



# Sustainability @ Smathers

UF Libraries Green Team Newsletter



Join the Libraries Green Team as we participate in One Less Car Day on Wednesday, October 23. Bring your lunch and meet in the Smathers Conference Room before heading to the plaza for the Office of Sustainability festivities:

<http://sustainable.ufl.edu/onelesscar/>



Many Smathers Libraries water fountains have been updated with bottle filling stations. How many plastic bottles has your local water fountain saved?

Are you interested in encouraging and engaging in actions that affect change toward a more sustainable library, campus, and community?

The Libraries Green Team is open to all staff and faculty. Join us at our next meeting on October 8. Please contact us at [lib-GreenTeam@ad.ufl.edu](mailto:lib-GreenTeam@ad.ufl.edu)

## Gators Read Book Club

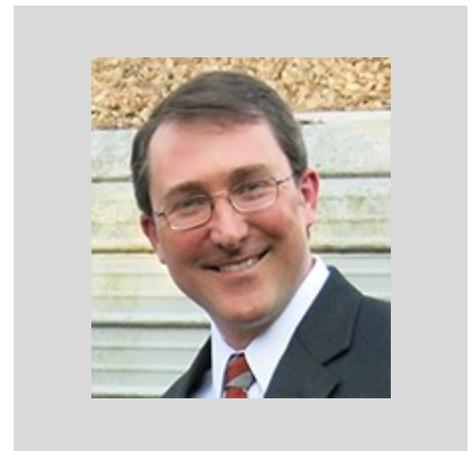


The Libraries Green Team is sponsoring bi-monthly book club meetings in the 2013-2014 academic year. Our October read is local author Cynthia Barnett's **"Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis"**. The author will join us on **October 2, from 12noon—1pm in Smathers 1A** to discuss the book over our brown-bag lunches. Copies of the book are available for 7-day checkout at multiple Smathers Libraries branches, and more information, including our upcoming books list, is available on the website at

<http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/gatorsread>

## New Office of Sustainability Director

UF's Office of Sustainability and Energy Integration has a new director, Matthew Williams, who comes to the office after working in Auburn University's Sustainability Office for seven years. He is a graduate of the University of Florida, where he received his B.S. and M.S. in wildlife Ecology and Conservation and has taught a wide range of courses focusing on the scientific basis of sustainability. He also has experience in tropical field biology and working with national non-profit organizations. His approach recognizes the strength of combined individual and organizational roles including incorporating sustainability into daily university life to promote a sustainable future.



# Sustainable Initiatives



## UF Asset Management

Did you know UF Asset Management has a surplus warehouse where items including computers, projectors, copiers, furniture, and automobiles among other things are held? These items can be used by UF departments as an alternative to buying new. Check out [their website here](#). During the campus-wide Rethink Collection Day last April over **70 computers, 50 flat screen monitors, and 25 boxes of 3 ring binders** were collected. These items were offered for reuse either through the University or donated in the community.



Congratulations Alachua County! For the 3rd consecutive year, Alachua County had the highest recycling rate in the state at 54%. You can read more about recycling in Florida in [this bulletin released by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection](#).

## Appointments

Michelle Leonard appointed to UN/IOC/ UNESCO Joint International Oceanographic Data & Information Exchange

Valrie Minson elected President-Elect, U.S. Agricultural Information Network (USAIN)

## Grants

**Women's Health/Sex and Gender Differences Outreach Project** (\$50,000 cash)  
**Project team:** Michele Tennant (PI), Linda Butson (Co-PI), Mary Edwards (Co-PI), Hannah Norton (Co-PI), Nancy Schaefer (Co-PI), with Bess de Farber Agency Sponsor: National Network of Libraries of Medicine/ National Institutes of Health Award

# SustainRT

The ALA Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT) held its inaugural meeting at the ALA Conference in Chicago on July 1, 2013. "The mission of the organization is to provide resources for the library community to support sustainability through curriculum development; collections; exhibits; events; advocacy, communication, library buildings and space design." Elections will be held in the fall for officers who will begin their leadership in the spring of 2014. The founding members of SustainRT will lead discussions online to complete the bylaws of the organization and continue planning for ALA 2014 and ACRL 2015 (theme is Building Sustainable Communities). Join the SustainRT listsev at [sustainrt-l@ala.org](mailto:sustainrt-l@ala.org) to follow and contribute to the work of this ALA Round Table.

# Book Drive

The 2nd Annual Book Drive was held April 20-May 3, 2013 and was deemed a huge success. Collection boxes were available at each library and some had to be emptied more than once. At the end of the drive, 1,600 total items were collected (almost 8 times more than last year!). Thanks to all who helped make it a success and special thanks to Bruce Fraleigh in the Gifts & Exchange department for riding around and picking up all the boxes!



In spring 2013, Architecture and Building Construction students collaborated to design and build a mobile kiosk for UF's Office of Sustainability. The kiosk can be pulled behind a bike and uses solar panels that can power laptops and cell-phone charging stations. See more pictures of this amazing piece on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151457308156630.1073741826.53632346629&type=1>

## RePurpose Project

Check out RePurpose Project! Located on 519 S. Main St. in Gainesville, the project is dedicated to keeping useful materials out of landfills, and providing materials for artists and others who need access to affordable supplies. There is a weekly Fix It Café, where items can be dropped off for creative repair, while craft tables provide art space right in the facility. Anyone can donate materials to the facility and there is a small fee for taking objects or working at the Craft Tables- with special deals for teachers. The facility hours and contact information are available at

<http://www.repurposeproject.org/>



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## CSA Update

The Gator CSA program, created in the fall of 2010, will continue this season with three participating farms and one pickup location off of Bledsoe Drive near the SW Rec Center and the Cultural Plaza. . Throughout the growing season (starting in October in Florida), participants receive the freshest of produce and the opportunity to know how and where their food is grown. For more information about signing up for a CSA and the participating farms visit <http://sustainable.ufl.edu/gatorcsa/>

## Upcoming Events

- September 26** [Bike to Breakfast](#)
- September 30** [FLMNH Presents: Science Café @ Sabore](#)
- October 2** [Gators Read](#) book club with Cynthia Barnett
- October 15** Center for Humanities and the Public Sphere: [“Civil Society”: The Perennial Race Divide](#)
- October 20** [Butterfly Fest](#)
- October 23** [Campus Sustainability Day; One Less Car day](#)
- Thursdays** [Gator CSA pick up](#)
- Fridays** [Thornebrook Village Farmers Market](#)  
[Our Village Market](#)
- Saturdays** [Alachua County Farmers Market](#)  
[Haile Village Farmers Market](#)

### New Book Shelf

#### FOOD

**Sustainable culinary systems : local foods, innovation, and tourism and hospitality** ([Find it in the catalog](#))

Edited by C. Michael Hall and Stefan Gössling

#### BUSINESS

**Eco-business : a big-brand takeover of sustainability** ([Find it in the catalog](#))

Peter Dauvergne

#### DESIGN

**Best practices in sustainable building design** ([Find it in the catalog](#))

Shahin Vassigh, Ebru Özer, Thomas Spiegelhalter

#### ACADEMICS

**Higher education for sustainability : cases, challenges, and opportunities from across the curriculum** ([Find it in the catalog](#))

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