

Sustainability @ Smathers

UF Libraries Green Team Newsletter
Working Toward a Greener Future



Staff Bike

The Libraries now have a staff bike! It is currently housed in Marston Science Library and available for checkout through Pat Haskins.

We encourage everyone to use the bike and plan to rotate it through the branches to determine areas of highest use.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding use of the staff bike, email the Libraries Green Team at

LibGreenTeam@uflib.ufl.edu

Gator CSA

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) has become a popular way for consumers to buy local, seasonal food directly from a farmer.

Here are the basics: a farmer offers a certain number of "shares" to the public. Typically the share consists of a box of vegetables, but other farm products may be included. Interested consumers purchase a share (aka a "membership" or a "subscription") and in return receive a box (bag, basket) of seasonal produce each week throughout the farming season. Now you can purchase your produce directly from one of four farmers through the Gator CSA program.

For information about these farmers, the program, or the pickup locations visit the [Gator CSA](#) page.



Tools for Schools Library Donation

Tools for Schools Drive

The Libraries [Tools for Schools Drive](#) was a great success again this year thanks to everyone's generous donations! We were able to deliver half of a van full of both new and reused supplies to very appreciative teachers in our community.

Greening Library Events

The Smathers Libraries events have gone green! Thanks to the Dean's support, the Libraries Green Team and the Employee Recognition Committee are happy to bring you 'green events'. We are now using biodegradable and compostable plates, cups and utensils!

The Libraries Green Team organized a campus wide green team meeting to discuss the use of green tableware at events across campus.

As a result, we are coordinating the partnering with other colleges and departments in placing the University's second green tableware group order!

If your department is interested in placing an order of green tableware for departmental functions (through <http://www.greensafestore.com/>) please let us know by emailing LibGreenTeam@uflib.ufl.edu.

One Less Car Day

The Fourth Annual [One Less Car Day](#) is coming up on October 26th! UF's One Less Car initiative asks that students, staff and faculty pledge to commute to school or work that day by an alternative means of transportation.

It also goes beyond that by asking that everyone pledge to commute by alternative transportation as often as possible. You can walk, bike, take a bus, or carpool; it all helps our environment! You can sign up [here](#). The first 800 people to register get a free t-shirt.

Strike Out Hunger Food Drive

This year the Smathers Libraries will be participating in the third annual county-wide Strike Out Hunger Food Drive. Organized by the Libraries Green Team we hope to give back to our community as we did with the Tools for Schools Drive.

The drive takes place the week of November 3rd. Keep your eyes out for the collection boxes and help the food pantries in town fill their shelves before the holiday season!

UF Campaign for Charities

The Libraries are once again participating in this year's Campaign for Charities. You can get involved by making a pledge to a charity, donating something to the silent auction, bidding at the silent auction, or having your lunch at the potluck. Every little bit helps our community! The Silent Auction and Potluck will take place October 19-20. You can sign up to bring something to the potluck [here](#).

Information on how to pledge and a list of charities participating in this year's campaign is available at www.ufcc.ufl.edu. The campaign runs October 3rd-21st.



Sustainability in the Stacks

The green workplace : sustainable strategies that benefit employees, the environment, and the bottom line

By: Leigh Stringer
Library West
HD30.255 .S77 2009

Inside the bottle : exposing of the bottled water industry

By: Tony Clarke
Science Library
HD9349 .M542 C53 2007

Practical green remodeling : down-to-earth solutions for everyday homes

By: Barry Katz
Architecture and Fine Arts
TH4816 .K38 2010

Bottled lightning : super-batteries, electric cars, and the new lithium economy

By: Seth Fletcher
Science Library
TK2945 .L58 F58 2011

EBooks

Teaching environmental literacy – Across campus and across the curriculum (2010)

Edited By: Heather L. Reynolds, et al.

Upcoming Events

- **NEXT WEEK**—September 20th—8-9am Campus Green Caffeine networking session—Pugh Hall Chomp and Go—Bring your own mug and get free coffee while you network with Green Team members from across campus
- October 19th-20th—Libraries Silent Auction and Potluck to benefit the Campaign for Charities
- October 23rd—**Gainesville Solar Tour**—11am Kick Off in the Bo Diddley Community Plaza, Tour Site Open House from 1-4pm
- October 26th—**One Less Car Day**—11am-1pm Celebration on the Reitz Union Lawn
- November 3rd—Strike Out Hunger Food Drive
- November 15th—Coach Luma of *Outcasts United* (UF Common Reading Program) will speak at 7pm in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom

TerraCycle Brigades

TerraCycle up-cycles and recycles traditionally non-recyclable waste (including drink pouches, chip bags, tooth brushes and many more) into a large variety of consumer products. These products keep waste out of our landfills and contribute to a cleaner world. UF has started participating in a number of TerraCycle brigades across campus. These include collections for the following items:

- [Personal Care and Beauty Products](#)
- [Cheese](#) and [Cookie](#) Packaging
- [Tortilla and Tostada Bags](#)
- [Bear naked Bags and Wrappers](#)
- [Energy Bar Wrappers](#)
- [Candy Wrappers](#)
- [Lunch Kits](#)
- [Drink Pouches](#)
- [Kashi® Product Packaging](#)
- [Cork Brigade®](#)

Links to details on each of these brigades can be found at <http://sustainable.ufl.edu/terracycle/>.

