

Membership Introduction:

Sustainable Libraries Initiative

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A new opportunity...

- Free Sustainable Libraries Initiative membership for all Members
- Discount on the Sustainable Library Certification Program



Sustainable Libraries Initiative

Launched in 2015 as a community of practice for library leaders interested in addressing issues related to **climate change, community resilience and securing a vital, vibrant, and visible place** in the community/on campuses/in schools for libraries.



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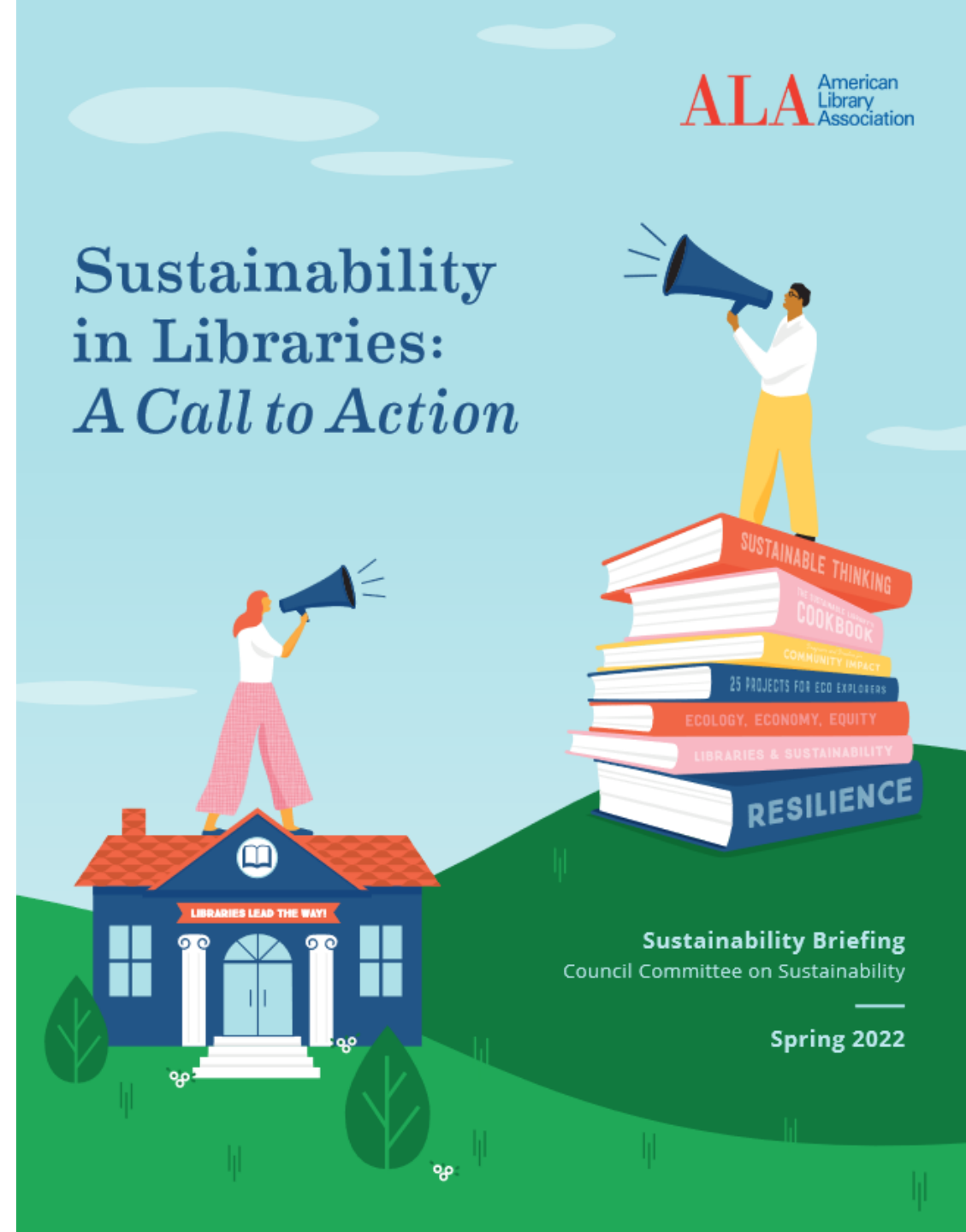


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The climate crisis will
profoundly affect the health
of every child alive today.

THE LANCET

“**Climate change** is the single greatest threat to global health, a “**code red for humanity**,” and is this generation’s **grandest challenge**.”



