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MAGNIFICENT SEVEN - NY LIBRARIES EMBRACE SUSTAINABILITY

(ALBANY, NY) – The New York Library Association’s Sustainability Initiative has chosen seven libraries to take part in its first cohort of Community Change Agents. Participating libraries will collaborate with local stakeholders to create economically sound, socially just, and environmentally responsible communities. The selected libraries and their community partners will identify and address a community challenge during the course of the program.

“We’re making an investment in New York libraries that will help to demonstrate a library’s capacity to serve as conveners and leaders within the community,” said Jeremy Johannesen, Executive Director of the New York Library Association. “This program will provide the building blocks for public libraries to contribute to the sustainability of their communities.”

The seven libraries participating are:

- Ahira Hall Public Library (Brocton, NY)
- Cambridge Public Library (Cambridge, NY)
- Comsewogue Public Library (Port Jefferson Station, NY)
- Dunkirk Public Library (Dunkirk, NY)
- Mechanicville District Public Library (Mechanicville, NY)
- Rochester Public Library (Rochester, NY)
- South Huntington Public Library (Huntington Station, NY)

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About NYLA:

The New York Library Association (NYLA) is the voice of the library community in New York. NYLA is the oldest state library association in the country and represents school, college, special and public libraries, library staff, trustees, and students from around the state.

NYLA is the only statewide organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of all libraries and library staff in Albany and serves as the spokesperson on library matters to the media and public policymakers.

For more information about its Sustainability Initiative or the Community Change Agents program, contact Rebekkah Smith Aldrich or e-mail nyla-si@nyla.org.

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