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Sustainable Libraries Initiative

SLI February 2023 Newsletter



Program Spotlight

Introduction to the Sustainable Library Certification Program Webinar

The Sustainable Libraries Initiative is partnering with the New Jersey Library Association to present an “Introduction to the Sustainable Library Certification Program” Webinar on Wednesday, February 15th at 2:30 PM EST. SLI’s Sustainability Coordinator, Annemarie Gordon, will give a detailed overview of the certification process and will explain the options for Public, School, and (soon to be launched) Academic Libraries. Examples from libraries of all sizes and types that are working through the program will be shown to demonstrate how this program is flexible and adaptable to meet the needs of your unique library and community. This webinar is open to all, [register here](#).

Member News

New Sustainable Libraries Certification Program members:

- Hartland Public Library (Vermont)

- North Bellmore Public Library (New York)
- Finkelstein Memorial Library (New York)

New Members:

- Northern Onondaga Public Library (New York)
- Saptarshi Lahiri (Liverpool Public Library, New York)



Upcoming Events

[ALA Webinar: New Federal Resources for Sustainable Library Buildings](#). Wednesday, February 1st, 1 pm EST

[Online SLCP Member Meetup](#). Thursday, February 2nd, 11 am EST

[ALA Webinar: Clean Energy Tax Credits](#). Thursday, February 2nd, 1 pm EST

[SustainRT Webinar: Creating space and advocating for sustainability at your library](#). Thursday, February 2nd, 2 pm EST

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

[SLI and NJLA present: Introduction to the Sustainable Library Certification Program](#). Wednesday, February 15th, 2:30 pm EST

Academic Library Association of Ohio Presentation Friday, February 24th, 11 am EST

[SLI Webinar: Project Planning with Ron Kirsop](#). Tuesday, March 7th 1pm EST



Congratulations, Montauk Library

This year promises to be an exciting year for Sustainable Library certifications. With a growing list of libraries enrolled and a growing level of interest following the nationwide rollout of the program a year ago, there are many libraries approaching the final stages of completing their benchmark action items. We are thrilled to celebrate the first 2023 certification this month. Montauk Library, located in Montauk, New York has completed the work needed to become our latest Certified Sustainable Library. The thoughtful planning that went into their extensive renovation included an in-depth sustainability report. The suggestions and community feedback guided Montauk to create a beautiful, energy-efficient building that incorporates multi-use outdoor spaces with ocean views. Read more about how Montauk has integrated sustainability into their building, programs, and practices on our [Montauk Library Highlights webpage](#).



Carbon Reduction for Earth Wellbeing

Carbon CREW

Last November, SLI Staff members were invited to participate in [Carbon CREW](#) (Carbon Reduction for Earth Wellbeing), an online, 5-session program designed for individuals who are concerned about the climate crisis to come together and learn how to take action. By using Damon Gameau's *2040 Handbook* as a starting point, participants engage in discussions on various climate issues and potential solutions. In addition to the handbook, other readings and movies are included in the organization's curriculum, to deepen understanding and raise awareness. During each session, Carbon CREW members work together to envision a brighter future and create a plan of action to achieve it. Working each week to put together a Personal Climate Action Plan, based on guidelines from the reading, steps are taken through this program to identify and focus on what each of us CAN do to reduce our carbon footprint. This program is a great opportunity for library patrons and staff members to get involved and take action in the fight against climate change, contact the organization [here](#) to learn more about participating in or starting your own Carbon CREW.

Project Planning Webinar

The next SLI webinar will take place on Wednesday, March 15th at 1:00 PM EST. We are bringing back Ron Kirsop, Executive Director of OWWL Library System, to discuss [Project Planning](#). If you joined us or watched the recording of our [Strategic Planning Webinar](#) in December, then you know that Ron is an engaging speaker who can break down complex topics and help participants feel confident in taking on a new challenge. This next topic will give an in depth explanation of the Project Planning process. Ron, who is also a Certified Project Planner, will discuss the planning, organizing, execution, and evaluation of projects large and small. For libraries currently enrolled or thinking about enrolling in the Sustainable Library Certification Program, this webinar can give you the tools to apply a project planning framework to your library's certification effort or any upcoming project. To register, click [here](#).

Survey

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