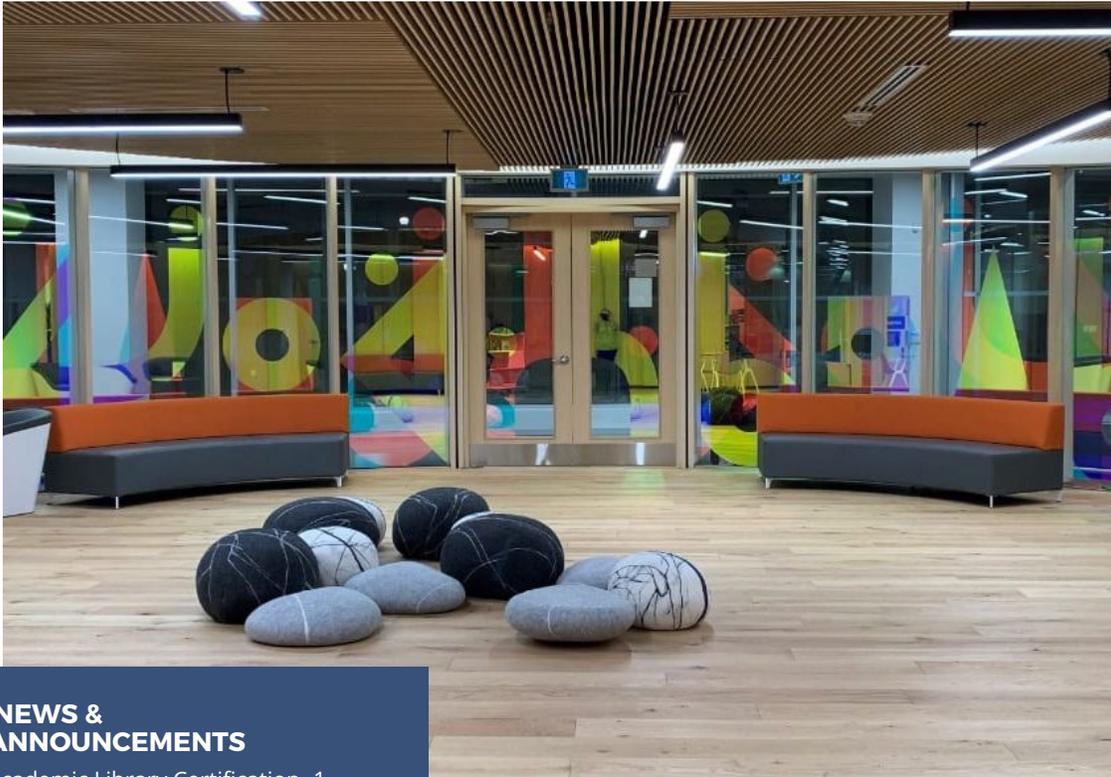




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# NEWSLETTER

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## IFLA GREEN LIBRARY AWARDS

This year's [IFLA Green Library award](#) winners were announced in August. This international award recognizes libraries whose buildings, programming, or information resources display a commitment to environmental sustainability. In 2019, the SLI was recognized with as one of five [Runners Up](#) for these awards and invited to present at the IFLA World Congress in Athens, Greece. [continued on page 2...](#)

## SLI PILOTS ACADEMIC LIBRARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Our Academic Library Certification Program is being piloted by [Michelle Young](#), Dean of Libraries at [Clarkson University](#) located in Potsdam, NY. We are actively working with Michelle to incorporate her feedback to make sure that this program is as rigorous and achievable as the Public and School Library Certification Programs. Stay tuned for more announcements as we prepare to fully launch the Academic Library Certification Program.



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## IFLA GREEN LIBRARY AWARDS, CONTINUED

The [IFLA Green Library](#) awards align strongly with the SLI's mission of providing libraries with the resources and a guided path to steer their actions in a more sustainable direction. Taking a look at what libraries around the world are being recognized for in terms of sustainability can help inform and inspire further action by our organization and our member libraries.

This year's "Green Library Award" was given to the [Stanley A. Milner Branch](#) of the [Edmonton Public Library](#). Seven out of the twenty-one branch libraries that are part of the Edmonton Public Library are housed in LEED Certified Buildings. The Stanley A. Milner building has a number of [environmentally sustainable features](#) including bicycle storage, electrical vehicle charging stations, and close proximity to public transit. They have cut their water usage by about 30% by installing low flow water fixtures and have cut 20% of their energy use through energy efficient design in their building remodel. As part of their construction project, they were able to repurpose 60% of their building structure and recycled 90% of the construction waste that was generated. Acknowledging that the library is located on Indigenous lands, the library responded to community feedback and created a space to connect with Indigenous teaching and languages, the [Thunderbird House](#).



