

Sustainability @ Smathers

UF Libraries Green Team Newsletter
Working Toward a Greener Future



Staff Bike: new location

The staff bike has moved! It is now on the public bike rack between Library West and East. Look for the blue bike with the Sustainable UF sticker. The key and helmet are available for checkout from Charlotte Barnes on the 5th floor of Library West.

Questions/Suggestions: email the Libraries Green Team at

LibGreenTeam@uflib.ufl.edu



Recycling your holiday tree

Alachua county residents can recycle their trees with their regular yard trash.

Other options for getting rid of that tree include dropping off trees with either the [Alachua County Rural Collection Centers](#) or [Wood Resource Recovery](#). There is no charge for either drop off location.

You can also call your [local community garden](#) to see if they are collecting trees for mulch.



Green team member Flo Turcotte shows off the fruits of our collection efforts.

Reusable Mug Discounts

Reusing your coffee mug is good for the environment *and* your wallet.

Starbucks offers a \$0.10 discount on beverages if you bring your own mug or cup, and Gator Dining offers a \$0.25 discount for coffee purchases if you bring your own mug. You can also buy a BPA-free reusable cup with lid and straw from Gator Dining for \$2.99, and receive \$0.99 drinks every time you use it.

Strike Out Hunger Food Drive

The Smathers Library Green Team participated in this year's STRIKE OUT HUNGER food drive and distribution. This county-wide program serves some of the more than 51,000 citizens (8,000 children) living in poverty in our county. Many of these families depend on our local pantries to help stave off hunger.

Collection boxes were placed in Library West, Marston Science Library, Smathers Library, Health Science Center Library and the Music Library. Faculty, staff, and students filled the boxes with non-perishable food items. A van full of food was delivered to the county collection site at the fairgrounds where more than 500 families picked up donated turkeys and bags of non-perishable items on November 9th.

Green Team members Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig, Flo Turcotte, and Tara Cataldo coordinated the pickup efforts at each of the Library locations. A group of county volunteers greeted the van with arms upraised in joy, as they were running low on groceries when we arrived. County Commissioner Rodney Long and project director Marie Small were on hand to thank the Libraries for their participation and to pose for photos.

Thanks to all who donated and participated in this food drive. We really can make a difference in our community!

TerraCycle at Library West

Library West now has a TerraCycle bin. It is located at the entrance to the café area across from Starbucks on the 1st floor.

In trying to keep to the spirit of TerraCycle, the entire bin was made out of "upcycled" materials. The plastic tubes were scrap pieces donated by a banking pneumatic systems manufacturer. The wood for the base was salvaged from a demolished bookcase, and the rubber trim is made from old bike tires we got from our very own SG Bike Repair shop!

There are many items that can be recycled here including candy and energy bar wrappers, cookie packaging, cork and many other packaging materials. Details on the items that can be recycled through TerraCycle can be found at <http://sustainable.ufl.edu/terracycle/>.



Ana Silva—TerraCycle Coordinator poses with the new TerraCycle bin at Library West

Upcoming Events

- **Ongoing**— New permanent exhibit at the [Florida Museum of Natural History](#); “[Our Energy Future](#).” Visit to learn the actions you can take to reduce your energy consumption at home.
- **January 7th, Saturday**—8:30-11:30am—Campus Gardens near the bat houses on Museum Road—[Campus Garden Work Days](#)
- **January 10, Tuesday (tentative)**— 8:00-9:00am—Pugh Hall—[Green Caffeine](#). Join the Office of Sustainability and Gator Dining Services and enjoy some free fair trade coffee and while discussing sustainability topics. Make sure you bring your own reusable mug!
- **January 18th, Wednesday**—3:00-5:00pm—282 Reitz Union—[River Networks as Ecological Corridors](#)—A talk by Andrea Rinaldo, Professor of Hydrology and Water Resources
- **February 15th-16th**—Reitz Union—[3rd UF Water Institute Symposium](#)—Early Registration through January 5th (\$200 regular, \$50 student)
- **March 1st, Thursday**—3:00-4:00pm—209 Emerson Alumni Hall—[A Conceptual Framework for analyzing Adaptive Capacity and Multi-Level Learning Processes in Resource Governance Regimes](#) —Speaker: Dr. Claudia Pahl-Wostl, Professor for Resources Management and Endowed Chair of the German Environmental Foundation, Institute for Environmental Systems Research, Osnabrück, Germany

Sustainability in the Stacks

Organizing higher education for collaboration : a guide for campus leaders

By: Adrianna Kezar

Education Library
LB2341 .K453 2009

Mirage : Florida and the vanishing water of the Eastern U.S.

By: Cynthia Barnett
Library West and AFA
TD224.F6 B368 2007

150 best eco house ideas

By: Marta Serrats
AFA
TH4860 .A12 2010

EBook

Green food : an A-to-Z guide
Edited By: Dustin Mulvaney

DVD

Living Downstream
Library West
DVD 5983

AASHE

The AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) Annual Conference took place October 8-12 in Pittsburgh, PA. Bonnie Smith had the opportunity of making two presentations, “[Library as Partner in Creating Curriculum for Sustainability](#)” co-presented with a UCLA librarian, and the other “[Graduate Student Workshop on Sustainability across the Curriculum](#)” on the UF Graduate Fellows in Sustainability - Prairie Project workshop which took place in May 2011. A librarian from UMass Amherst and Bonnie also hosted a “Libraries for Sustainability” networking event which drew 20 people interested in hearing about the growing role of libraries in coordinating and advancing their institution’s mission to teach sustainability concepts to all students in all courses. From the networking event 10 ideas emerged for augmenting connections between colleges and their libraries. You can read about

this in the IR at [Libraries for Sustainability – Networking Event at AASHE 2011](#).

