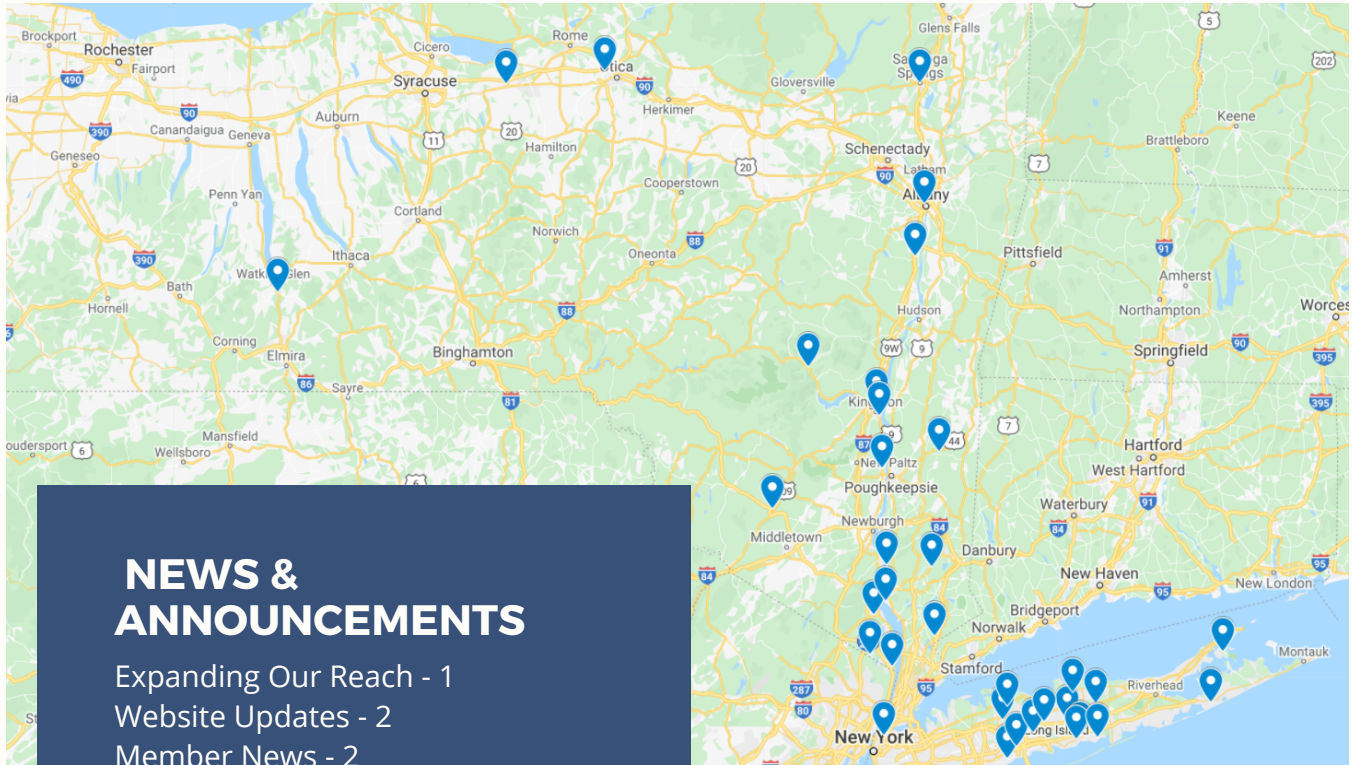




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# NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the [Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#)



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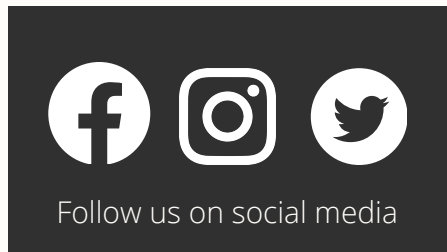
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## EXPANDING OUR REACH

Our program is growing! It is exciting to share this snapshot of the libraries enrolled in or certified by our program. An [interactive version](#) of this map is now on our website. We aim to expand both within New York State and beyond in the months ahead. We have already put sustainability and the [Triple Bottom Line](#) on the radar for libraries in NY with our [Roadmap](#) and [Certification Program](#), we are now looking forward to seeing libraries and communities throughout the country and even outside of the US join our efforts. If your library is looking to showcase your hard work in environmental conservation, social equity, and financial stability, [contact us](#) to join our program!

