

Selected Resources for Greening the Library

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ISTC Resources

Environmental News Bits

<http://lib.wmrc.uiuc.edu/enb/>

Great Lakes Regional Pollution Prevention Roundtable (GLRPPR)

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

Illinois Sustainable Technology Center

<http://www.istc.illinois.edu>

Library Specific Resources

General Library Sustainability

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<http://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/coloillconf/>
40th Annual Colorado ILL Conference April 30-May 1, 2009.

From Gray Areas to Green Areas: Developing Sustainable Practices in Preservation Environments,

Symposium Proceedings

<http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/kilgarlin/gaga/proceedings.html>

Going Green @your library

<http://greeningyourlibrary.wordpress.com/>

Going Green: Libraries and Sustainability

http://data.memberclicks.com/site/ola/olaq_13no4.pdf

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<http://www.maintainitproject.org/blog/it-aint-easy-being-green-or-is-it>

Blog post of a conference session at the 2008 West Virginia Library Association Conference.

Laura L. Barnes' Green Libraries Bookmarks on Delicious

http://feeds.delicious.com/v2/rss/tsmom1219/LTLS_green_libraries?count=15

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Resources About Green Libraries (SOLINET)
<http://www.solinet.net/About%20Us/Special%20Projects/Gulf%20Coast%20Libraries%20Project/Resources.aspx>

Seeing Green (LJ Editorial)
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6515841.html?q=energy+conservation>

Sustainability Planning Guide for Illinois State Agencies
<http://www.standingupforillinois.org/uploads/Guide.pdf>

Sustainability Plan Template for Illinois State Agencies
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Collection Development & Weeding

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<http://cdrecyclingcenter.org/>

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http://www.freerecycling.com/Industry/CD_DVD_Home.htm

Going Green @ My Library
http://www.lakeline.lib.fl.us/going_green.aspx

Penniman, Sarah & Lisa McColl (2008). "Green Weeding: Promoting Ecofriendly Options for Library Discards." *Library Journal* 133(15), 32-33.

Crafts with Old Books and Other Recyclables

Altered Book Safe
<http://www.allfreecrafts.com/homemade-gifts/book-safe.shtml>

How to Make an All-Recycled Sketchbook
<http://www.craftstylish.com/item/13550/how-to-make-an-all-recycled-sketchbook>

Make a Recycled Book Lamp
http://www.canadianliving.com/crafts/home_and_garden/make_a_recycled_book_lamp.php

Old Book Gift Boxes
<http://www.ecologue.com/ShowArticle/recycled-book-gift-box>

Recycled Book Crafts
<http://dogearedandunderlined.blogspot.com/2007/04/recycled-book-crafts.html>

Recycled Book Cuffs
http://blog.craftzine.com/archive/2008/03/recycled_book_cuffs.html

Recycled Hardcover Book Purse
<http://www.hgtv.com/crafting/recycled-hardcover-book-purse/index.html>

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

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Green Library Case Studies

Chicago Public Library -- Making Green Routine
http://www.libraryjournal.com/contents/pdf/LJ_2007_DI_CPL_Making_Green_Routine.pdf

Green Libraries (WebJunction Ohio)
<http://oh.webjunction.org/grlibs>
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<http://www.nsls.info/themes/detail.aspx?themeID=40>

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Millburn Central School To Facilitate Solar Energy Activities
<http://www.nsls.info/articles/detail.aspx?articleID=153>

General Sustainability Resources

100 Ways to Save The Environment
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Bring Your Green to Work with ENERGY STAR <http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=bygtw.showSplash>

Buying Guide - Understanding Energy Efficient Ratings <http://www.doityourself.com/stry/energyratings>

Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency (DSIRE) <http://www.dsireusa.org/>

DOE Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy <http://www.eere.energy.gov/>

Energy Star <http://www.energystar.gov/>

Estimating Appliance and Home Electronic Energy Use http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/appliances/index.cfm/mytopic=10040

ENERGY STAR Computer Power Management Savings Calculator http://www.energystar.gov/ia/products/power_mgt/LoCarbonITSavingsCalc.xls

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Green Purchasing

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<http://www.worldwatch.org/node/3915>

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Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP)
<http://www.epa.gov/epp/index.htm>

Green Procurement Topic Hub
http://www.p2ric.org/topic hubs/index.cfm?page=toc&hub_id=13&subsec_id=7

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Green Products

Cradle to Cradle Certification
<http://www.c2ccertified.com>

Demco's Green Products list
http://www.demco.com/goto?GREEN_EARTH&BKM0000

EPEAT
<http://www.epeat.net>

Forest Stewardship Council
<http://www.fscus.org/>

Green Seal
<http://www.greenseal.org/>

Greenraising
<http://www.greenraising.com/>
Online fundraising site for schools and nonprofits that features green products.

Guide to Buying Green Office Supplies
<http://www.business.com/guides/buying-green-office-supplies-1386/>

Office Depot: Your Greener Office
<http://www.officedepot.com/a/browse/your-greener-office/N=5+11332/>

Pentel Recycology - The Science of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
<http://www.recycology.pentel.com/>

Products A-Z (The Green Guide)
<http://www.thegreenguide.com/products/>

Scientific Certification Systems
<http://www.sccertified.com/>

Staples.com EcoEasy
<http://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/ecoeasy/index.html>

The Green Office
<http://www.thegreenoffice.com/>

Greenwashing

EnviroMedia Greenwashing Index
<http://greenwashingindex.com/>

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<http://www.computertakeback.com/>

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http://government.hp.com/content_detail.asp?contentid=1091

EPEAT
<http://www.epeat.net/>

Federal Electronics Challenge
<http://www.federalelectronicschallenge.net>

General Technical Overview of Power Management
[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?
c=power_mgt.pr_power_management](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=power_mgt.pr_power_management)

Greener Electronics
<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/campaigns/toxics/electronics>

Includes link to most recent version of Greenpeace's
Guide to Greener Electronics

GreenTech: Nonprofit Environmental-Impact
Reduction Resource
<http://www.techsoup.org/greentech/>

How to Go Green: Home Electronics (Planet Green)
[http://planetgreen.discovery.com/go-green/home-
electronics/index.html](http://planetgreen.discovery.com/go-green/home-electronics/index.html)

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Businesses and Colleges Become Enviro-Friendly."
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TechSoup Refurbished Computer Initiative
<http://www.techsoup.org/stock/rci/>

Think E-Green: Delete and Donate Old Computers
[http://www.beststuff.com/computers/think-e-green-
delete-and-donate-old-computers.html](http://www.beststuff.com/computers/think-e-green-delete-and-donate-old-computers.html)

Lighting

Frequently Asked Questions - Lamp Disposal,
Recycling & Environmental (GE Lighting)
[http://www.gelighting.com/na/business_lighting/faqs/d
isposal.htm](http://www.gelighting.com/na/business_lighting/faqs/disposal.htm)

LampRecycle.org
<http://www.lamprecycle.org/>

Mercury Containing Light Bulb (Lamp) Recycling
[http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/wastetypes/univ
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<http://www.ofee.gov/gp/greenjanitorial.html>

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