

SECOND STORY NORTH

The Newsletter of the LeRoy M. Douglas Sr. Library



Library Hours

Spring Semester 2008

Mon-Thurs 8:00 am-7:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Media closes at 6:00 pm M-Th

Closed

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Open 24/7

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Sustainability

Back in my 1970's junior high school we talked about "pollution." We were concerned about trash, so we focused on recycling. We didn't like air pollution or smog, and we talked about the oil crisis and the small cars our parents were buying. We didn't talk about global warming, greenhouse gases, or melting polar ice caps. We did think in the long term, just not on the scale that we're doing now.

I was inspired to make a solar cooker made from cardboard and aluminum foil for the 8th grade science project. It was a great idea and a miserable failure. I tried everything in the hot Virginia sun to get that blasted thing to cook an egg, but when the judges came by on the fateful day of the fair I had to admit the truth: no eggs had been cooked. Back home after the fair and one last failure,

DIRECTOR'S DESK

I gave the thing a mighty kick. The egg of the moment fell on the sidewalk, and, you guessed it, on that 100 degree day it took on a nice Virginia sizzle.

Last year I was at a music festival that had a row of vendors specializing in earth-friendly products. I bought an egg sandwich that had been prepared on a solar cooker much like the one I tried to make in junior high. The cooker folds flat, sells for less than \$75, and even better, it works. That's reasonable progress after 30 years, and there's been progress in understanding our role in the environment too: how much fuel did it take to transport the egg to the market; was it served with a biodegradable fork; is the cooker itself recyclable; how could I change my life to use this thing so that I can reduce the fossil fuels I use?

Libraries also have made great progress while holding

onto a long term view. For decades we have followed our mission of collecting information, organizing it and making it accessible, all the while inventing and implementing electronic strategies to support future users.

Today, as a result of steady dedication to our mission, the Douglas Library's collection is very well focused on the courses offered at Clinton. In just the last 10 years our catalog has gone from cards to the web; our journals have gone from print to databases; and even media is now moving from CDs and DVDs to streaming servers. As you read in this issue about library resources related to the environment, keep in mind this notion, that today's progress is a result of yesterday's vision; that today's efforts will make tomorrow's future.



CIRCULATION DESK

Sustainable Books

Are books sustainable? Are they recyclable? They have a long "share" life but they use trees, specifically pulp (and ink) to get there.

The library has a book that is not made from trees, but from polymers. *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things* (Braungart

and MacDonough) explores a radical idea: instead of a reduce-reuse-recycle "cradle to grave" model, the authors demonstrate the "cradle to cradle" paradigm where products are completely reusable in different ways. Stop by the **New Books** cart to experience the "Book that is Not a Tree."

Speaking of sustainable, we also have hundreds of e-books online. Go to our **Databases** page and scroll down to **Online Books**:

- * [Books 24x7](#)
- * [Britannica Online](#)
- * [Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia](#)
- * [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)
- * [NetLibrary \(New!\)](#)



FAQS

? How can I include a graph or image from a PDF document in my research paper?

A. Follow these steps:

1. Find the graphic in the PDF document that you want to copy. On the Adobe Reader toolbar, click on the camera icon.



2. Click on the mouse and hold while dragging the mouse over the graphic in the PDF document until it forms a box outlining the graphic. When you let go of the left mouse button, a "snapshot" will be taken of whatever was outlined. You will receive a message saying "The selected area has been copied to the clipboard."

3. Open the document to which you want to add the graphic and click where you want to insert the graphic in the document. Then RIGHT click on the mouse and choose "Paste." The selected "snapshot" will appear exactly as it looked in the PDF document.

Any graphic or image used in a research paper needs to be cited - instructions for citing sources can be found on the library's website, under "APA/MLA Guides." <http://www.clinton.edu/douglaslibrary/apamlaguides.cxml>



MEDIA SERVICES DESK

Sustainable Media

Cassettes, CDs, DVDS, and now the Blu-Ray victory. What next? On-demand streaming! The signs are already here: the hugely popular YouTube, media downloads from Net-Flix and BlockBuster, and audio subscription services from Rhapsody and Zune.

Sounds great, but streaming technology comes with a price. We will be able to access the very latest in information and entertainment, and save our landfills from obsolete formats. But who will own the Beatles' *White Album*? You can guess—it won't be the consumer.

Stay tuned.

DVDs on Sustainability

- * *An Inconvenient Truth*
- * *FernGully: the Last Rainforest*
- * *The Lorax*
- * *Solar Energy: Saved by the Sun*
- * *Who Killed the Electric Car?*

NEW DVDs

- * *Earth-Fire-Water*-Deepa Mehta's trilogy of India.
- * *Hamlet*-Mel Gibson stars in this popular adaptation.
- * *Hey Dude*-generations getting along in the workplace.
- * *La Vie En Rose*-Marion Cotillard portrays French chanteuse Edith Piaf.

* *Princess Mononoke* - a



young Japanese warrior becomes entangled in a battle between man and nature; animated fantasy.

* *Thank You For Smoking*-A tongue-in-cheek comedy about a tobacco lobbyist.

* *The War that Made America: the Story of the French and Indian War*-four-part documentary on the infamous war of 1755-1763.

* *An Unreasonable Man*-Did Ralph Nader spoil the 2000 and 2004 elections? A documentary exploration of who this man is.



REFERENCE DESK

Sustainability Resources

Finding books on sustainability is easy. From the library's homepage, click "Douglas Library Catalog," and enter this search term: **sustainable development**.

Finding websites on sustainability is also easy. The CCC librarians have created a page dedicated to environmental science. From the library's homepage, click the

"Resources by Subject" link, choose "Environmental Science," and click **Environmental Science** once more under the **Sciences: Internet Resources** heading.

You will find links to climate change, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Fuel Economy, United States Geological Survey (USGS) science topics, Librarians' Internet

Index (LII) and more.

Searching for **sustainability** on the EPA's site leads to a list of relevant links. Two of the links in particular lead to introductory material on sustainability.

The Librarians' Internet Index **Science: Environment** page has a side menu with a **Sustainable Development** link. This link leads to a list of forty-three relevant websites.



TECHNICAL SERVICES DESK

Sustainable Solutions

In the last few years, we have focused on selecting book and media titles that answer the question: how can we create a sustainable world?

Sustainability is more than recycling. It is about planetary health and balance for all. It is about thinking globally and acting locally. It is

about solutions.

How can we get there? Where do we start? Read: *The End of Poverty* (Sachs, 2005); *Banker to the Poor* (Yunus, 1999) about the Grameen Bank.; *Fight Global Warming Now* (McKibbin, 2007); *Six Arguments for a Greener Diet* (Jacobson, 2006); *Peace is Every Step* (Nhat Hanh, 1992); *Little House on a Small Planet*

(Salomon, 2006); *Cradle to Cradle* (Braungart and McDonough, 2002); *The Citizen-Powered Energy Handbook* (Pahl, 2007); *The Sustainability Revolution* (Edwards, 2005); *Farming for Us All* (Bell, 2004).

Please suggest new titles for the library. Go to the library homepage and click the **Book Request Form** link. We want your input!