Exterior of the renovated Stanley A Milner Library. Picture from [bdcnetwork.com](http://bdcnetwork.com)



Stanley A Milner Library's newly renovated interior. Front Page: The Stanley A Milner Library [Thunderbird House](#). Pictures from <https://epl.ca/milner-library>

The winner of the IFLA "Green Library Project" award was the "[Responsible Library as Promoter of Green Awareness](#)" project from the [Oulu City Library](#) in Oulu, Finland. Goals of this project included building awareness of environmental issues through programming, library communications and social media, trainings, events, and newsletters. This outreach was focused on both their local communities and their staff. Additionally, they worked to minimize the environmental impact of the library and to plan for action on sustainable development in the future. As part of this project the library worked to model a [Sustainable Library 2030 Roadmap](#) based on the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). The library staff, patrons, and environmental experts were consulted for input on what measures could be taken to create environmental awareness in their community, reduce their environmental impact, plan for sustainable construction, and involve their patrons and staff in creating a lasting conversation about the environmental, social, and cultural goals for their institution.

The objectives of this project may sound very familiar for anyone aware of the SLI. Where our program differs is the development of our [benchmarking certification program](#) that is flexible and implementable at libraries of all sizes and adaptable for the needs of our members' communities.

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OFFICE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

## VENDOR SPOTLIGHT: CCP SOLUTIONS

Last month we highlighted [PrintReleaf](#), a cloud platform that facilitates Global Reforestation to offset paper usage. This month, the [Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#) is featuring the vendor that provides this program to businesses, libraries, the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, and to the SLI. As a business, [CCP Solutions](#), a leader in providing innovative Office Technology Solutions, has demonstrated their commitment to the environment by offering the [PrintReleaf](#) platform to their customers at no additional charge. CCP Solutions Vice President, Wayne Piskin has long concerned himself with the environmental impact of his copy machines and printers and the paper that these systems consume. We recently asked Wayne to tell us more about his commitment to libraries and to the environment:

### **Tell us about your business' commitment to working with libraries:**

CCP Solutions has been the region's leading provider of the full range of innovative document solutions to libraries for 47 years. We have in our DNA a deep understanding of libraries' unique needs as they seek to expand their services and relevance to the general public while controlling costs. Our focus is to allow our clients to bring the latest copying, printing and scanning technology to their patrons while enhancing revenue and optimizing operations.

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## MEMBER NEWS

Our Certification Program Members have been building momentum over the last few months. We have seen interest from all around New York State and are hoping to continue to build on this. The SLI Coordinator, Annemarie Gordon, is available to meet with prospective member libraries either in person (for libraries on Long Island) or virtually to go over the Certification process, give an overview of the Benchmarks, and preview the website user interface. [Contact us](#) to schedule a meeting. This month we welcome [Sachem Public Library](#) as an SLCP Member. Our School Librarian Certification Program has seven new enrollees who will work towards certification throughout the school year: Debbie Armbruster, Aileen Basulijevic, Beth Davis, Beth Green, Ashley Grillo, Sheila McIntyre, and Paula Michalak. We also have three new Individual Members registered. We extend a welcome to all who have joined!



Sachem Public Library in Holbrook, NY

## CALL FOR ITEMS

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



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Wayne Siskin plants a tree outside of the CCP Solutions office

## IFLA GREEN LIBRARY AWARDS, CONTINUED

Instead of each library figuring out for themselves what actions should be taken to create a more sustainable organization and resilient community, the SLI has worked hard to think through what actions and changes would most impact libraries and the communities that they serve. With our certification program we have answered the question of what practical actions can be taken to make your library sustainable. In addition to guiding each of our member libraries on their path to sustainable decision making through the step by step action items, our certification program participants are matched with a peer mentor and have the opportunity to meet and network with other libraries who are on the same path as they work through the certification process.

## CCP SOLUTIONS, CONTINUED

**Please describe the importance of sustainability to your business:**

CCP Solutions is strongly committed to fighting global warming. We have known for quite some time that the levels of CO2 were increasing dramatically due in large part to massive deforestation occurring throughout the globe. Trees, the world's most amazing natural storehouses of carbon dioxide when destroyed, release carbon into the atmosphere. CCP Solutions as a major Kyocera copier and printer dealer to hundreds of businesses colleges and libraries throughout the Northeast realized we were contributing to the problem. We knew there had to be a way to reduce the massive environmental impact of paper being printed on our customer's machines. In 2014, after a great deal of research, we located a startup company called PrintReleaf that had just developed a unique cloud platform to automate global reforestation for paper-based products. They could accurately measure a company's paper consumption then make it actionable. Using PrintReleaf's custom web based dashboard interface customers were now able to actively participate in choosing where they wanted to reforest their consumption through a network of PrintReleaf Certified Global reforestation Projects. CCP Solutions is very proud to be a part of the Sustainable Libraries Initiative and to be able to provide PrintReleaf at no cost to any library that is on the way to becoming certified.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SLCP Online Meetup**

Thursday, October 7th, 11:00am EST

**School Librarian Certification Meetup**

Oct 12th, 3:30pm

**NYLA Annual Conference & Trade Show**

November 4-6, Syracuse, NY



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