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Sustainability in Libraries: *A Call to Action*



Sustainability Briefing
Council Committee on Sustainability

Spring 2022

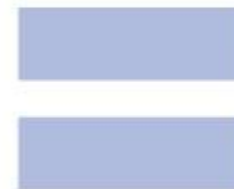
Sustainability = Core Value





**EVERY
JOB
IS A
CLIMATE
JOB**

**PROJECT
DRAWDOWN.**



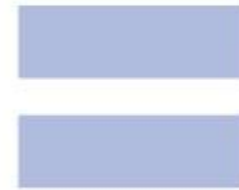
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→ Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions



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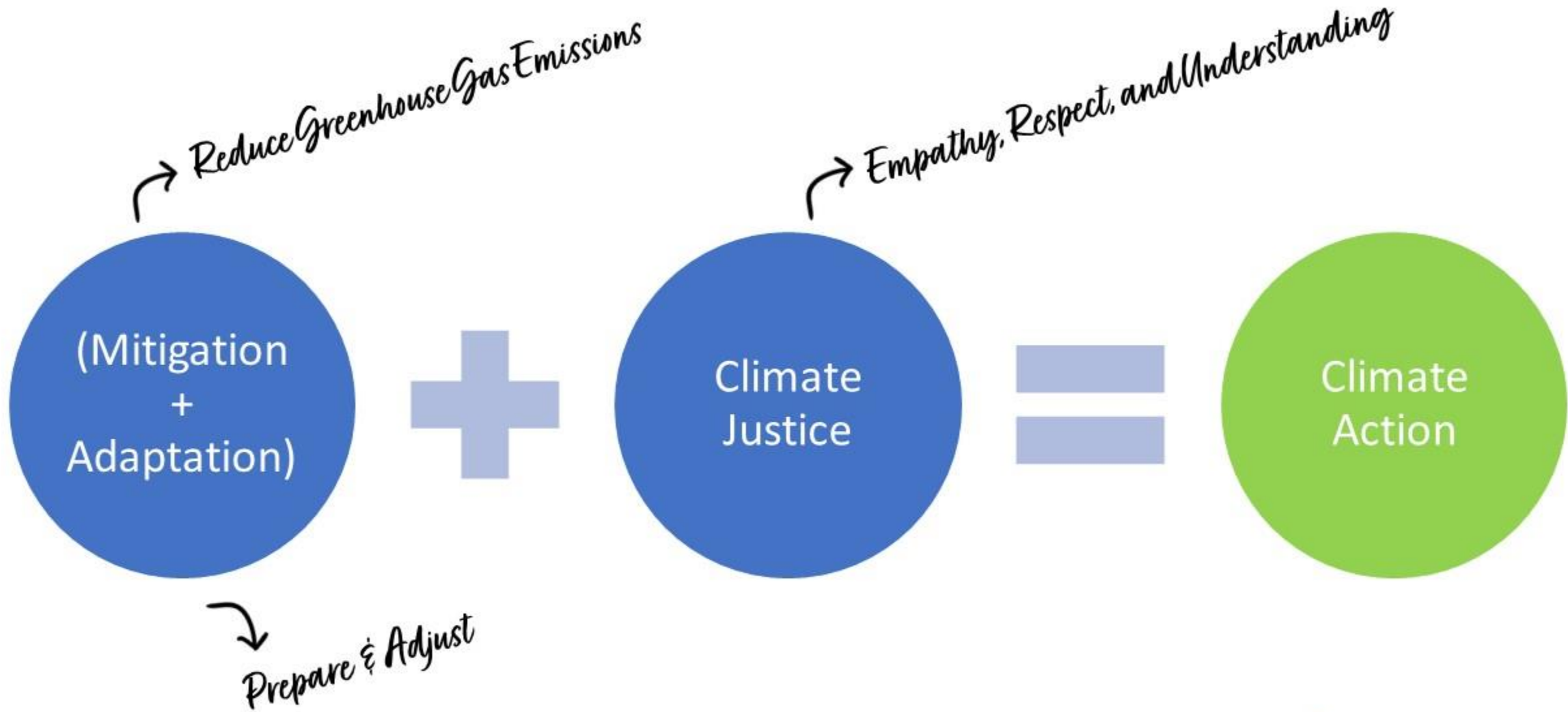
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↘ Prepare & Adjust



