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SLI Newsletter

The latest news and updates from
the Sustainable Libraries Initiative

CONGRATULATIONS!

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South Country Public Library
Bellport, NY



Laura Silver

P.S. 90: The Magnet School of
Environmental Studies and
Community Wellness.
Brooklyn, NY



on becoming **certified sustainable!** We commemorate you for your
achievement and commitment.

MEMBER NEWS

We welcome our new members to the Sustainable Libraries Initiative! We're happy to have you. Thank you for your joining our community of practice, and demonstrating your commitment to making the world a better place.

Sustainable Library Certification Program Members:



Avon Lake Public Library
Avon Lake, Ohio



Claverack Free Library
Claverack, New York



Maplewood Memorial Library
Maplewood, New Jersey



Middle Country Public Library
Selden, New York & Centereach, New York

Sustainable Libraries Initiative Members:

Personal Members:

- Bethany Klem
- Christi Williams
- Jocelyn Gould
- Joseph Ronin
- Karen Tobin
- Luke Kirkland
- Margaret Perkins
- Maureen Amyot
- Nicole Daviau
- Nicole Thomas
- Sarah Slocum

Public Libraries:

- Bethlehem Public Library
- Cook Memorial Library
- Eldredge Public Library
- Northfield Public Library
- Shaker Heights Public Library
- Waverly Public Library

Academic Libraries:

- Douglas College Library
- Grinnell College
- Loras College Library



SLI UPDATES

LibLearnX:

In the month of January, SLI had the opportunity to attend **LibLearnX** -- a conference hosted by the American Library Association. This year, the conference occurred between January 19th and January 22nd in Baltimore, Maryland.



From left to right: Matthew Bollerman, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Roger Reyes, Jennifer Ferriss, Lisa G. Kropp, and Alex Blend.

Highlights:

- SLI operated a booth at the conference! Representatives of our organization discussed our work with visitors who stopped by to say hello!
- SLI's Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Jennifer Ferriss, Lisa G. Kropp, and Matt Bollerman presented "*All Jobs are Climate Jobs: Why Library Workers need to be Climate Action Leaders*" on Saturday at the conference.
 - some topics discussed include: how to reduce greenhouse gases in libraries; sustainable community programs and outreach; forming partnerships with local environmental organizations; how to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion; how to improve sustainability within the library setting; and ideas on how to educate a community on sustainable practices.

Keep a lookout for SLI at future conferences on the horizon:

- PLA Conference: Columbus, Ohio (April 3-5)
- Connecticut Library Association Conference (April 28-30)

ALA x SLI e-course:

SLI is currently hosting an e-course with the American Library Association titled "Sustainable Librarianship: Core Competencies and Practices."

The 4-week asynchronous course allows students to work through the contents of each week at their own pace. The course is instructed by SLI President, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, who leads participants through the principles and practices of sustainable librarianship. Expert guest speakers, lecturers, and writers bolster the course into a well rounded experience for participants.

The course finalizes on February 25th, after which participants will receive a certificate of completion. Late registration for the e-course closes on February 5th at 12 am CST / 1 am EST. Keep on the lookout for similar offerings and SLI hosted webinars in the future!



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[Check out some of our Previous Webinars!](#)

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February 1st

SLCP Meetup: Collections
1:00 pm

SLI and our guest speakers will be discussing the sustainability of library collections. Get a peek at what some SLCP members are working on, borrow some ideas for your own library, or ask questions! All are welcome!

REGISTER NOW



February 5th

ALA e-course Final
Registration Deadline

12 am CST / 1 am EST

This asynchronous e-course allows students to work through each week's contents at their own pace and will lead you through the principles and practices of sustainable librarianship.

REGISTER NOW



February 29th

NYLA Members:
Orientation to the SLI
10:00 am

During this webinar, we will introduce the Sustainable Libraries Initiative and the members-only resources you have access to for the coming year as an NYLA member with a 1-year free membership!

REGISTER NOW



March 7

SLCP Meetup: Final
Presentation

10:00 am

Along with guest speakers, SLI will be discussing the SLCP Final Presentation! Borrow some ideas for your own library, learn from your peers, or ask questions! All are welcome!

REGISTER NOW



February SLCP Meetup

ALA e-course Registration

NYLA Orientation

2024 Climate Action Symposium Survey:

Please consider filling out this short survey! Link attached below!

STAR Net would like to invite you to complete a short survey to inform the design of the 2024 Climate Action Symposium:
Exploring Collaborations with Libraries, Community-Based Organizations, and Public Health Agencies

The symposium is part of a project (Building Resilient Communities) funded by the National Science Foundation and led by the Space Science Institute and its STAR Library Network. Project partners include OCLC WebJunction, University of North Carolina Greensboro, and Interactive Learning Dynamics. The focus of the survey is on public library STEM learning programs and activities related to climate change science, climate change's impacts on public health, and community sustainability and/or resiliency. The estimated time needed to complete this survey is 9 minutes. All information you provide will be completely confidential. Data will only be shared in aggregate through reports and papers – no personally identifiable information will be shared.

The survey closes on March 1st. Thank you for your support!



Climate Action Symposium Survey

sustain and grow our global forestry system. SLCP members can [submit your paper purchases](#) here.



OFFICE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

Thanks to the SLI's partnership with CCP Solutions, Sustainable Library Certification Program members have collectively offset the equivalent of 13.6M letter pages of paper consumption by reforesting 1.63K trees!
Keep up the good work!



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