Sustainable Libraries Initiative
July 2023 Newsletter

Updates from the SLI

Track & Report Paper Purchases with Print ReLeaf's Reforestation Efforts
We are pleased to announce that we have enhanced a member benefit! As part of our ongoing partnership with PrintReleaf, we have revamped the paper reporting process for Sustainable Library Certification Program (SLCP) members. It is now easier to report your paper usage and help with reforestation efforts!

All SLCP members have access to PrintReleaf, which is a platform that provides a means to offset your library's paper consumption through a global network of Reforestation Projects (and can be used to fulfill an Action Item!) by monitoring your paper usage. Additionally, thanks to our partnership with CCP Solutions, who generously donates 10 free trees to our members just for signing up for the Sustainable Library Certification Program! By filling out a quick form at the bottom of the SLI homepage, certification program members who are signed up for Print Releaf can enter their library name and the quantity of paper they've purchased in terms of pages or sheets. Every time a library enters an amount, the SLI receives a notification email, we then enter the information into the library's Print ReLeaf dashboard, which contributes to reforestation efforts.

The link to enter your library's paper usage can be found at the bottom of our homepage under the PrintReleaf Widget or by following this link. Questions? Contact Alex, our SLI Coordinator, via email.

SLI's New Mentor

We are delighted to announce that Hazel Onsrud from Curtis Memorial Library has joined the Sustainable Library Certification Program team as a volunteer mentor for the Sustainable Libraries Initiative! Hazel and her library went above and beyond in aligning their policies and practices with the Triple Bottom Line Definition of sustainability, allowing Curtis Memorial Library to become certified

sustainable earlier this year. Hazel brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the SLI, and we look forward to her contributions to the SLI community! To read more about Curtis Memorial Library's certification journey, click here, and to see highlights from their certification process, see their final presentation.

Monthly SLCP Meetups Update

Our next SLCP Meet Up is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, at 1:00 pm. We are introducing topics for each meetup; this session will focus on the topic of Section H. of the Action Item Form, "Collective Impact". Our discussion will center around how different actions and adjustments of daily practices of becoming more sustainable has changed you or your staff's perception of the ways in which we can participate in collective impact efforts in our communities. We encourage all members to join us and contribute to the discussion. Learn more and join the meeting here!

Upcoming Events

- **Plastic Free July, starting on July 1st**
    - Learn more here
- **SLCP Meetup: August 3rd 6th at 1 PM EST**
    - Please note the permanent time change
- WebJunction and SLI's Webinar Series:
    - Starting on July 18th and running through December 2023

Member News

Congratulations to Michelle Statfeld, from Robert Moses Middle School, who has been certified through the Sustainable Library Certification Program!

Welcome Surrey Libraries of Canada, our first international SLCP member library!

New SLCP Members:

- Surrey Libraries, British Columbia, Canada
- Union Public Library, NJ

New Members

- [New York City School Library System](#)
- [Nottoway County Public Library System](#)

School Librarian

- Armin Heurich from Ithaca High School Library

SLI and Webjunction

Northeast Summit on Climate Adaptation for Library Facilities Virtual Summit

Mark your calendars! We are excited to announce the upcoming Northeast Summit on Climate Adaptation for Library Facilities Virtual Summit, scheduled for November 8, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. This summit is a collaborative effort among the Sustainable Libraries Initiative and state libraries in the Northeast: Massachusetts Library System, New Jersey State Library, New York State Library, Office of Library and Information Services of the State of Rhode Island, and the Vermont Department of Libraries.

The summit will feature the Sustainable Libraries Initiative and provide valuable insights on climate adaptation for library facilities. Registration will open in August, so keep an eye out for further updates.

Recaps

SLI at NJLA Conference

We extend our sincere appreciation to all those who attended the recent NJLA Conference, where the Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI) made an appearance. We are grateful for the opportunity to connect with librarians, professionals, and enthusiasts who all share a passion for sustainable practices in libraries.

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, the co-founder and president of the SLI, served as the keynote speaker at the conference. Rebekkah's extensive knowledge, experience, and unwavering dedication to sustainability in libraries is a cornerstone for the community. The NJLA Conference provided an excellent platform for us to foster connections, share best practices, and explore innovative solutions for sustainable library operations.

We also want to express our gratitude to the NJLA organizers for their exceptional efforts in hosting a successful conference. Their dedication and hard work made it possible for us to connect with like-minded individuals and contribute to the ongoing conversation on sustainability in libraries.

ALA Annual Meetup

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your presence and engagement during the conference. We appreciate your valuable contributions and insightful discussions.

We value the connections we were able to make with each of you, and we look forward to the continued collaboration and growth!

Coming Soon

SLI + ALA eCourse on Sustainability
The SLI will once again partner with the American Library Association to offer a four-week asynchronous eCourse on sustainability. Watch for more information and the chance for SLI members to claim free registration for one of two instances of the eCourse in 2024

Survey
Do you have a minute to share your thoughts about this newsletter? Take this quick survey and provide your feedback, we greatly appreciate it!

Sustainable Libraries Initiative on Social Media
We're excited to connect with you and your library on our social media! By following us, you'll stay up-to-date on our latest content, announcements, upcoming events, and member library highlights.

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