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Congratulations Mamakating Library!



The Mamakating Library located in Wurtsboro, NY has been designated a Certified Sustainable Library through the Sustainable Libraries Initiative's award-winning Sustainable Library Certification Program. Staff, trustees, and community members all volunteered to work on their sustainability committee, giving everyone a role to play in ensuring the library's sustainability efforts would be fulfilled.

[**View Mamakating Library's Certification Presentation**](#)



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ALA American
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Association



The Sustainable Libraries Initiative is thrilled to be joining forces with the American Library Association to create a strategic plan for library professionals to address climate change.

[Click here to learn more about our latest partnership!](#)



The Sustainable Libraries Initiative will have a strong representation and presence at the NYLA 2023 Annual Conference this year! Stop by [Booth 75](#) and visit us to learn first hand about the resources available and the opt in process for NYLA members.

Other Sustainability-related educational opportunities:

Program Slot 5:

Climate Action: Small steps, Big Impact

Friday, November 3 | 2:15 - 3:30 PM | Highrock

Presented by Neyda Gilman, Binghamton University

Jennifer Ferriss, Saratoga Springs Public Library

Hazel Onsrud, Curtis Memorial Library

Roger Reyes, Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Harborfields Public Library Certification Celebration!



On October 25, 2023 the **Harborfields Public Library** held a certification celebration, inviting their community, staff, trustees, local legislators, and the SLI to join them as they gathered and reflected on their recent designation as a Certified Sustainable Library. Guests included Town and County Legislators, Library Trustees, Staff, and SLI Advisory Board members. Harborfields received a Proclamation from the Town of Huntington as well as a Certificate of Recognition from Suffolk County Legislator Stephanie Bontempi. Members of the library's Green Team shared an inspiring presentation about their rewarding experience going through the certification program. They highlighted a number of meaningful moments with community members as well as what they learned on their journey.



New Members of the Sustainable Library Certification Program:



NOTTOWAY COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

[Nottoway County Public Library System](#)

New Sustainable Libraries Initiative members:



ALICE L. PENDLETON
LIBRARY
Islesboro

[Alice L. Pendleton Library](#)



[Deerfield Public Library](#)

[Katherine Moss, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation](#)



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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.

[Click here for more information](#)



**Living Our Values Out Loud:
Programs that Walk the Talk**

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 | 2:00-3:00pm EDT

- Presented By:
- Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
 - Mandi Goodsett
 - Evan Meszaros
 - Hazel Onsrud



From zero-waste events to upcycling to refreshments, how we choose to carry out our work in libraries says a lot about our values. This webinar with the Sustainable

Libraries Initiative will feature practitioners who have found ways to design, implement, and evaluate programs using frameworks that better represent their library's values.

[Register to attend](#)

The Sustainability Challenge: Month by Month

A webinar presented by: Addie Smock and Brian James, The Kingston Library

Wednesday, December 6 | 1:00 PM EDT



One library's year-long initiative of utilizing library resources and community partnerships to empower individual change toward building a sustainable future.

[Register for Webinar](#)



SLCP MEET UP

Section J. Resilience Planning

Thursday, December 7 | 1:00 PM EDT



Please note: The November 2nd SLCP Meetup has been cancelled and we will be moving the scheduled topic, Resilience Planning, to our December 7th Meetup.

Register for Meetup



- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recently announced a first-of-its-kind investment to fund energy-efficiency improvements in the nonprofit sector that includes \$45 million in funding for energy-efficient building improvements. [**Learn more about the Renew America's Nonprofits program**](#)
 - Nonprofits can now benefit from tax deductions for installing energy-efficient equipment in new or renovated buildings that they own. The Code Section 179D incentive can now be taken on a specific commercial building every 3 years rather than permitted once over the life of the building. [**Learn more about the Code Section 179D incentive**](#)
 - New Inflation Reduction Act Provisions Allow State, Local, and Tribal Governments, Non-profits, U.S. Territories, Rural Energy Co-ops, and more to access tax credits for building a Clean Energy Economy. This Act now provides quicker, more affordable building, creating more clean energy projects, allowing more communities to benefit from the growth of the clean energy economy. [**Visit the U.S. Department of the Treasury website to learn more**](#)
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