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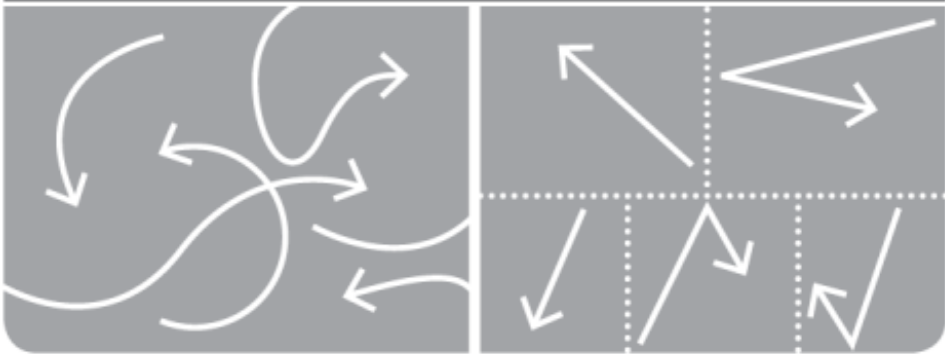
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CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES

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OLD / CURRENT BEHAVIOR



DISORDER & CONFUSION

ISOLATION

NEW BEHAVIOR



ALIGNMENT

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

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Sustainable Libraries

- ✓ **Strong & Authentic Institutions** that live their values out loud
- ✓ Catalyst for **Social Cohesion & Civic Participation** in Communities
- ✓ Working on **Climate Mitigation** (reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GhG))
- ✓ Active Participants in **Climate Adaptation** (strengthening community resilience)



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“You've got to think about **big things** while you're doing **small things**, so that all the small things **go in the right direction.**”

-Alvin Toffler , futurist



Triple Bottom Line Definition:

- Environmentally Sound
- Socially Equitable
- Economically Feasible

SUSTAINABLE LIBRARIES INITIATIVE



Getting Started:

- Definitions
- Examples
- Thought-provoking questions
- Checklists

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SLI Newsletter

The latest news and updates from
the Sustainable Libraries Initiative

CONGRATULATIONS!

Issue Contents:

- Congratulations Certified Libraries!
- Member News
- SLI Updates
- For your Calendar



South Country Public Library

Bellport, NY

&

Laura Silver

P.S. 90: The Magnet School of

Environmental Studies and

Community Wellness.

Brooklyn, NY



on becoming **certified sustainable!** We commemorate you for your

Monthly Newsletter

- News from Certified Members
- Webinars
- Program Ideas
- Grant Opportunities
- And more!

Free 1-Year SLI Membership



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Growing Community of Practice



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130+ libraries

across the U.S. and Canada

are enrolled in the

Sustainable Library Certification Program

(250 libraries in the membership)

Connect with Others

- Monthly Meet-up
- Listservs by Library Type
- Facebook Group
- Live Webinars Quarterly
- Conference Hangouts



Sustainable Libraries Initiative

Public group · 603 members



Team SLI at LLX in Baltimore (2024)

Crowdsourced Learning

- Access to the final presentations of certified libraries
- Sample policies
- Vendor list populated by libraries in the program
- Program Idea Bank
- Practical advice at monthly meet-ups
- Stories from the field in our monthly newsletter



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Program Idea Bank

Local Snacks, Global Issues

Ever heard that “April showers bring May flowers?” We’re prepping for May flowers during these April showers. Join us inside for a little while longer to enjoy some local snacks and global films to inspire and activate your year. Together we can change the world.

Audience: Adults

Program Type: Educational

[More Details](#)

Electric Bicycles: Find Your Fit

Come and learn from the experts about electric bicycles. Experts from our local bicycle shops will go over what types of electric bikes exist and the benefits and drawbacks of different modals. Let us help you determine what could be the right electric bike for your needs and wants.

Audience: Adults

Program Type: Educational

[More Details](#)

Now We're Walkin'! Staff Challenge

Longwood Public Library staff walking challenge to promote health and wellness amongst staff. Complete with 8 different walking activities for staff to engage in including incentives in the form of a raffle.

Audience: Adults

Program Type: Passive

[More Details](#)

Refill to reduce! How we can fight plastic pollution

Founder & owner of GoGo Refill, Maine's first zero-waste shop, shared information on the plastic pollution crisis, how it relates to the overall climate crisis and how we as individuals can make a difference.

Audience: Adults

Program Type: Educational

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Vendor List

CoLibri Cover System

CoLibri offers eco-friendly, non-toxic, and recyclable book covers made from ethanol, extracted from sugar cane.

[Learn More](#)

Big Green Box

Battery recycling

[Learn More](#)

Dirtt

Custom Prefab Interiors. Design and installation of a living plant wall.

