Youth Services Sustainability: Growing Our Own

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LIBRARIES HAVE A PROBLEM.
If libraries have a PR problem…
...then Youth Service Librarians REALLY have a PR problem
Core Values

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

Core Values of Librarianship, American Library Association
NYLA Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller
Triple Bottom Line

- Environmentally Sound
- Socially Equitable
- Economically Feasible

Sustainable!
What is **Sustainable Thinking** and what does it look like in **Youth Services**?
Sustainable Libraries

Sustainable Communities

Sustainable Thinking
“As we grapple with the many questions and issues involved and respond with both tactics and strategies, we give children the gift of seeing the extended, collaborative work needed to address significant problems. And we can invite them to grapple along with us.”

“Kids, the Ultimate Stakeholders,” -Rebecca Miller, School Library Journal Editorial, 10.23.17
Sustainable thinking aligns a library’s core values and resources with the local and global community’s right to endure, bounce back from disruption and to thrive by bringing new and energetic life to fruition through choices made in all areas of library operations and outreach.
Sustainable Library Certification Program
So... what does this look like?
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. BPY643

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

NYLA SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE
What does a sustainable youth services department look like?
GET CONNECTED MEMPHIS
A FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT SHOWCASING COMMUNITY SERVICES AND MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDERS
COME FIND OUT HOW LINC/2.11 AND JOBLINC HELP YOU CONNECT, LEARN, & GROW @ YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY!

SATURDAY AUGUST 22
10am to 2pm
Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library
Meeting Rooms And Parking Lot
3030 Poplar Avenue
For more information, visit LINC @ (901) 415-2700
or visit us online @ www.memphispbl.org
This event may be recorded or photographed for use by the Memphis Public Library & Information Center for media, social media, televised, and/or print purposes.

Mobile Units with Information on Area Programs & Services, Food Trucks, Fun Activities and more!

RED HOOK TEEN LEADERS COUNCIL
A Joint Initiative of Red Hook Public Library
& Red Hook Community Center

Next Meetings:
September 13th & 27th
6:30-6:30 PM
At Red Hook Community Center

• Share Ideas
• Create Resources
• Pioneer Programs
• Plan Local Events
• Bring People Together

An excellent source of community service hours, friends, pizza and dancing. To apply, inquire at the Red Hook Public Library or by visiting redhooklibrary.org

Suggest New Ideas!

What are you passionate about?

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Celebrate three years of the City of Simi Valley operating your public library by helping us shape its future.

Tell us what you think about the programs, the collections, and the library in general.
Consider new models, new services, and potentially new ways for the Library to serve your needs.
Attend one interactive “Community Conversations” in the Library’s Community Room.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Or Monday, October 17, 2016
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All ages are welcomed.
The City of Simi Valley needs your help in giving this community the library it wants, needs and deserves.

NYLA SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE
**Eco-Literacy**

**Sustainability Rainbow:**

**Central Themes of Sustainability**

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<th>Sustainability Theme</th>
<th>Picking an Apple: Considerations Through a Sustainability Lens</th>
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<td><strong>Interconnectedness:</strong> Natural and built world</td>
<td>Who planted the apple tree? What resources did the tree need to grow? Who picked the apple?</td>
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<td><strong>Systems Thinking:</strong> Big picture, change over time, cause and effect</td>
<td>Where did the pesticides come from? Did contaminated runoff enter the water system? Did it reach the ocean? The fish we eat?</td>
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<td><strong>Global Citizenship:</strong> Students change agents, compassionate living</td>
<td>Where did the apple come from? What is the soil like there? Is there anything I can do to improve the system?</td>
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<td><strong>Cycles:</strong> Climate and seasons, water cycles, health and nutrition, biodiversity</td>
<td>How does the water run through the orchard? Where do the nutrients in the soils come from? Which insects help pollinate the apples?</td>
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<td><strong>Importance of Place:</strong> Community identity, natural history, human history</td>
<td>When are apples ready to be picked in my area? Does the farmer support local businesses for supplies and services? Who owns the orchard?</td>
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<td><strong>Respect for Limits:</strong> Conservation, balance of systems, finite natural resources</td>
<td>How much natural forest or prairie land was used to develop the orchard? How much petroleum was used to transport the apple?</td>
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<td><strong>Social Justice:</strong> Equity, meeting the needs of all people</td>
<td>How are workers protected from pesticides and other poisons? Do they earn a living wage? Is gender equity honored?</td>
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http://celfeducation.org
Earth Day Every Day

Wednesday
April 23rd
7:00 pm
Main Library Auditorium

Township Sustainability Officer Gray Russell will offer an overview of the many steps Montclair has taken over the past decade to go green, save money, protect public health and wellness, and preserve our local quality of life. In addition, updates on current environmental and sustainability programs and projects will be provided.

Q&A and an open public discussion will follow the presentation.

A Sustainable Lifestyle
Simple Ideas for a Healthy Planet and a Healthy You

Tuesday November 1st – 7:00pm
Christa McAuliffe Branch Library,
746 Water St. – Community Room

Claudia Gustafson is a Social Communicator, a Photographer and the owner of The Hoppy Bee Blog, a blog about environmental issues and green living. In this presentation, she will be sharing with you the practical ideas that her family has implemented in the last year to live in a more sustainable way, with care and respect for our planet and how her life has been enriched as a result.

Claudia will talk about composting, reducing plastics, consumerism and more. She hopes to inspire you to live a life that aligns with everything that surrounds us. Come learn about all the ways that you can lessen your impact on the environment, save money and live healthier.

Her talk will be followed by Q&A and light refreshments. Claudia lives in Framingham with her husband, son and cat Luna.

This program is a joint project of the Framingham Public Library and Transition Framingham.

