

# Sustainability @ Smathers

UF Libraries Green Team Newsletter  
Working Toward a Greener Future



## Green Tips Recycling Electronics



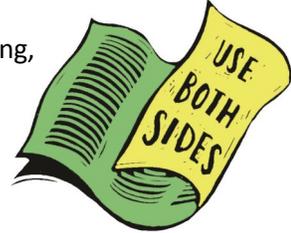
Computers, monitors, TVs, vacuums, fans and other electronic devices can be recycled at your local Best Buy. [Here](#) is a list of what is accepted at [local stores](#). Call ahead to verify what items they accept before bringing them in. They have kiosks at the front of the store to recycle **ink cartridges, rechargeable batteries, gift cards, TV remotes, video game controllers, and plastic bags.**

**Electronics and household hazardous waste** can be taken to the [Hazardous Waste Collection Center](#) off Waldo Rd.

**Cell phones** can be donated to the [Cell Phones for Soldiers](#) program at the local Tax Collector's office.

## Duplex Staff Printing

Although duplex printing requires higher energy output at the point of printing, the true environmental cost of printing is paid in the paper-making process; printing double sided cuts your carbon footprint in half when compared to single-sided printing. Most library staff computers are equipped for double-sided printing, but feel free to [contact the Green Team](#) for help or with any questions!



## Libraries Book Drive

Start saving and collecting books to donate to the Libraries' book drive!

The Smathers Libraries' second book drive will take place at the end of the Spring Semester, from April 20<sup>th</sup> thru May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Libraries' Green Team will place collection boxes in several libraries, including Library West, Marston Science Library and the Health Science Center Library. All collected items will go through Gifts & Exchange and will either be added to the Libraries' collections or donated to the Friends of the Libraries.

In addition, the UF Bookstore will be conducting a book drive on UF's [REthink Collection Day](#) at the O'Connell Center, April 24th. The books they collect will be donated to [Better World Books](#).

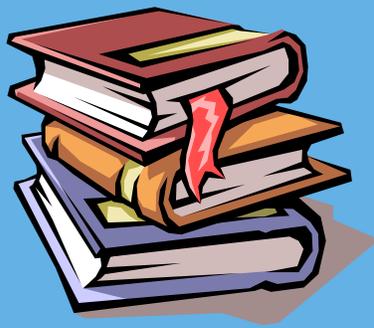
## CoLab

The Collaborating with Strangers workshops (affectionately called CoLabs) are held at the Smathers Libraries. CoLab was created by Bess De Farber as a way to connect researchers and project planners across disciplines. Each CoLab focuses on a certain theme, and is designed to bring together individuals on campus who have similar interests, but might not meet otherwise. Participants engage in 3 minute conversations with strangers, then switch off and meet a new conversation partner. If participants want to continue the conversation, they can contact each other later through a private website set up for that specific CoLab event. The Libraries have run several such CoLabs, and on February 21st sponsored a CoLab for Sustainability Projects at UF. This event was well attended: 80+ people signed up and attended. Attendees included undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and support staff from a number of colleges within the University. It was especially great to see so many students interested in a spectrum of sustainability topics including carbon neutrality, community gardening, green energy development, and sea level rise planning. For more information about the process visit the website [here](#).

## Collaborating with Strangers on SUSTAINABILITY Projects at UF

Thurs. Feb. 21  
1:00-3:00 pm  
Smathers Library,  
Rm 1A





## Sustainability in the Stacks

**Aquiferious: 12 Florida Springs with Art and Narrative**

By Margaret Ross Tolbert  
Architecture & Fine Arts  
GB1198.3.F6T65 2010

**Best Native Plants for Southern Gardens**

By Gil Nelson  
Library West  
SB439.24.S66 N45 2010

### EBooks

**Climate Change and the Sustainable use of Water Resources**

Edited by Walter Leal Filho

**Cooler Smarter: Practical Steps for Low-carbon Living**  
By Seth Shulman, et al.

**Food, Globalization and Sustainability**

By Peter Oosterveer and David A. Sonnenfeld  
Online and @ Library West  
HD9000.5 .O67 2012

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

[LibGreenTeam@uflib.ufl.edu](mailto:LibGreenTeam@uflib.ufl.edu)

We would love to hear from you!

