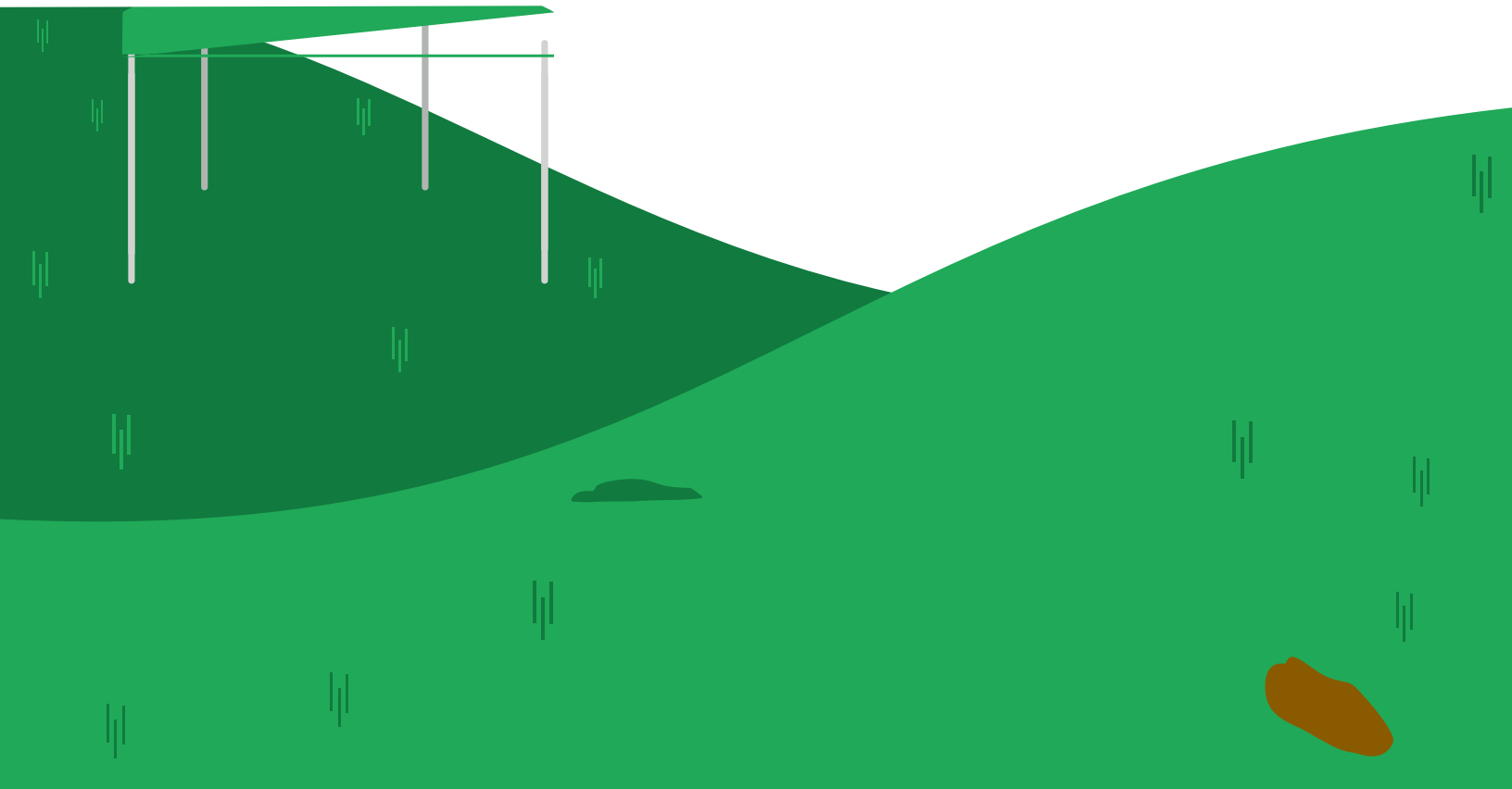


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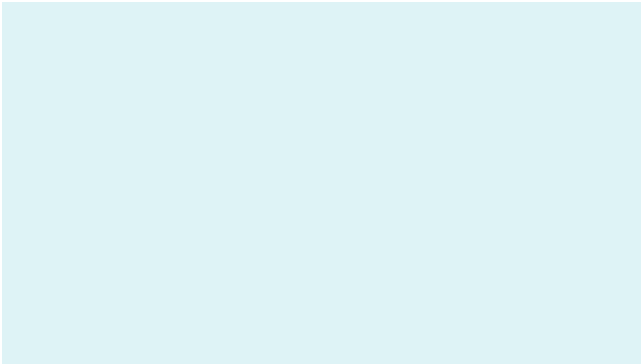
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For many years “sustainability” was equated with “green.” “Green” is associated with environmentalism and therefore we would diligently work on increasing folks’ eco-literacy, “saving the earth,” and focus on cleaning up the natural world. Love of the natural world-literacy,

greenhouse gas emissions. To decarbonize libraries and our communities we must focus on:



of all ten libraries on the SLI website:

www.sustainablelibrariesinitiative.org/

School Libraries

Go Green Challenge is a district-wide program that encourages sustainable behavior and increases participation in environmental programs. The ultimate goal is to provide measurable actions for

are provided to ensure all actions can be taken. Their “Think Green, Act Green: Classroom Lessons and Teach Resources for Sustainability” page is a wealth of inspiration: www.smmusd.org/Page/5636

Academic Libraries

Academic libraries have been creative with sustainability. Colorado College’s Charles L. Tutt Library is one example that achieved its sustainability goals when the library was renovated by being carbon neutral and net-zero energy.

The University of Utah’s J. Willard Marriott Library created a “Green Committee” to employ the green initiatives outlined in the library’s Green Task Force Report. The Committee established sustainable design elements in their facility such

What You Can Do Next

NOW IS THE TIME! Whether it be personal professional development to increase your eco-literacy and your understanding of key concepts around sustainability or joining a group of colleagues in your workplace or our association to start strategically addressing climate work – we need all hands on deck.

Four easy ways to get started

- 1 Join the Sustainability Round Table of the American Library Association. Check out their fabulous Zotero

www.ala.org/rt/sustainrt

- 2 Download the free Road Map to Sustainability app from the Sustainable Libraries Initiative (and sign up for their free newsletter too!)

www.sustainablelibrariesinitiative.org/

Check out the growing list of environmental sustainability themed program ideas available at www.ProgrammingLibrarian.org

Borrow or buy some of these great titles from the ALA Editions:

- Libraries and Sustainability: Programs and Practices for Community Impact
- The Disaster Planning Handbook for Libraries
- 25 Projects for Eco Explorers
- Resilience (Library Futures Series, Book 2)
- The Sustainable Library's Cookbook
- Sustainable Thinking: Ensuring Your Library's Future in an Uncertain World
- Ecology, Economy, Equity: The Path to a Carbon-Neutral Library
- Exploring Environmental Science with Children and Teens
- The Greening of America's Libraries: LEEDing the Way
- Public Libraries and Resilient Cities

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