Transition Framingham is a community based group dedicated to helping the town transition to a more resilient and sustainable future.
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEER GREEN READERS

Come and serve Norfolk’s future generation, as a volunteer reader during the annual Green Reader Program, beginning March 1 - March 31, 2014! Keep Norfolk Beautiful, Norfolk Public Schools, Norfolk Public Libraries, Recycling Perks and the Literacy Partnership Organization are excited to partner together this year to continue planting the seed for environmental stewardship in Norfolk’s elementary students!

For 13 years, the Green Reader program has served to help students develop a better understanding of the role they play in keeping the City of Norfolk clean and beautiful, while also guiding them toward environmental stewardship in their respective communities. The program’s educational activity of sharing sustainability-themed stories with elementary students supports the 2013-2014 Virginia SOL curriculum.

This year the Green Reader Program is proud to announce that it will be in all NPS Elementary Schools! As a result, the program needs over 500 volunteer readers! Each volunteer reader will share eco-friendly books with students in grades Pre-k - 3rd. The deadline to sign up is Monday, February 24, 2014. Volunteers are asked to allot a maximum of one hour for each reading time, and are encouraged to sign up for as many readings as desired.

Green Reader 2014 Book List
- Pre-K – Let’s Reduce Garbage
- Kindergarten – I Can Save the Earth
- 1st – It’s Earth Day
- 2nd – Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug
- 3rd – Michael Recycle and the Tree Top Cops

You may also check these books out from any Norfolk Public Library location!

Do you work for the City of Norfolk?
City of Norfolk staff who wish to volunteer, can use their Volunteer Leave by following these steps:

1. Complete a Leave Slip, write in the code VOL and use NPS as the reason.
2. Submit the completed Leave Slip to your supervisor. Please confirm approval for requested time.

Sign up as a volunteer Green Reader today!

How Can I Sign Up?
Online: www.Norfolk.gov | Email: knb@norfolk.gov | Phone: 757-441-1347
“Want to make the world suck less?”

DO SOMETHING .ORG

the PAWLING library
Come GROW With Us

Grinnell LIBRARY
What can we do for you today?

TEENS FOR JEANS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
help fight teen homelessness

March 1 – 31, 2016
Donate your gently used jeans at Grinnell Public Library District.
All jeans will then be given to The Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie

CLEAN YOUR CLOSET TO HELP A LOCAL TEEN

845-297-3428 grinnell-library.org
2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls NY
Follow That Book!

Catskill Public Library (NY)
Hack the World

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

Repair Café
Toss it? No way!

Project Code Spring
Desmond–Fish Library, Garrison, NY
Unexpected Things

Backpacks free with library card.

Let’s go bird watching.
Binoculars free with library card.

Hiking
Borrow a backpack and fill it with...
- Water Bottle (refillable)
- LifeStraw Water Filtration
- Compass
- Emergency Shelter Tent
- East Hudson/Northern New York Map
- Catskill Trails New York/New Jersey Map
- LED Flashlight
- Fire Starter
- Sunscreen & Insect Repellent Foil Packets

Camping
Coleman 8 Person Tent
- First Aid Case with Zipper
- Emergency Whistle
- Shock-Resistant Adjustable Trekking Pole and Hiking Staff Red, 43-Inch
- Snake bite kit
- 10x42 Lightweight Compact Binoculars
- Built-in closet with shelves and hanger bar to organize gear and clothes
- Up to 55% faster setup and 75% more water-resistant than a comparable standard Coleman tent
- Fast pitch system with pre-attached, color-coded poles and hub, easy setup in about 9 minutes
- WeatherTec system — patented welded floors and inverted seams help keep water out
- Tent is 13 ft. 6 in. X 9 ft. 6 ft. 4 inches — center height with a 2 x 2 ft. closet

Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, Cold Spring, NY
MHLS “Library of Things”

- Adult coloring kits
- **Air Quality Sensor**
- American Girl Dolls
- **Athletic Equipment**: Basketballs, Footballs, Soccer balls, Playground balls
- Audio recorders
- **Binoculars**
- Birding backpacks (with field guides, maps, and binoculars)
- Blood pressure cuff
- Board Games/Jigsaw Puzzles
- Cake Pans
- Chess & checker pieces
- Code-a-pillar
- Costumes
- DVD player
- eReaders: Pre-Loaded Nooks & Kindles
- **Fishing Rods/Poles**
- Garden Tools & Leaf Blowers
- GPS
- **Kill-A-Watt** energy detectors
- Laptops
- Magformers
- Ozobots
- Playaways
- Reader and a TV /VCR
- Roku
- **Seed Library**
- Sewing machine
- Tablets with educational games, books, & creative crafts for kids
- **Tennis Racket**
- Theater tickets (stage theater)
- Ukuleles
- US citizenship flash cards
- Video games
- Yoga mats
The Starling Helps Your Child Reach Their Full Potential in 3 Crucial Areas of Development.

**Engagement**
The Starling will help you have quality conversations with your child while giving you real-time feedback on how you’re doing.

**Reading**
A special reading function in the Starling System will help you to read properly to your child. (Yes, there IS a right and wrong way!)

**Motion**
How much movement is your child getting? How much sunlight? The Starling will give you lots of fun ideas on how to keep moving.
Seed Library

Tool Lending Shed, Community Garden & Library Park
Patterson Library, Patterson, NY
Get Out of Your Library

- Rotary
- Chamber of Commerce
- Parent-Teacher Organizations
- Farmers Market
- Community Day
- County Fair

- Emergency Preparedness Committees
- Child Care Council
- Day of Service
- Community Clean Up
- Kiwanis
- Lions Club
What about growing our own?
HELLO
my name is
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Thank You

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