## BREAKING NEWS

Lisa Kropp, Director of [Lindenhurst Memorial Library](#) has been elected to serve as Coordinator for [ALA's Sustainability Round Table](#). In this leadership position, she will bring her experience as an Advisory Board member of the [Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#) and her passion for libraries as a model for sustainable and resilient communities.



## WEBSITE UPDATES

We encourage you to browse through the information on our [website](#) frequently to stay informed of the [news](#), [events](#), and [resources](#) that are important to our mission. New items are being added to the [Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#) website regularly. The [Resources](#) tab is where you will find the Final Presentations created by the libraries that have achieved the Sustainable Libraries Initiative Certification. These presentations showcase the efforts that libraries have made to think and act sustainably as part of the certification process and the impact it has had in their community. There is a [Newsletter and Roadmap](#) section that includes links to our latest newsletters and the complete archive of past newsletters. There are many great programming ideas and interesting articles in this archive. The [Professional Development](#) section of [Resources](#) offers an exhaustive reading list including ALA documents and statements related to sustainability, links to columns in national library periodicals, and books on the topic. Finally, the [News](#) page contains interesting stories about our members and about libraries and sustainability topics nationwide.

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[Comsewogue Public Library](#) staff are committed to reducing waste, using mugs instead of disposable cups.



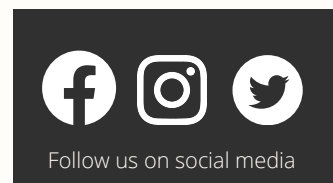
Longwood Public Library's use of natural lighting.

## MEMBER NEWS

We are excited to welcome two new members to our certification program this month. [Mamakating Library](#) in Wurtsboro, NY is part of the [Ramapo Catskill Library System](#). [Harborfields Library](#) in Greenlawn, NY is part of the [Suffolk Cooperative Library System](#) on Long Island.

Recognition is also in order for [Longwood Public Library](#), who have submitted their completed benchmarks for review. This review and revision process is currently underway and we expect to be celebrating their achievement in becoming certified very soon.

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## MEMBER NEWS, CONTINUED

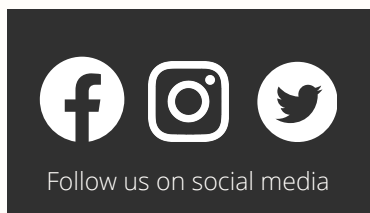
As part of their [Green Business Partnership Certification](#), [Longwood Public Library](#) highlighted their use of natural light in their building. The combination of natural light, overhead, and task lighting is a flexible way to use only the energy you need to illuminate your public spaces.

The [Shelter Island Public Library](#) partners with a local non-profit, the [Sylvester Manor Educational Farm](#) for the [Shelter Island Seed Library](#). They also collaborate to offer children's story times during farm stand hours and programming such as Introduction to Vegetable Gardening.

In July the [Highland Public Library](#) hosted a free seminar series as part of the [UCCRA Zero Waste Seminar Project](#). These sessions aimed to raise awareness of the environmental consequences of single use plastics, pollution, and waste on our health as individuals and communities. One of the partners in this series, the [New York State Pollution Prevention Institute](#), has additional on- demand [webinars](#) available on their website.

## CALL FOR ITEMS

Have you created a library policy or program with sustainability in mind? Share your ideas with our community! Contact [sliadmin@suffolknet.org](mailto:sliadmin@suffolknet.org) to be featured in our newsletter or on the [SLI Website](#).



Shelter Island Public Library programming at the Sylvester Manor Educational Farm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SLCP Online Meetup**

Thursday, September 2nd, 11:00 am EST.

### **Sustainable Thinking Builds Strong Libraries and Resilient Communities**

[Core Forum](#), a division of ALA

Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel

## WEBSITE UPDATES, CONTINUED

There are additional resources available to members in the **Members Only Resources** section of the **User Dashboard**. There are new member orientation documents, policy examples, and resources specific to each certification path (public, school, or academic library). We are continuously working to compile, update, and share resources with our members.