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The SLI is Going All In this December!



**Sustainable
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The Sustainable Libraries Initiative's New Partnerships with Iowa & Massachusetts Library Associations

We are pleased to announce partnerships in two more states to accelerate work in libraries to build communities that will thrive when faced with the challenges of climate change: Iowa and Massachusetts.



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Through these partnerships, members of both state's library associations will join a nationwide community of practice who are using tools created or compiled by the SLI and its members to uncover ways that their libraries and communities will understand, lessen, and adapt to the effects of climate change. These include a custom CO₂ calculator to help them estimate their current institutional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions so they can measure progress in reducing GHG emissions; a vendor list to source more environmentally-friendly products and services; policy examples; a webinar archive and the Road Map to Sustainability resource to help with planning. Their members will also receive a 20% discount on the award-winning Sustainable Library Certification Program.

"We applaud these Associations for seeking this partnership to enable all of their members to accelerate their adoption of sustainable thinking," said Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Board President of the Sustainable Libraries Initiative, "Positioning more libraries as leaders in the conversation about climate change mitigation and adaptation is a strong move to ensure libraries contribute to their community's resilience and remain relevant and responsive institutions."

Congratulations to Ann-Marie Kalin, School Librarian on being Certified Sustainable!



Ann-Marie Kalin, School Librarian at the Albert G. Prodel Middle School of the Shoreham-Wading River School District, in Shoreham, NY has been recognized as Certified Sustainable for completing the Sustainable Library Certification Program.

[View the press release here](#)

The Suffolk Cooperative Library System is Certified Sustainable!

Congratulations to SCLS for completing the Sustainable Library Certification Program. [View their Final Presentation here.](#)



Certified Sustainable October 2023

The Suffolk Cooperative Library System strives to minimize their organizations impact and maximize future generations' ability to live, work, and play in our shared natural environment, with equal access to clean air, clean water, and natural resources.

SCLS is fully committed to reducing their environmental footprint and promoting environmental stewardship.



Welcome New Members!

New Sustainable Library Certification Program (SLCP) Members:

The Bryant Library, Roslyn, NY

Kelsey LaPort, Sunrise Drive Elementary, Sayville, NY

Meaghan Reilly, Terryville Road Elementary School, Port Jefferson Station, NY

Paige Chambers, John Street School Library, Franklin Square, NY

Red Hook Public Library, Red Hook, NY

New Sustainable Libraries Initiative Members:

Amina Chaudhri, Putnam Valley Library, Putnam, NY

Catherine Nashak, Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, Hewlett, NY

Dawn Tevis, La Crosse County Library, Holmen, WI

Hornell Public Library, Hornell, NY

Jean Sheviak, Capital District Library Council, Latham, NY

Jen Graney, Cortland Free Library, Cortland, NY

Karrie Williamson, Otisville Correctional Facility Library, Otisville, NY

Kristen Moeller, Ontario Public Library, Ontario, NY

Peterborough Public Library, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

Sarah Bailey, Troy Public Library, Troy, NY

Sharon Berg, Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY

Wayland Free Public Library, Wayland, MA

The Sustainability Challenge: Month by Month

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

Wednesday, December 6 | 1:00 PM EST



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

[Click Here to Register Today!](#)



SLCP Meetup

Thursday, December 7 | 1:00 PM EST

Have you attended an SLCP Meetup lately?

Join us as we discuss Resilience Planning. Guest speakers will share examples of how their libraries worked to identify potential hazards and threats to their community as well as how they established adaptation, mitigation, and recovery plans.



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Stronger Together Collective Impact and Climate Action Programming

Wednesday, December 13
2:00 - 3:30 PM EST

NOTE: 90-minute session

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This webinar will feature practitioners who are having a collective impact through collaborations with others in the community, to address the pressing challenges related to climate change.

Presented by:

- Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MLS, LEED AP), Executive Director, Mid-Hudson Library System (NY), Co-founder/Current President, Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI), and author
- Jenny Garmon, Civic Engagement Specialist, Kansas City Public Library (MO)
- Gabrielle Griffis, Assistant Youth Services Librarian, Brewster Ladies' Library & Blue Marble Librarian (MA)
- M'Balu "Lu" Bangura, Chief of Equity and Fair Practice at the Enoch Pratt Free Library & Maryland State Library Resource Center





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Sustainable Librarianship: Core Competencies and Practices January 29 - February 23, 2024

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This is a 4-week asynchronous eCourse and students will be able to work through each week's contents at their own pace.

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, President of the Sustainable Libraries Initiative, will lead you through the principles and practices of sustainable librarianship along with a group of expert speakers, lecturers and writers.

There are 25 free spaces available for active SLI Members.

These free spaces are first come, first serve.

Please email SLI staff at sliaadmin@suffolknet.org for information about registering as an SLI Member.



Sustainability ROUND TABLE

On **December 5th at 2:00 PM Eastern** join
SustainRT for a virtual celebration of their 10th birthday!

The celebration will include:

- Networking with other SustainRT members
- Q&A with SustainRT's founders
- An interactive trivia game
- A prize giveaway, including a National Park Annual Pass
- And more!!

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their Birthday card too!*

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