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The New York Library Association Announces New Partnership with Sustainable Libraries Initiative

GUILDERLAND, NY - The New York Library Association (NYLA) is thrilled to announce a new partnership with the Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI), offering new resources and tools to all NYLA members. This relationship will allow NYLA members to join an international network of professionals in the field who are using tools created or compiled by SLI to uncover ways that their libraries and communities will understand, lessen, and adapt to the effects of climate change.

“The New York Library Association is beyond excited to formalize our partnership with the Sustainable Libraries Initiative,” **said AnnaLee Dragon, NYLA Executive Director**, “Sustainable thinking and action are vital to our membership, our profession, and our world. It is important for our association to stand in our values, we are proud that the SLI was started thanks to a group of NYLA members and is now partnering with us once again to ensure our members have access to these critical resources.”

By engaging in this partnership, NYLA members will have access to a plethora of tools, including a custom CO2 calculator, a vendor list to source more environmentally friendly products and services, library policy examples, a webinar archive, and the Road Map to Sustainability resource to help with planning. NYLA members will also receive a 20% discount if they choose to pursue the award-winning Sustainable Library Certification Program.

The New York Library Association will be the fourth statewide organization to engage with the SLI. Through this partnership, our members will be able to utilize the SLI resources to accelerate climate action in their communities and lead our profession in this crucial work. NYLA members will receive an email detailing how to engage in this new partnership, and NYLA is hosting an introductory webinar on the topic on Friday, October 6th at 10am.

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Sustainable Libraries Initiative

[The Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#) is a member-driven organization that empowers library professionals to be leaders in triple-bottom-line sustainability (environmental stewardship, social equity, and economic feasibility) both within their organizations and in their communities. The Sustainable Library Certification Program is now enrolling public and academic libraries nationwide, school librarians throughout New York State.

New York Library Association

Established in 1890, [NYLA](#) leads, educates, and advocates for the advancement of the New York library community.