

Gather, Educate, Prepare: Libraries as Champions to Build Informed and Climate-Resilient Communities (ALA Virtual Poster, June 2020)

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Readings

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Forthcoming: *Sustainability in Libraries*, edited by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Monika Antonelli, Adrian K. Ho, and René Tanner, will be published by ALA Editions in 2021. See call for submissions here: <http://sustainablelibraries.org/call-for-submissions-sustainability-in-libraries/>

Resources

American Library Association's Sustainability Round Table

<http://www.ala.org/rt/sustainrt/>

SustainRT serves as a venue for ALA members to exchange ideas and opportunities regarding sustainability in order to move toward a more equitable, healthy, and economically viable society.

Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change

<http://www.ala.org/tools/programming/climatechange>

As an ALA initiative, the Resilient Communities project will fund the creation of free programming resources to help libraries engage their communities in programs and conversations that address the climate crisis.

American Library Association's Programming Librarian

<https://programminglibrarian.org/>

Run by ALA's Public Programs Office, Programming Librarian provides the space for library professionals to connect, share, and learn in order to present public programming that helps libraries assume the role as centers of cultural and civic life.

New York Library Association's Sustainability Initiative

<https://bit.ly/3cFn0xC>

The Sustainability Initiative guides the development of the Sustainable Library Certification Program in developing leadership and tools to mobilize libraries to think and act sustainably.

Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (CREW)

<https://www.climatecrew.org/>

CREW is a network of local leaders building grassroots climate resilience through inclusive and hands-on education, service, and planning in hopes of equipping communities with resources and capacity to prepare for and respond to climate changes.

Examples of Libraries Engaging Their Communities in Sustainability and Resilience

Arizona State University: Seed Library

<https://libguides.asu.edu/seedlibrary>

Berkeley Public Library: Tool Lending Library

<https://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/locations/tool-lending-library>

New York Reads: Drawdown

<https://www.nyla.org/drawdown>

Northwest Regional Library (Santa Rosa, CA): Planet People Project

http://www.sonomawest.com/the_healdsburg_tribune/news/planet-people-project-series-at-northwest-santa-rosa-library/article_08e92772-2410-11e9-b3b9-c3e52bddc3d6.html

Ohio University Libraries in collaboration with campus units and a local cinema: Sustainability Film Series

<https://www.ohio.edu/library/about/news-events/2019-sustainability-film>

Oregon State University Libraries and Press: Compost Collection Program

<https://doi.org/10.1108/LM-04-2016-0026>

Rochester Public Library (MN): "Plant a Seed" Initiative

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/01/20/volunteers-package-thousands-seeds-new-seed-library-rochester>

University of Massachusetts Amherst Libraries: Talking Truth: Finding Your Voice Around the Climate Crisis

<https://programminglibrarian.org/programs/talking-truth-finding-your-voice-around-climate-crisis>

University of Scranton and Scranton Public Library: Six-week summer education program

<https://digitalcommons.du.edu/collaborativelibrarianship/vol5/iss2/3/>

Washington County Library (Woodbury, MN): Fix-It Clinic

<https://washcolib.org/468/Fix-It-Clinic>