

MSU Libraries Environmental Committee

NEWSLETTER

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IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

ALA's Special Task Force

The American Library Association (ALA) identified sustainability as a major trend in the "State of America's Libraries Report" 2018. The ALA's Special Task Force on Sustainability, with the help of its leadership identified 3 roles in which ALA and its members could serve:

(1) As an inspiration catalyst, the task force is leading initiatives on modeling sustainable practices on building designs, providing proactive education on environment, advocating for new policies etc.

(2) In the second role as conveners and connectors, the task force is acting as convener between different individuals, groups, and initiatives to identify shared solutions.

(3) The third and final role, as contributors to community resilience, called for ALA and its libraries to advance community resilience through their presence, engagement, and commitment to a better future.

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MSU LIBRARY EVENTS

Join Beal Botanical Garden curator Peter Carrington in an exploration of the many plants and their chemicals that can make itches, burns, blisters, and rashes if we fail to respect their potential.

Date : Thursday, Oct 17, 2019

Time : 12:10pm-12:50pm

Location: near Beal Garden shed

MONTHLY READS

Antarctica: Earth's Own Ice World

This exciting popular-level book explores the arduous environment of Antarctica and how it is similar to other icy worlds in the solar system. The bulk of this story delves into Antarctica's infrastructure, exploration, and remote camps, culminating on the summit of Erebus.

[Available at MSU Libraries](#)



SUSTAINABILITY @ MSU

Sustainability Walk Series

To celebrate Sustainability Month this October, the Office of Sustainability and Health4U are hosting sustainability walks that bring attention to several projects on campus. Walks will feature green buildings, several student projects, renewable energy, and sustainable food and freshwater protection. The series kicked off in September, highlighting efforts to reduce stormwater runoff and protect the Red Cedar River. Additional walks will be offered every Thursday in October. [More information on the Sustainability Walk Series](#)