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SLI Newsletter

The latest news and updates from
the Sustainable Libraries Initiative

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From left to right: Alex Blend (SLI Sustainability Coordinator), Ken Miller (Director of Copiague Memorial Library), Matthew Bollerman (SLI Co-founder and Vice President).

Congratulations!



**COPIAGUE MEMORIAL
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

on becoming **certified sustainable!** We commend you for your
commitment and achievement. If you're interested in learning
more, click the link below to read the press release!

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:



THE LIBRARIES OF
CLINTON • ESSEX • FRANKLIN
LIBRARY SYSTEM

Clinton Essex Franklin Library System
Plattsburgh, New York



Cranbury Public Library
Cranbury, New Jersey

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cranford Public Library
Cranford, New Jersey



Monmouth Public Library
Monmouth, Oregon



Pearl River
Public Library

Pearl River Public Library
Pearl River, New York



Rockport Public Library
Rockport, Massachusetts

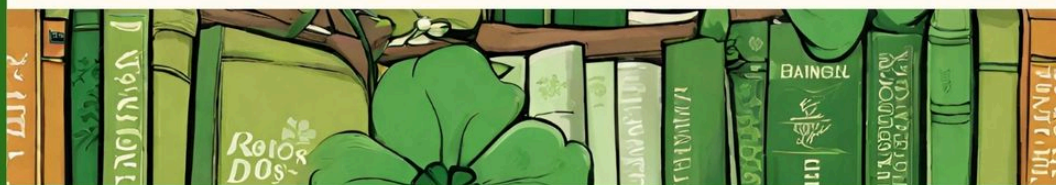
Sustainable Libraries Initiative Members:

Personal Members:

- Alysa Hayden
- Amanda Reaman
- Jennifer Bradshaw
- Kaitlyn Heniges
- Laurie Lessner
- Michelle Filleul
- Samantha Bouwers
- Shalar Knupp
- Sharon Gardner

Public Libraries:

- Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library
- East Bridgewater Public Library
- Fort Dodge Public Library
- Hudson Public Library
- Lee-Whedon Memorial Library



SLI Updates

Find the SLI at the Public Library Association Annual Conference and Join our Raffle!



On April 3rd to 5th, the Sustainable Libraries Initiative will be meeting in Columbus, Ohio for this year's PLA Conference!

Leaders of our organization will be operating booth number **718** for anybody interested in learning more about the SLI, signing up for a program or our newsletter, grabbing some freebies, or simply stopping by to say hi!

We are also excited to announce our raffle for a *Run the Jewels* x *Ben and Jerry's* prison reform t-shirt! Tickets will cost \$2 and the winning ticket will be drawn on Friday, April 5th at 12:00 PM. Proceeds of the raffle will go towards supporting our organization.

We hope to see you there!

The SLI is Hosting our First-Ever Annual Report Presentation!

On Friday, April 12, at 1:00 pm EST, the Sustainable Libraries Initiative will be presenting the organization's 2023 Annual Report!

This event, hosted on Zoom, will be a cohesive recap of our growth, successes, reach, and impact as a community of practice last year.

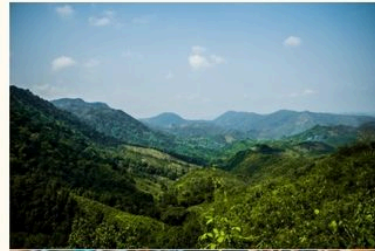
For non-members, the presentation serves as an opportunity to learn more about our work, how to get involved, and our influence across the United States and Canada.

For members, the event will be a rewarding opportunity to see how their commitment to sustainability contributed to the success of the program as a whole. The actions of several individual entities really do make a strong collective impact!

All are welcome to join us as we share highlights, statistics, testimonials, and words of wisdom from the past year as an organization.

The link to register can be found on our website, as well as underneath the "For Your Calendar" section of this newsletter.

We hope to see you there!



Two New Members Have Been Appointed to the Sustainable Libraries Initiative Advisory Board

In January, SLI advisory board members voted unanimously to appoint two new members to the board. Join us in congratulating them and welcoming them to the team!



