!

- Partnership with CCP Office Solutions to provide Print Releaf reforestation program
- Vermont SLCP Cohort
- OCLC - Mobile App Release
- Sustainable California Grant Opportunity
- New Jersey Library Association Partnership
- ALA eCourse Partnership

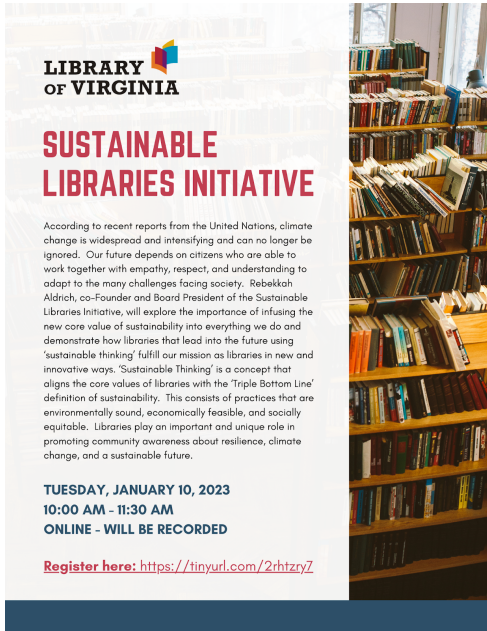
We are thrilled to announce that over the course of 2022, a total of nine public libraries, academic libraries, and school librarians were officially certified sustainable. These libraries and librarians have worked hard to meet high standards of sustainability. Our first library system was also certified sustainable, congratulations to Mid-Hudson Library System! Head over to our [News Page](#) to read about each library's or librarian's journey and accomplishments that lead them to certification!

Communicating about Climate Change Webinar

Join the New Jersey State Library, the New Jersey Library Association, and the SLI for [Communicating about Climate Change](#). This webinar features strategies for libraries to engage with their communities on the topic of climate change. Dr. David Robinson and Dr. Cara Cuite will discuss the current realities of climate change and best practices for librarians to communicate the risks to the public. This webinar is open to all and takes place on Wednesday, January 25th, at 2 pm EST.

Lib Learn X Conference In Person Meetup, [contact us](#) for details, ALA Presidential Suite

[Sustainable Librarianship: Core Competencies and Practices](#), ALA eLearning Course, Registration is open!, begins Monday, February 13th



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SUSTAINABLE LIBRARIES INITIATIVE

According to recent reports from the United Nations, climate change is widespread and intensifying and can no longer be ignored. Our future depends on citizens who are able to work together with empathy, respect, and understanding to adapt to the many challenges facing society. Rebekkah Aldrich, co-Founder and Board President of the Sustainable Libraries Initiative, will explore the importance of infusing the new core value of sustainability into everything we do and demonstrate how libraries that lead into the future using 'sustainable thinking' fulfill our mission as libraries in new and innovative ways. 'Sustainable Thinking' is a concept that aligns the core values of libraries with the 'Triple Bottom Line' definition of sustainability. This consists of practices that are environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially equitable. Libraries play an important and unique role in promoting community awareness about resilience, climate change, and a sustainable future.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
ONLINE - WILL BE RECORDED

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2hhtzy7>

Strategic Planning Resources

We had a fantastic turnout for our Strategic Planning webinar this month, featuring guest speaker Ron Kirsop. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thank you to Ron for his valuable insights and expertise. The webinar recording is now available on our [Strategic Planning Resource](#) page, available to all for a limited time.

Certification Celebrations

Becoming certified through the Sustainable Library Certification Program is a HUGE achievement for a library or school librarian. It is also a great opportunity to highlight the work you are doing for your community and local elected officials. Whether you are broadcasting your leadership in sustainability as part of the certification program or just to inform your community of programs and practices that you have instituted, there are many ways to raise the profile of the work you are doing. Our [Certification Celebrations](#) resource page has examples of the ways some of our certified libraries have shared their achievements with their communities. These events have showcased the staff and trustees that supported the process, thanked the elected officials for any funding they have directed to the library, and provided an occasion to meet with SLI mentors and Advisory Board members in celebration. We look forward to many more in 2023!

SLI Members selected to take SLI / ALA eCourse for free!

Twenty-five SLI Members have been selected from an overwhelming response to take this course for free. Congratulations to these members (listed below) who represent libraries in nine different states. We look forward to sharing knowledge and practical strategies for incorporating sustainable thinking into library work with these members and all of the course participants. There is still time to register through the [ALA eLearning site!](#)

California: Ivan Silva (Belvedere Tiburon Library), Dorothy Gruett (County of San Luis Obispo Public Libraries), Francesca de Vera (San Diego)

Connecticut: Miki Porta (New Canaan Library)

Kansas: Jensen Adams (Kansas City)

Massachusetts: Reni Cunningham (Concord Free Public Library)

Maine: **Carol Lord** (Curtis Memorial Library), Lee Koenigs (Libby Memorial Library)

New Jersey: Allen McGinley (Teaneck Public Library), Eliza White (Montclair Public Library), Tonya Garcia (Long Branch Free Public Library)

New York: Adrienne Portz (South Country Library), Ashley Maraffino (Valley Cottage Library), Emily Spizzirri (Patchogue Medford Library), Jackie Narkiewicz (Bayport Blue Point Public Library), Jen McCreery (Millbrook Library), Jenny Goodemote (Wood Library), Katie Herbst (Elwood Public Library), Laura Crisci (Mid-Hudson Library System), Laura Giuliani (Huntington Public Library), Marcie Litjens (Center Moriches Public Library), Mark Ahrens (South Country Library), Sharon Carita (Cutchogue New Suffolk Free Library)

Vermont: Clare McFarland (Norman Williams Public Library)

Washington: Erica Brown (Upper Skagit Library)



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