

MSU Libraries Environmental Committee

NEWSLETTER

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IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

ALA Adding Sustainability as a Core Value of Librarianship

Libraries play an important and unique role in promoting community awareness about resilience, climate change, and a sustainable future. They are also leading by example by taking steps to reduce their environmental footprint. Now the American Library Association (ALA) is supporting the library community by showing its commitment to assisting in the development of sustainable libraries with the addition of sustainability as a core value of librarianship. At the 2019 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, the ALA Council, in adopting the strategic direction of sustainability, made a commitment to the “triple bottom line” framework for sustainability recommended by the ALA Special Task Force on Sustainability. For more information visit the [press release](#) page.

MSU LIBRARY TIPS

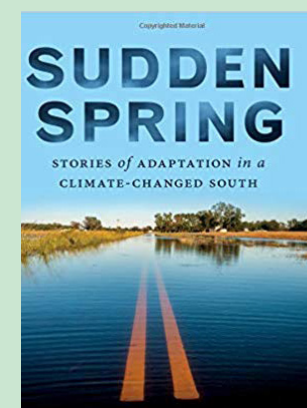
July 4th is right around the corner, and MSU Libraries has some excellent tips for recycling. Be sure to put out clearly marked recycling containers at your party. If you are unsure about recycling material in your area, [LEC Resources](#) page has some useful information. Happy 4th of July!



MONTHLY READS

Sudden Spring : Stories of Adaption in a Climate-Changed South

All across America and the globe, communities have to adapt to rising sea levels, intensified storms, and warmer temperatures. To minimize those effects will require a commitment, the kind Rick Van Noy illustrates in these stories about a [climate-distressed South](#).



SUSTAINABILITY @ MSU

MSU Solar Carports

MSU’s commitment to renewable energy takes shape in the solar carports that span across five parking lots on the southern end of campus. The solar carports, operational since December of 2017, are designed to deliver an annual energy output of 15 million kilowatt-hours, which is enough to power approximately 1,800 Michigan homes. For more information read the [MSU TODAY](#) article.