Nardia Cumberbatch first got her exposure to the SLI while working through the Sustainable Library Certification Program with Valencia College in Orlando, Florida. Last year, Valencia became the second academic library in the program to achieve certification. Nardia is a tenured librarian at the college, an adjunct professor in Health Science Research Methods, and an author in the collaborative *The Sustainable Library's Cookbook* published in 2019. As the first academic librarian on the board, Nardia brings new expertise that will contribute to a more well-rounded experience for our academic library SLCP members.



Hazel Onsrud, a public librarian, was part of the team working towards certification for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick, Maine -- successfully completing the program in 2023 and becoming the first library outside New York State to achieve certification. In her library, Hazel primarily works on community programming and collection development with special focus on sustainable development goals. Hazel also co-founded the Maine Tool Library which allows patrons to borrow a variety of gardening, landscaping, home improvement, and kitchen tools rather than purchasing their own. Hazel's passion for her work and her background in sustainable practices will be a great asset to the team.

Along with the existing board members, Nardia and Hazel will work hard to signify libraries as beacons of resiliency in our communities and encourage action in the face of adversity and climate destabilization.

Approval of Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) Credits for New York's School Librarians



The New York Department of Education has approved our application to provide Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) credits to school librarians licensed in New York State!

In 2016, New York State adopted a policy requiring most certified teachers and paraprofessionals to complete 100 hours of continuing education credits within every 5 year period in order to maintain certification status.

To earn credit hours, educators must seek state-approved CTLE programs and keep a record of their certificates awarded at the completion of each program. With our recent approval, the Sustainable Libraries Initiative is qualified to confer CTLE hours to New York school librarians that participate in our upcoming program.

The goal of our program, instructed by Dr. Jen Cannell (EdD, MLS, SLI Advisory Board Member), is to help school librarians deepen their understanding of sustainability in a way that would allow participants to take those lessons back into their own schools. Special focus will be given to the "triple bottom line" of sustainability: maintaining practices that are environmentally sound, socially equitable, and economically feasible.

The cost of the program is included in the SLI membership fee (\$50). Most sessions will be instructed on Zoom in order to be available to educators from across the state, but opportunities for in-person sessions may also become available. Sessions can each be expected to run for 1-2 hours in length, and a maximum of 15 CTLE hours may be earned for each participant.



For Your Calendar

March 7

Intro. to the Sustainable Library Certification Program

10:00 am EST

During this webinar for members of our state org. partners, learn more about the certification program from the SLI President, and hear from a panel of speakers that have successfully completed the certification program.

REGISTER NOW



March 7

SLCP Meetup: Final Presentation

1:00 pm EST

Join us for tips and strategies on putting together your final presentation! Our meeting will include guest speakers, and plenty of time for topic-specific and general questions. All are welcome! We hope to see you there!

REGISTER NOW



March 14

Development of a National Climate Action Strategy for Libraries

2:00 pm EST

The ALA and the SLI have partnered together to create a strategic plan for library professionals to address climate change through our work in libraries. Join this forum discussing the draft strategy!

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March

Environmental Awareness Holidays

- 3 - World Wildlife Day
- 15 - World Consumer Rights Day
- 18 - Global Recycling Day
- 19 - Spring Equinox
- 20 - International Day of Happiness
- 21 - International Day of Forests
- 22 - World Water Day

April 11

SLCP Meetup: Getting Started

1:00 pm EST

Join us for a meeting with guest speakers as we discuss the first steps members must take after enrolling in the program! Time is included to ask any topic-specific or general questions about the SLCP. All are welcome!

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April

Find us at these Upcoming Conferences!

3-5: Public Library Association
Columbus, Ohio

28-30: Connecticut Library Association
Annual Conference
Groton, Connecticut

May

Find us at these Upcoming Conferences!

6-7: Massachusetts Library Association
Framingham, Massachusetts

9: Long Island Library Conference
Melville, New York

29-31: New Jersey Library Association
Annual Conference
Atlantic City, New Jersey



Intro. to the SLCP Webinar

March SLCP Meetup

SLI x ALA: Development of a National Climate Action Strategy for Libraries

Annual Report Presentation

April SLCP Meetup

PrintReleaf empowers SLCP members to offset the paper and fiber-based materials consumption of your library, in order to sustain and grow our global forestry system. SLCP members can [submit your paper purchases](#) here.



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