Current collection sites include:

- [POD Market in the Reitz Union](#)
- [Beaty Market](#)
- [Little Hall Express](#)
- [Graham Oasis](#)
- 325 [Tigert Hall](#) Hallway

Library West will be added as one of the collection sites in the near future!

Check out [TerraCycle's Website](#) to see the hundreds of up-cycled products they make and retail at a wide range of major retailers.

Turcotte and Stoyan-Rosenzweig new Prairie Project Fellows

Flo Turcotte and Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig were chosen as Sustainability Fellows for the UF 2011-2012 Prairie Project. This selection was based on their expressed interest in and commitment to enhancing sustainability-focused and sustainability-related curriculum content in the Libraries and throughout the university.

Flo is working with faculty member Steven Noll of the History Department to develop a curriculum for his Florida Environmental History class. The Prairie Project Workshop engages her in understanding concepts and developing strategies appropriate to course and curricula design for enhancing sustainability in the curriculum. Part of the purpose is that lessons learned and new friendships formed in the Prairie Project workshop, as well as becoming a part of the success of the established Sustainability Fellow

community will be the foundation for continued interdisciplinary collaboration over the 2011-12 academic year (and beyond).

Nina participated in the Prairie Project because of her interest in promoting sustainability curriculum in the Libraries and College of Medicine, where she teaches courses for medical students on Health and the Environment. She is interested in further developing coursework on environmental and health related history and particularly classes related to the global food system. She is also the advisor for the newly created medical student Sustainability Interest Group and worked with them to establish a new pick up site for the Gator CSA program. More information on the Prairie Project can be found [here](#).

Gator Dining Going Styrofoam Free



Gator Dining Services is going green once again! From removing Styrofoam from ALL locations on campus, to launching new farmers in our farm to school program and introducing a completely green catering menu. Styrofoam products from all national brands are being replaced with paper alternatives this fall. Gator Dining is adding three new farmers to our farm to school program. Deep Creek Berry Farm in Interlachen, Family Garden Organic Farm in Bell, and Crawford's Organic Farm in Lake Butler will all be supplying Gator Dining with fresh local, organically grown produce when available.

Classic Fare Catering is launching their Natural Selections Catering menu that features locally grown and produced menu selections, organic, and fair trade options. Classic Fare will also be offering options for recycling, composting, and up-cycling at events.

For more information go to www.gatordining.com/sustainability.

Gainesville Solar Tour 2011

Gainesville, Florida, October 23, 2011—The University of Florida Chapter of the American Solar Energy Society will host the Gainesville Solar Tour alongside the nonprofit American Solar Energy Society (ASES) to bring together more than 5,000 homes, schools and businesses—across the U.S. and locally around Gainesville, to introduce neighbors and students to the solar and energy efficiency technologies that are being employed in Gainesville to drastically reduce monthly energy bills, decrease harmful carbon emissions, and eliminate dependence on fossil fuels. Discover the latest real-world insight on how neighbors can use solar energy and energy efficiency and become more energy independent.

On Sunday October 23rd at 11:00am, the UF American Solar Energy Society (UFASES) in cooperation with the Heart of Florida USGBC and local contractors invite you to the Bo Diddley Community Plaza for the Solar Tour Kick-Off event.

Solar Tour maps with directions to the tour sites will be available for all attendants to pick up at the Kick-Off. Make sure to pick up your tour maps before 12:30pm. Tours of homes start at 1:00pm.

Selected tour sites: **Crazy Woman Farm - House**; **INDIGOGreen - Store**; **KJ Energy Systems - Siembra Farms CSA**; **PPM - Chestnut Farms**; **Solar Impact - Robinson Residence**.

Greening Collection Development

Connell, V. (2010). Greening the library: Collection development decisions. *Endnotes: The Journal of the New Members Round Table*, 1,(1), 2-15.

There has been much written about sustainability of the collection with regard to increased prices, user need, and format stability. This article adds to this list of concerns the environmental impact of the different resources libraries choose. Three facets of collection development are considered: "Selection of materials whose content informs and assesses green practices; de-selection processes that emphasize reusing and recycling materials; and selection of a material format, specifically print or electronic, that honors the green dictum to reduce that carbon footprint an institution makes." The latter of these three is the focus of this article which asserts that books are ultimately more earth friendly.

Other Green Team Projects include:

- Adding duplex printing/copying signs by public printers
- Placing can and bottle recycling in public areas in the libraries
- Campaigning for the use of interoffice envelopes
- Creating staff lounge recycling guides

If you have any questions, ideas, or are interested in joining the Libraries Green Team, contact us at

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We would love to hear from you!



Photos taken of the Gainesville area by Marijka Willis.