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## Website Orientation

Want more information about the Certification Program and what it entails? Questions about how to join? Book a 45 minute overview session with us to learn more about it!

[Click here to set a date and time.](#)

## The Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI) and the New York Library Association (NYLA) Have Joined Forces



The Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI) and the New York Library Association (NYLA) have partnered together to ensure that libraries are

equipped to contribute to their community's resilience and remain relevant and responsive institutions ready to face the challenges of climate change. The SLI has developed tools, resources and methodologies to help library leaders be more intentional and focused in their decision making; resource use; service and program design; and has partnerships to align with the triple bottom line of sustainability: environmental stewardship, social equity, and economic feasibility.

On Friday, **October 6 at 10:00 AM EDT, President and Co-founder of the SLI, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich presents New Member Benefit – An Introduction to the Sustainable Libraries Initiative**. Learn about the benefits and resources this partnership provides NYLA members who take advantage and opt in for a free membership to the SLI for the next year.

[Sign up today](#)

## Welcome New Members!

### New SLCP Members:

We are so pleased to welcome 3 new members to the Sustainable Library Certification Program (SLCP) this month as well as one new member to the SLI!



# Sheridan

SLI membership is growing in Canada! **Sheridan College Library of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada**, our second Canadian library to join

the SLCP. Our first Canadian library, Surrey Libraries of British Columbia, joined this past July. Having libraries from countries other than the United States join the SLCP brings us great joy and excitement for the opportunity to learn from one another. Their membership can only benefit the SLI and the Certification Program and strengthen our community as a whole, we look forward to working together.

## New Member:



### Meet the SLI's newest Mentor

We are delighted to announce that **Michelle Statfeld, School Library Media Specialist**, from the West Babylon Junior High School has joined the SLI as a mentor for fellow School Librarians who have decided to set forward on their journey towards certification. This past August, Michelle became one of six School Librarians in New York State to be certified sustainable through the SLCP. As someone who is enthusiastic about her profession and strives to make a difference in the lives of others and in her community, she is well suited for this role. Michelle is deeply grateful for the opportunity to mentor other



### Webinar Recording Available

The recording of the recent webinar: **Libraries for Health and Wellbeing: A Strategic Framework** is now available to view on the Sustainable Libraries Initiative's **YouTube page** as well as on the Members Only On-Demand Webinars page under the Resources section of the SLI website.

The Libraries for Health and Wellbeing Program was established by the **State Library Victoria** and **Public Libraries Victoria** collaboration in 2020/21 in recognition of the key role that public libraries have in supporting the health and wellbeing of their communities. Jacqui Horwood and Georgina Earl from the State

School Librarians and is eager to provide the support they need while navigating the path to becoming certified sustainable.

Library Victoria, Melbourne, Australia discussed the development of the Framework and how it is shaping thinking in libraries.



## CLIMATE JUSTICE

Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
2:00 - 3:30 PM EDT

This webinar will explore the disproportional impacts of climate change on systematically oppressed communities.

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Part of the webinar series created from the partnership between the Sustainable Libraries Initiative and WebJunction, this webinar will explore the disproportional impacts of climate change on systematically oppressed communities.

[Register to attend](#)



## SLCP MEET UP

Thursday, October 5  
1:00 PM EDT

### Section I. Social Cohesion



Join us for questions and discussion among Sustainable Library Certification Program participants as we discuss Section I. of the Action Item Form, Social Cohesion.

[Register to attend](#)

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This kick-off summit is the first joint partnership between the Sustainable Libraries Initiative and the Northeast State Libraries including: New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine.

The Northeast Summit on Climate Adaptation for Library Facilities was created in support of adaptive resilience solutions for libraries facing the effects of climate change to their buildings and communities. The focus will be on facilities adaptation and include practical takeaways, concrete steps, and suggestions for improvement.

[Learn more](#)

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## The Sustainability Challenge Webinar



Wednesday

12/6/23

1:00 PM EST

In the face of the mounting environmental crisis, the Kingston Library asked patrons to rise to the challenge and participate in monthly themes designed to transform overwhelming information bite-size, achievable activities.

[Register to attend](#)