## Upcoming Events

- Opening March 23rd - [Springs Eternal Exhibit](#) at the Florida Museum of Natural History
- April 6th - [Great American Clean-up](#) at Westside Park
- April 10th 6:30pm - Native Plants and Your Florida-Friendly Yard (Alachua Co. Extension Class). Pre-register by leaving voicemail at 352-337-6209
- April 21st 3pm - [Fieldtrip to Little Bit Nursery](#)
- April 24th 7:30am-5pm - [REthink Collection Day](#) at the O'Connell Center parking lot

### Campus Earth Day - April 5th 10am-2pm

Join the Office of Sustainability, President Machen, as well as campus and local organizations on the Plaza of the Americas to celebrate "Campus Earth Day."

There will be informative tables, refreshments, crafts, and the President will give his Annual State of Sustainability Address.

A detailed agenda can be found [here](#)

## Local CSAs

Interested in having regular supplies of fresh, local veggies and citrus, knowing who grows your food, and knowing that it is grown organically or pesticide free? Participate in the campus Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program! You'll receive a bag of fresh, seasonal groceries weekly during the 32-36 week growing season. Participants buy a share before the growing season starts, giving the farmers cash to buy seed and invest in the farm without having to resort to loans and enabling them to focus on farm improvements and land stewardship. The Office of Sustainability runs the program, which has two food pick up points: Health Science Center, and the parking lot on Bledsoe Drive. There are 4 participating farms that offer a range of vegetables and one farm that offers citrus shares. These combined offer a total of 400 full shares-- some farms have the option for half shares-- with sign ups beginning in the next few months. Learn more [here](#).

In addition to the campus CSAs, there are other local CSAs in our community. One is [Forage](#). They offer a share of local and sustainably grown flowers. They also grow herbs in their gardens.



A CSA participant receiving his weekly share. Photo provided by the Office of Sustainability



CSA participants selecting items for their weekly "bag." Photo provided by the Office of Sustainability

## Prairie Project Workshops

This year's Prairie Project for faculty will be held May 6-7, with an application deadline of April 1st. Interested participants can sign up [here](#). The UF Office of Sustainability created the Prairie Project Workshops in 2010 in an effort to integrate sustainability topics broadly into the UF curriculum. Since 2011 there have been workshops for graduate students as well as for faculty, bringing together individuals with similar interests from a range of disciplines. The content of the Prairie Project training includes introduction to local resources and materials on connections and opportunities locally, nationally, and internationally, thoughts on educational course content, and collaborative course development.

# SustainRT- ALA Sustainability Round Table Approved

Thanks to everyone who signed the petition to create a “Sustainability Roundtable” within the American Library Association (ALA). The good news is that the ALA Council passed the motion to create the Sustainability Round Table! This is a big step for the sustainability movement in libraries and will give us a place within ALA to share best practices, research and help galvanize our efforts. The mission of the SustainRT is to provide:

- A professional forum for ALA members to exchange ideas and opportunities regarding sustainability in order to move toward a more equitable, healthy, and economically viable society.
- Resources for the library community to support sustainability through curriculum development; collections; exhibits; events; advocacy; communication; library buildings and space design.



## Under One Umbrella Campaign



This spring the Office of Sustainability launched the “Under One Umbrella” campaign to highlight events and programs related to five key elements of sustainability: food, water, service, waste, and energy. A calendar of events can be found on the [campaign page](#), where you can also subscribe to the newsletter. Look for Under One Umbrella posters around the Libraries!

## Article Review

Less, Anne M., Filar Williams, Beth, & Dorsey, Sarah B. (2012). “Librarians as sustainability advocates, educators, and entrepreneurs”. In Krautter, M., Lock, M. B., & Scanlon, M. G (eds.), *The entrepreneurial librarian: Essays on the infusion of private-business dynamism into professional service*. Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers.

This essay showcases the inspiring accomplishments of entrepreneurial librarians that have carved their niche in the sustainability movement in order to encourage subject-specific training, advocating for laws, and seeking the many opportunities that are available for all of those aware of the need to cross barriers to forward the sustainability movement. This essay points out that you need not be in a leadership role in the library to make a difference.



## Sustainability in University Libraries

University of Massachusetts -Amherst Libraries created a Sustainability Fund used for collection development, exhibits, speakers and films. As the fund continues to grow, they plan to establish an endowment to ensure that funds to support sustainability through the Libraries continue to be available. Read more about this program [on page 4 of the CLS newsletter](#).

The University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library received a grant from the Chevron Corporation to conduct an audit of the Library’s collection development policies as they relate to sustainability. Read the report which details the current status of the Library’s sustainability resources and programs [here](#).

