

**Sustainable Libraries Initiative
March 2023 Newsletter**

**Library Spotlight
Congratulations, Curtis Memorial Library!**



We are thrilled to share that [Curtis Memorial Library](#) in Brunswick, Maine has been designated a "Certified Sustainable Library" through the SLI's award-winning Sustainable Library Certification Program. This remarkable achievement reflects Curtis Memorial's commitment to sustainability, demonstrated by their policies, practices, programming, and partnerships that align with the Triple Bottom Line definition of sustainability. They are the first library outside of New York to receive this certification. Curtis Memorial's extensive range of programming serves the community with compassion and dignity, while their partnerships with organizations such as the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program and Brunswick Housing Authority further demonstrate their dedication to serving the community. We congratulate Curtis Memorial Library and all involved for this impressive accomplishment and for their ongoing commitment to sustainability. To learn more about Curtis Memorial's outstanding work, please head here ([LINK](#))

Member News

New Sustainable Library Certification Program members:

Welcome [Southern Tier Library System](#) (New York) and [Mediapolis Public Library](#) (Iowa)



**SOUTHERN TIER
LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Connecting Community Libraries



New Members:

Salina Library (New York)

Traverse Area District Library (Michigan)

McCall Public Library (Idaho)

Upcoming Events

[SLCP Monthly Meetup](#), Thursday March 2nd at 11 pm EST

[Project Planning Webinar](#), Tuesday, March 7th at 1 pm EST

Concord Free Public Library; Preserving literary history via climate mitigation



[Concord Free Public Library](#), an active member in the Sustainable Library Certification Program, is making strides to decarbonize and reduce its carbon footprint. With support from GreenerU, the library developed a comprehensive climate action plan that outlines a path to decarbonization and sets ambitious goals for reducing emissions. The library's plan includes energy efficiency upgrades, renewable energy installations, and staff and community education on sustainability topics. The library's efforts to decarbonize while preserving its

historical and cultural resources are a testament to their commitment to sustainability and community resilience. To learn more about the library's climate action plan, read GreenerU's case study [here](#).

Introduction to the Sustainable Library Certification Program (SLCP)

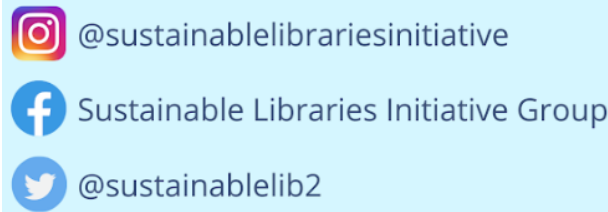
The recording of our latest webinar presented in partnership with the New Jersey Library Association, Introduction to the Sustainable Library Certification Program, is now available to view. This informative session provides an overview of the program, how it can benefit your library, and the steps to take to get started. Visit our [website](#) to access the recording, learn more about the SLCP, and take the first step towards becoming a Certified Sustainable Library.

SLI's Project Planning Webinar

Don't miss our upcoming webinar with Ron Kirsop, Executive Director of OWWL Library System, as he shares insights on how project management practices can enhance your library's performance. Join us on Tuesday, March 7th at 1:00 PM to learn how integrating project management can help improve efficiency, communication, and execution at all levels. This is a great opportunity to boost your library's culture and achieve specific goals. [Register now here!](#)

Sustainable Libraries Initiative on Social Media

We're excited to connect with you on our social media! By following us, you'll stay up-to-date on our latest content, announcements, upcoming events, and member library highlights. To make the most of your social media experience, we recommend a few best practices: engage with our posts by commenting and liking. We look forward to building a strong community with you and your library!



Survey

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