



Cal Poly  
**Humboldt.**

# SUSTAINABLE LIBRARY CERTIFICATION

University Library  
Arcata, CA 95521  
**June 2025**



**Sustainable  
Libraries  
Initiative**

All photos in this slideshow are from the Cal Poly Humboldt Library Special Collections, Flickr, by Morgan Barker, Bri Hagen and other wonderful Library students, staff, and faculty.





Thank you for being here... and a ***huge thanks*** to everyone in the Library who does this work.

😊 You are sincerely awesome 😊

*This slideshow presents sustainability work and collaborations at the Cal Poly Humboldt Library as we worked towards Sustainable Library Certification. There are many more examples of incredible work not represented here.*





# What is sustainability?

## What is your definition?

Sustainability refers to the balanced intersection of social justice, environmental care and economic dimensions. Sustainability serves to connect humans to nature and each other in collaborative, relational partnerships. Sustainability is a conscious practice which acknowledges elements of intersectionality, systemic analysis, and self-reflection. With a sincere reverence for thoughtful design and development, sustainability work recognizes that meeting our own needs must come without compromising the ability of current/future people to meet their needs.

**Each one of us will have a unique perspective.**

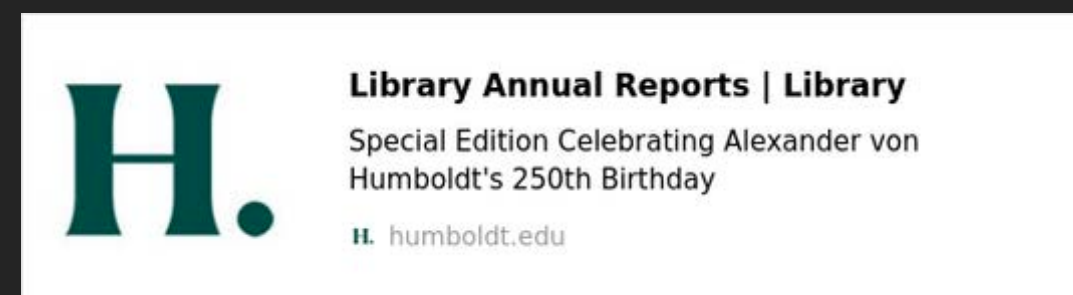


# About the Library



Since its earliest days as Humboldt Normal School, Cal Poly Humboldt has had a library. The original building was completed in 1922. Today, the Cal Poly Humboldt Library has a staff of 34 plus student assistants and a collection of more than 562,000 books, 600,000 microforms, 25,000 audio-visual and non-print items, and over 1,000 print periodical and newspaper subscriptions. The Library also is home to the Humboldt County and University Archives collections and is the only active U.S. Government Depository between Ashland, Oregon and Santa Rosa, California. Augmenting its own collections, the Library provides access to resources throughout the world via online databases, including indexes and the catalogs of other libraries, full-text journals and e-books, and the Internet.

The Library serves many groups as a CSU public space - students, faculty, staff, alumni, community, and guests.







# Humboldt Core Sustainability

## **Cal Poly Humboldt Library Mission/Vision**

### **Sustainable California Libraries**

Cal Poly Humboldt Library promotes teaching, learning, research, and scholarship by integrating information resources with innovative programs and services. Cal Poly Humboldt Library is committed to empowering community, lifelong learning, research and scholarship, connecting people and ideas to inspire learning through curiosity and creativity.

## **Cal Poly Humboldt ILOs on Sustainability**

In the course of achieving competence in a major area of study, Humboldt students will acquire intellectual skills and knowledge of cultures, history, and the physical and natural world that will prepare them for fulfilling careers, for thoughtful and civic participation in democratic society, and to work for sustainable, just societies.

- Equity and Social Justice – Humboldt graduates will be able to identify and evaluate the systems of power and privilege and identify methods for creating diverse, inclusive, and racially just and equitable communities.
- Sustainability and Environmental Awareness – Humboldt graduates will be able to explain how the functions of the natural world, society, and the economy depend on the resilience, sustainability, and conservation of ecological systems.

## **Cal Poly Humboldt Sustainability Dashboard**

Check out Humboldt's sustainability data dashboard managed by the Humboldt Advisory Committee on Sustainability to see performance and trends over time. Learn about goals, status, projects, and next steps.

## **CSU Sustainability Policy**

This policy is intended to position the nation's largest university system as a leader in the teaching and use of applied research to educate climate literate students equipped to solve the complex challenges of the world and prepare them for an evolving workforce. In addition, the policy encompasses the tenets of human and ecological health, social justice, economic vitality, and promotes the environmental sustainability of CSU's operations for our built environment.



# Library Sustainability Working Group 😊

## Members:

- Morgan Barker, Sustainability Librarian - Chair, [mew11@humboldt.edu](mailto:mew11@humboldt.edu)
- Bri Hagen, Discovery and Metadata Services Librarian
- Melitta Jackson, Resource Sharing and Information Specialist
- Avril Frasché, Community Member and SJSU MLIS student
- Library Sustainability Research Intern

Facilitating thoughtful outcomes - this group utilized slow productivity while working on this project, which included the use of meditative meeting elements. We sat quietly with each element. The working group met for 2 years while completing the certification, referencing the following frameworks: ACRL Frameworks, Intersectional Environmentalism, 17 Principles of Environmental Justice, Just Transitions Framework.

Sustainability is nuanced - we considered: environmentally sound, socially just, economically feasible - while looking at UN SDGs, true costs, Indigenous lens, climate resilience, equity centering, and a kinship with nature.