[Learn More](#)

EcoChit

EcoChit receipts is free of all phenols, including BPA and BPS. Unlike traditional thermal paper that contains chemicals such as BPA and BPS, Ecochit's receipt paper is free from harmful chemicals and is 100% recyclable. The receipt paper comes from sustainably managed forests and is a universal size that fits all wireless payment terminals. Additionally, two trees planted for every case sold! Use Discount Code SLI10 at the checkout. For large volume orders or questions please contact Lauren Cousins directly at lcousins@ecochit.com.

[Eco-Chit Products](#)



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Live & On Demand Webinars

- Sustainability Challenge: Month by Month
- Climate Adaptation for Library Facilities
- Libraries for Health and Wellbeing: A Strategic Framework
- Repair Cafes
- Workplace Wellness
- Community Gardening at Your Library
- Measuring Sustainability in Libraries
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in a Sustainable Library



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Save with the SLI

EcoChit Receipt Paper

(BPA & BPS free)

10% off



Free registration for
four-week ALA eCourse on
Sustainability (\$79 value)

Next cohort: **July 2024**



20% Discount
for individual libraries

25% Discount
for cohorts from your state



Sustainable Library Certification Program



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Public & Academic Libraries

- Organizational Commitment
- Energy, Land, and Water Use
- Waste, Recycling & Purchasing
- Partnerships
- Community Involvement
- Social Equity
- Community Resiliency
- Financial Sustainability
- Collections

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School Librarians

- Partnerships & Community Involvement
- Leading Beyond the Library
- Social Equity & Resiliency
- Standards & Curriculum
- Collections



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CO₂ Calculator

CO2 Emissions Calculator

Input Your Use	Emission Type	CO2 Emissions
Electricity		
<input type="text" value="0"/> KWh	Electricity	0.000 metric tons
Building Fuel		
<input type="text" value="0"/> Gallons	Fuel Oil	0.000 metric tons
<input type="text" value="0"/> Therms	Natural Gas	0.000 metric tons
<input type="text" value="0"/> Gallons	LP Gas	0.000 metric tons
Fleet Fuel		
<input type="text" value="0"/> Gallons	Gasoline	0.000 metric tons
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Business Travel		
<input type="text" value="0"/> Miles	Vehicle	0.000 metric tons
<input type="text" value="0"/> Miles	Bus	0.000 metric tons
<input type="text" value="0"/> Miles	Train	0.000 metric tons
<input type="text" value="0"/> Miles	Air	0.000 metric tons
Commuter Travel		
<input type="text" value="0"/> Miles	Vehicle	0.000 metric tons



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Map of the U.N. SDG's to the SLCP's Action Items

Want to learn more about the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals?

[Click here to visit the U.N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs webpage](#)



Below is a list of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) developed by the United Nations. The SDGs represent a shared blueprint and an urgent call to action for a global partnership to create peace and prosperity for people of all countries and for the planet, now and into the future. To the right of the Sustainable Development Goals are three lists which map out exactly how the SDGs were thoughtfully woven into each section of the Action Item form of the Sustainable Library Certification Program.

Sustainable Development Goals
1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health & Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality

SLI Public Library Category	SDG
A. Getting Started	5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16
B. Outdoor Spaces	6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15
C. Indoor Spaces	6, 9, 14, 15
D. Transportation	11
E. Energy	7, 9
F. Water	6
G. Materials	2, 12, 13, 14, 15
H. Collective Impact	3, 4, 10, 16, 17
I. Social Cohesion	2, 3, 4, 10, 16, 17
J. Resilience Planning	8, 13
K. Financial Sustainability	1, 8
L. Collections	10, 12

SLI School Librarian Category	SDG
A. Partnerships & Community Involvement	2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 16, 17
B. Leading Beyond the Library	3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 16, 17
C. Social Equity & Resiliency	3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 16, 17

In-Depth Webinar on the SLCP

Thursday, March 7th at 9:00am CST / 10:00am EST

Register online at <https://www.sustainablelibrariesinitiative.org>

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FREE FOR LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS (IA, MA, NJ, NY)

- Curated Resources
- Access to On Demand Training
- CO₂ Calculator
- Vendor and Program Ideas
- American Library Association - SLI eCourse

Sustainable Library Certification Program

- Online Dashboard to Track Action Items
- Example policies, program ideas, and more
- Assigned Mentor
- Meet Ups with Others in the Program

To access your free membership:

1. Go to the SLI web site: <https://www.sustainablelibrariesinitiative.org/>
2. Click on “Participate” → “SLI Membership”
3. Choose the membership type and fill out the membership form.
4. When you get to “How did you hear about us?” select “Other” and enter that you are a member of a participating library association in the Notes Field to waive the membership fee.

To access the discounts on the Certification Program email: sliadmin@suffolknet.org for information and details.



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