Several librarians and academic library personnel who attended the conference put together a proposal for AASHE to consider including key library roles in the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS), such as sustainability collection development and the Institutional Repository as a vehicle for showcasing sustainability research. [STARS](#) is the framework used by colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. Performance is measured in 4 categories (Education and Research; Operations; Planning, Administration and Engagement; Innovation). Each participating institution receives an overall rating. The University of Florida is currently a [Silver Star](#) institution. Hopefully the libraries’ key role and contributions around sustainability will be included in the next STARS update.

UF Campaign for Charities

The UF Libraries Staff raised a grand total of \$18,018 in pledges this year for the UF Campaign for Charities. We were also able to increase the amount raised during the Silent Auction and Potluck by 15% to \$1726. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

These contributions go to the dozens of local charities that participated in this year’s campaign. Three of these agencies were invited to speak about their mission during this year’s potluck. They were [St. Francis House](#), [St. Francis House Pet Care Clinic](#), and [Puppy Hill Farm](#).



5 Year Sustainability Report

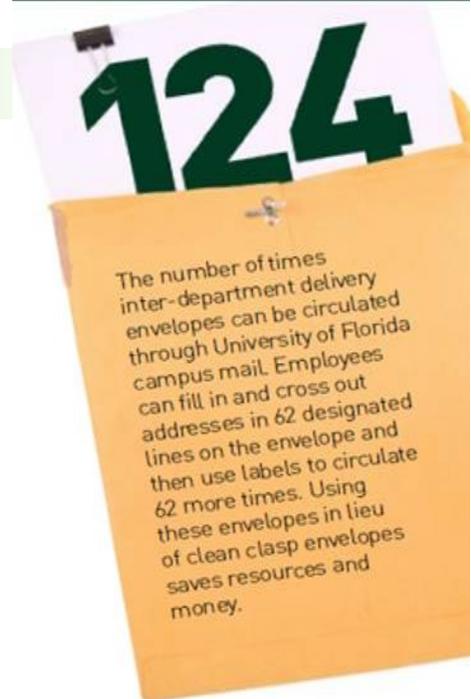
The UF Office of Sustainability recently published their [5 year report](#) outlining the University's progress towards its [Sustainability Strategic Vision](#). Here are a few highlights:

UF ranked as the top University in the Sustainability category in the Roberts Environmental Center's [2010 Sustainability Reporting of the Top U.S. Universities](#), received a B+ on the [Sustainable Endowment Institute's College Sustainability Report Card](#), and has been repeatedly featured in the Princeton Review's "[Guide to 311 Green Colleges](#)". Additionally UF is a charter participant in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education ([AASHE](#)) Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System ([STARS](#)) and released their [first report](#) in January 2011.

Below are some of the reasons why UF is highly rated:

- 98% of water used to irrigate campus is reclaimed
- there are 21 [LEED](#) certified buildings on campus
- 50.32% of waste at UF was recycled in 2009
- 300 trees were planted on campus last year
- 91,328 kilowatt hours are generated each year by the solar array on Powell Hall
- 9,300,000 rides were taken annually on Gainesville Regional Transit System Transit's fare-free buses
- 30 Faculty Fellows were trained to incorporate sustainability into the curriculum

There is still a lot to do to meet [UF's Strategic Vision](#) of Zero Waste by 2015 and carbon neutrality by 2025. Every individual's and college level efforts move us towards these goals.



Coach Luma—UF Common Reading Program

Other Green Team Projects include:

- Adding duplex printing/copying signs by public printers
- Campaigning for the use of interoffice envelopes

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.

Coach Luma Mufleh of *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John promoted the courageous story of Fugees Family on Thursday, November 18, 2011 at the final ceremony commemorating the 2011-2012 UF Common Reading Program. Luma has used soccer to facilitate adjustment for young refugee boys ripped from their homes by war and resettled in Clarkston, GA. These boys are diverse in both culture and language but they all share a love for the game and this love allows them to overcome many challenges including the allure of gangs and rejection from the local community. Today, the Fugees Family instructs boys' and girls' club soccer teams while demanding academic achievement in the Fugees Academy, an independent middle school established exclusively for refugee children. We should take heart and inspiration from the Fugees' story of overcoming constant barriers and cultural differences to become one unit achieving a common dream. The global community can use their story as a model in the fight against social and environmental injustices to achieve our dream of sustainable future.

Greening Interlibrary Loan

Greening Interlibrary Loan Practices By Dennis Massie, OCLC Research Program Officer

"In September 2009, OCLC Research commissioned a study of current Interlibrary Loan (ILL) practices by California Environmental Associates, a firm of environmental impact consultants. . The largest environmental impacts directly associated with ILL operations are packaging, shipping, and paper use. ...The assumed effectiveness of common-sense practices to reduce ILL's impact on the environment is borne out by scientific analysis:

- Re-use is preferable to New
- Ground is preferable to Air
- Near is preferable to Far
- Aggregation is preferable to 1X1
- Nylon bags are preferable to Plastic bins (unless the bins are always shipped full)

... The recommended practices are not always possible (or even appropriate for all situations). However, if most libraries routinely follow the recommendations, the impact across the global resource sharing community will be enormously positive for the environment."