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BREAKING NEWS

[American Library Association](#)
President Patty Wong announced a focus on sustainability and mentioned the [Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#) in her inaugural remarks at the [ALA Annual Conference](#).



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Welcome to the [Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#) July 2021 Newsletter.

You have received this newsletter because you have requested more information about the Sustainable Libraries Initiative or NYLA's Sustainability Initiative.

As we emerge, like many of you, from an intense pandemic induced haze, we wish to reacquaint ourselves with all of you and bring some new energy into this extremely important project.

OUR MISSION

The Sustainable Libraries Initiative strives to create a community of leaders within libraries with the tools to establish sustainable practices and ability to demonstrate how thinking and acting sustainably can change society for the better.

How you can get involved:

Find us online:

Our website www.sustainablelibrariesinitiative.org is where you will find more about us, see our latest news and announcements, and utilize our resources. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to stay in the know and help spread the word.

Membership:

If you are looking to connect with other like-minded leaders in libraries, you can become a member of the [Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#). [Membership](#) offers you access to exclusive content, meetups and networking opportunities, and discount pricing for educational webinars. You do not have to commit to the full [Certification Program](#) in order to join, but we hope that you will once you learn more about us.

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Annemarie Gordon, our new Sustainability Coordinator, enjoys surfing on the south shore of Long Island.



NEWS & NOTEWORTHY

We now have a dedicated staff member, Sustainability Coordinator Annemarie Gordon. Annemarie has been a library trustee and is a recent graduate of University at Buffalo's MILS program. She lives and breathes waste reduction and community cohesion. The experience she brings from overseeing library operations and scholarly exploration of libraries' role in promoting social equity is a natural fit for this role. We share her with the Suffolk Cooperative Library System who have provided the financial support and where she will oversee the library system's Green Team and Sustainable Libraries Certification Process. She can be reached through email: sliadmin@suffolknet.org.



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OUR MISSION, CONTINUED

Certification Program:

The Sustainable Library Certification Program is a guided process that provides you with the tools and resources to work through a series of benchmarks organized into 12 categories aligned with the Triple Bottom Line. You will be matched with a mentor who has already completed this program and will work with you, along with our dedicated staff, to assist in evaluating your current building, programs, and services to find areas where a stronger commitment to environmentally sound, socially equitable, and economically feasible practices can be made.

Enrollment in the Certification Program provides you with exclusive resources, innovative ideas, and policy examples which have been compiled to help inspire and guide you through the process. The one-time fee paid for certification allows access to these resources for the duration of the certification process.

MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations to Joanna McCloskey, who has become the first school librarian to be certified through the Sustainable Libraries Initiative!

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MEMBER NEWS CONTINUED:

Saratoga Springs Public Library was one of the first public libraries to complete their Sustainable Libraries Certification. This bike fixing station is an example of how public libraries can provide services to their community that align with the Triple Bottom Line. Installation of this repair station encourages bike riding which promotes physical health, environmentally sound practices, and provides ongoing free maintenance to their community.