

# Sustainable Libraries Initiative Certification

- Showcasing Our Commitment to Triple Bottom Line Sustainability



**Sustainable**  
**Libraries**  
**Initiative**



JOHN  
JERMAIN  
MEMORIAL  
LIBRARY

# Who Are We?

The John Jermain Library, a significant part of the Sag Harbor Historic District since 1973, was commissioned in 1910 by Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage as a tribute to her grandfather, Major John Jermain, and gifted to the community of Sag Harbor.

The library expanded its footprint in 2016 with a bright, accessible addition that doubled its original size. The library offers an array of resources including books, e-books, audiobooks, media, local history materials, museum passes, WiFi, and public computers. It also hosts diverse cultural programs such as story times, art exhibits, language classes, book clubs, movies, and concerts.

Serving an area that aligns with the Sag Harbor Union Free School District, and encompassing the incorporated villages of Sag Harbor and North Haven, Noyac, and the Mount Misery, Eastville, and Baypoint neighborhoods, the John Jermain Library plays a vital role as a key stakeholder in the Main Street business district and is a founding member of the Sag Harbor Cultural District.



# Certification Overview

- The library's work toward Sustainable Libraries Initiative Certification has driven meaningful change across operations, programming, and community engagement, aligning with the Triple Bottom Line of environmental, social, and fiscal sustainability.



# Policies and Future Plans

- Adaptability and sustainability are concepts that JJML takes very seriously. Because of that, the library's [Sustainability Policy](#) and its [25-27 Strategic Plan](#) reflect the understanding that sustainability is a lifelong commitment and the library is willing to learn and grow as we become better at taking care of our environment and communities.



# Waste and Energy Audits

- A full-scale waste audit identified areas to reduce landfill output and improve recycling. An energy audit conducted with PSEG provided a structured plan to improve building efficiency and reduce energy consumption.



# Building and Systems Improvements

- The library installed energy-efficient appliances (HVAC), upgraded lighting, and added pipe insulation to reduce heat loss. Low-flow fixtures were implemented to conserve water, and indoor plants were added to enhance air quality and ambiance.



# Community-Focused Programs

- A plastic bag recycling program was introduced for both patrons and staff.
- JJML partners with the local food pantry.
- The Library also has a community herb garden.
- To promote free access to books for children ranging from birth to 5 years old, The John Jermain Memorial Library was also part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.
- Programs were expanded to include themes on environmental education, charity, sustainable living, and local conservation efforts. Truly focusing on the fact that we are all in this together.



# For The Sag Harbor Community Food Pantry

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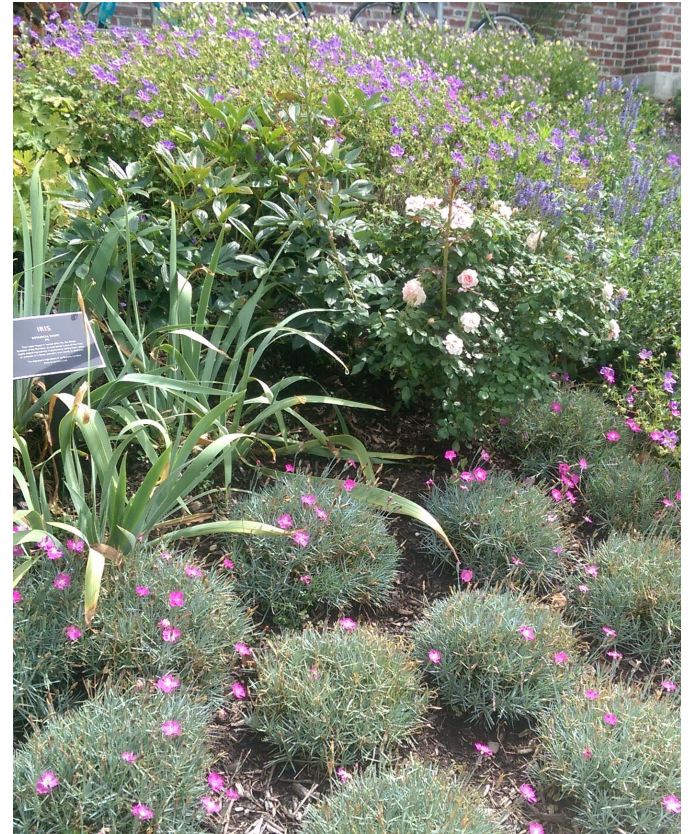
**ALL SUMMER**  
**Drop off items at**  
**JOHN JERMAIN**  
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- ☐ CAKE MIXES \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ CANNED TUNA \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ CEREALS \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ DIAPERS - ALL SIZES \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ DRIED FRUITS \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ JELLO (VERY POPULAR) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ JUICE (IN BOTTLES/SHELF STABLE) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ KETCHUP \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ MAYONNAISE \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ MUSTARD \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ PANCAKE MIXES & SYRUP \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS (NO TOOTHPASTE)
- ☐ SHAVING CREAM & RAZORS \_\_\_\_\_



# Landscaping and Exterior Enhancements

- Landscaping was designed using native plants requiring minimal watering and maintenance, contributing to ecological health and reducing long-term upkeep.



# Staff Development and Culture

- Staff were trained on sustainable practices and inclusive service models, promoting a culture of innovation, accountability, and shared commitment to long-term sustainability.



# Looking Ahead

- The library will continue monitoring sustainability outcomes, cultivating community partnerships, applying for funding opportunities, and embedding sustainability goals into its strategic plan.

