



**Sustainable
Libraries
Initiative**

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Mendon Public Library (MPL) Seeks Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI) Certification

At the October 6th MPL Board of Trustees meeting, a new library Sustainability Policy was approved. The policy states that “Public libraries play a central role as both leader and educator in the community. The Mendon Public Library wants to use this power to lead by example and spark community conversations about resiliency and sustainability.”

As such, the library has started the process to become certified through the Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI). The Mendon Public Library will work towards becoming more environmentally sound, socially equitable and economically feasible. These three pillars make up the “Triple Bottom Line,” that encompasses the Sustainable Libraries Initiative.

The Sustainability Policy also states, “The Library Board of Trustees, Director, and staff are committed to reducing our environmental footprint and promoting environmental stewardship at all levels of the organization. We support sustainable principles that ensure a resilient, sustainable community and library for all residents. We strive for economic efficiency, to conserve energy, support renewable energy resources, minimize pollution and waste, protect our habitat and buy environmentally friendly products.”

Over the coming weeks and months, library leadership and staff will work towards achieving SLI Certification. To follow our progress or learn more about the program, look for updates and messaging with the Sustainable Libraries Initiative logo (above). This effort will involve completing a variety of tasks broken out into 13 categories. At present, the Mendon Public Library has completed 17% of the work needed to receive SLI certification.