Libraries

A Powerful Platform for Change

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May you live in interesting times.
“Assessing & Managing Risks”

Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability,
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, United Nations
Core Values

✓ Access ✓ Intellectual Freedom
✓ Confidentiality/Privacy ✓ Preservation
✓ Democracy ✓ The Public Good
✓ Diversity ✓ Professionalism
✓ Education and ✓ Service
  Lifelong Learning ✓ Social Responsibility

Core Values of Librarianship, American Library Association

- Libraries ARE Education
- Libraries ARE for Everyone
- Libraries ARE Empowerment Engines
Empower
Engage
Energize

We love local
“Social equity and community contribute to resilience.”

The Resilient Design Principles, ResilientDesign.org

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**Strategy: Defined**

Create a **sustainable competitive advantage**... by “**deliberately choosing a different set of activities to deliver unique value.**”

-Michael Porter, Competitive Strategy
Triple Bottom Line

- Environmentally Sound
- Socially Equitable
- Economically Feasible

Sustainable Libraries

Sustainable Communities

Sustainable Thinking

NYLA Sustainability Initiative
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
Resolutions on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
The Voice of the Library Community

ALA American Library Association
Catalyst & Convener

756

Public Library Locations
31,000
New Yorkers are employed by libraries

10.6 million
New Yorkers are library cardholders
Hendrick Hudson Library goes green

MONTROSE - The Hendrick Hudson Free Library in Montrose was recently honored by The New York State Regents Advisory Council with the 2016 Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award. Given annually, the award recognizes the achievements of small, medium and large libraries in New York State that have taken significant steps within the past two years to improve the quality of library service to the community they serve. The library received this honor for being the first library in Westchester County to achieve their official Green Business Certification.

The library has taken the following steps to achieving a green status: using LED lights in the entire building, including the parking lot, using compost for staff waste and working on installing 275 solar panels on the building for the new construction and addition to the children’s room which will open in the spring.
A Day of Service at Suffolk Libraries

The Great Give Back

Bayport-Blue Point Public Library

The Great Give Back at Bayport-Blue Point Public Library: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
The mission of The Great Give Back is to provide a day of opportunities for patrons of Suffolk County to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. We here have decided to help our local church, Our Lady of the Snow with wash kits. You will help make soap and put together wash kits for the church to handout. An hour and a half of community service will be given out. Please bring a non-perishable food item to this program. Please register for this event, BP91643

Cold Spring Harbor Library

Drop-in Crafts: 10:30 am – 12:30 PM
For children of all ages and their families. Drop in to paint housewarming gifts for Habitat for Humanity home recipients or picture frames for Little Shelter new pet owners. Teens may earn community service credit.

Kindness Rocks: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Help us spread kindness throughout our community by painting kindness rocks- symbols of peace and harmony that will be spread throughout the town. Teens may earn community service credit.

Hack the World

Repair Café

Bring your beloved but broken item to Gardiner Library and together, with a volunteer Repair Coach, fix it... for FREE!

Tech Take Apart Day

Lindenhurst Memorial Library, Lindenhurst, NY

Project Code Spring

Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison, NY
Unexpected Things

Want to make the world suck less?
We're going to library science the shit out of this.
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Learn more

http://www.nyla.org/sustainability
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