

# MSU Libraries Environmental Committee NEWSLETTER

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## IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

### CADL Seed Saving Workshop Series

Interested in learning about seed saving? CADL is hosting a summer workshop series on the basics of seed saving. The workshop for July is on seed saving for herbs, lettuce, and flowers. The **full schedule** is available on the Greater Lansing Food Bank website.

### July is Lakes Appreciation Month!

The North American Lake Management Society is celebrating Lakes Appreciation Month during July 2018. Visit the **NALMS website** for various ways you can support cleanup and conservation efforts of Michigan's many lakes throughout the month.

### Sustainable Updates to Marriott Library HVAC System

The University of Utah's Marriott Library recently completed updates to its HVAC system. The project, which focused on improving mechanical systems while reducing energy use, has resulted in a more efficient and sustainable system. More about the renovation process can be found [here](#).

## MONTHLY READS

### Libraries Strengthening Communities through Art and Storytelling

This article from the Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) discusses a collaboration between **ArtPlace**, a collection of foundations promoting the arts, and LEO, a consortium of libraries across rural Oregon. The goals of this endeavor were to highlight the value of the arts and libraries in supporting resilient economic development and strengthen the sense of community amongst these rural towns. The article includes links to view samples of the films and programs that were created during this project.



Abandoned house in Umatilla County (Wikimedia Commons)

## MSU LIBRARY EVENTS

**Beal Garden Botanical Tour: Plant Pigments: What They Do for Plants, What They Do for Us (July 12th, 12:10-12:50pm)**



On this month's garden tour, Beal assistant curator Peter Carrington will highlight a variety of plant pigments and discuss their benefits for both plants and humans. The tour will begin by the garden shed, but in the event of severe weather, a virtual tour will take place in the library's Beal classroom. Photo by Peter Carrington.

## SUSTAINABILITY @ MSU

**MSU Student Farm Weed 'n' Feed (July 14th, 1-4pm)**

Join the wonderful crew at the MSU Student Organic Farm for an afternoon of working and eating on the farm! The Weed 'n' Feed starts off with a tour of the farm, followed by some weeding work with the crew, then a potluck to round off the day. More info on the farm is available on their [website](#).

**Horticulture Gardens 25th Anniversary (July 14th, 10am-noon)**

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the gardens with activities, garden tours, and cake and ice cream. Event details are available [here](#).

**MSU Student Organic Farm Free Tour (July 22nd, 1pm)**

The MSU Student Organic Farm will be hosting a free hour-long tour of the farm on July 22nd. These tours cover the history of the SOF, an overview of their production methods, and other topics. To reserve your spot, send an RSVP to [msufarm@msu.edu](mailto:msufarm@msu.edu).