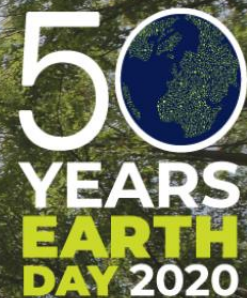


LIBRARIES

*Earth Day 2020
Menu of Engagement*



Libraries provide safe, accessible spaces for people of all ages to come together to learn. Libraries can host public events where discussion and activities can help communities understand issues relevant to them. For **Earth Day's 50th anniversary**, use your library to engage your community in fun, educational, and impactful learning opportunities!

2020 Program Engagement Ideas

Global Teach-In

The first Earth Day hosted nationwide [teach-in](#) for communities to learn about and discuss local environmental issues. Host an event on a 2020 campaign or Earth Challenge topic:

- Biodiversity loss
- Plastic Pollution
- Food Waste
- Food Security
- Insect Population
- Water Quality
- Air Quality
- Local climate change impacts
- Show environmental documentaries and provide a panel discussion or Q&A
- Host a speaker series or panel discussion on local environmental issues

Earth Challenge 2020

Citizen science is an amazing way for global citizens to contribute to valuable scientific research. Libraries can support [Earth Challenge](#) by serving as a community hub for people to access and learn about Earth Challenge data and local environmental issues.

- Serve as an Earth Challenge site, where people can come to with Earth Challenge (citizen science) questions
- Provide materials and resources like tablets to collect, enter and review data
- Help participants with data analysis
- Organize Earth Challenge data collection days and events

Register your event at EarthDay.org

Artists for the Earth

[Art is a powerful tool](#) to communicate messages, trigger emotions, and inspire action! Invite your community to participate in one of these activities;

- Host an art exhibition with an opening reception
- Paint a community mural
- Host an Earth Day poster contest
- Put on an eco-fashion show
- Host a poetry writing competition
- Provide a site for poetry and book readings from environmental writers
- Host an exhibit of winners from a local K-12 or higher education art contest

Food and Climate

Only one thing can make communities coming together to learn even more enticing...[FOOD](#)! Host an event to bring people together to learn about the impacts of our food system and learn about delicious plant-based alternatives.

- Host a book club on the connection between climate change and agriculture
- Organize a plant-based potluck
- Invite an author for a book reading
- Provide composting bins and host a composting workshop
- Fundraise for a community garden near your library

Protect Our Species

[Countless species](#) on our planet make for wonderful characters in books! Use your library to help readers connect with local species, as well as species around the world.

- Create a special display of species and conservation books
- Host a teach-in on a local species
- Host a birdhouse building workshop
- Invite students to an act-it-out play to a fun animal book
- Maintain a seed bank for community members to use
- Plant native species with informational displays

End Plastic Pollution

[Plastic](#) is a huge part of our daily lives, but there are tons of great alternatives to use to help the planet! Libraries can host events for the [Great Global Cleanup](#).

- Host an event for the Great Global Cleanup
- Host a plastic waste repurposing workshop
- Host a recycled materials arts and crafts workshop
- Invite a local nature center to teach-in about the impacts of plastic pollution
- Provide recycling bins
- Find alternatives to single use plastics in your library

Register your event at [EarthDay.org](https://www.earthday.org)