\*funded by an ERFSA Grant and CPH Library





# SUSTAINABLE LIBRARIANSHIP

## AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

In 2019, ALA Council added **“sustainability” as a core value of the profession**, adopting the triple bottom line definition of sustainability to ensure balanced decision-making that respects environmental stewardship, social equity, and economic feasibility. As community leaders and facilitators, libraries should be modeling sustainable practices among their staff and within their facilities.

## ALA + SUSTAINABLE LIBRARIES INITIATIVE

SUSTAINABLE LIBRARIANSHIP COURSE  
ROAD MAP TO SUSTAINABILITY  
CLIMATE ACTION FOR LIBRARIES GUIDE



### National Climate Action Strategy unveiled at ALA Annual Conference

Library workers recognize that climate change is one of the biggest challenges to their communities...

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Sustainability  
ROUND TABLE

### Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT)

A venue in which members exchange ideas and opportunities regarding sustainability in order to...

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# New Faculty Position Sustainability Librarian

## **Job Announcement Spring 2022 Sustainability Librarian**

Description - Cal Poly Humboldt has a long history of advancing sustainability throughout the campus and community. Sustainability is a core value at Cal Poly Humboldt, and encompasses, as detailed in our [Polytechnic Prospectus](#), a multifaceted definition that includes environmental, economic, and social dimensions. The vision for the work of this position will be shaped by the campus needs as identified by the incumbent's research and engagement with the campus community and community at large. At Cal Poly Humboldt Library, the definition of sustainability addresses broad aspects of library operations: the physical and virtual environment, our stewardship of library resources, the types of and manner in which library services are designed and delivered, the adoption and use of various technologies, and how through these we can better serve our library community.

## **AASHE 22-23 STARS Report Sustainability Librarian - Innovation C**

Description - As efforts continue at Cal Poly Humboldt to truly connect polytechnic work to student academics/research the University added an explicit faculty position to support campus development on sustainability in the Fall of 2022. The Sustainability Librarian is a new faculty position working as interdisciplinary, information literacy focused support on campus, reaching all realms - from facilities, to faculty committees, to direct student outreach, and community collaboration.



### **ARL President's Institute: Embracing Sustainability— Libraries Leading the Way**

Sustainable practices are a priority in everything we do—at work, at home, and in life in general. ARL has adopted sustainability as one of its values. However sustainable development goes...

Association of Research Libraries

The Sustainability Librarian is active in higher education academics and research from a Library lens. For example, speaking at the **ARL 2024 President's Institute** Embracing Sustainability - Libraries Leading the Way



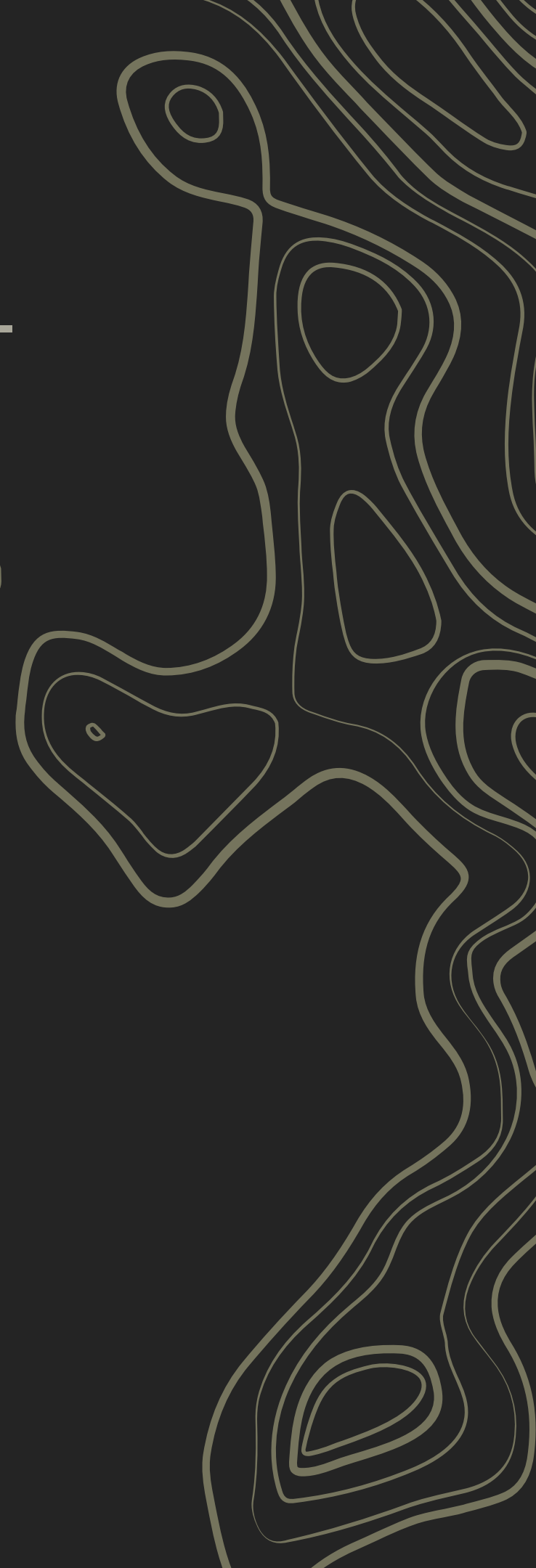
# Sustainability Learning Outcomes

*(always drafty) A collection of ideas developed during sustainability workshops, conversations and research - for use with Library sustainability literacy*

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Students, Staff, Faculty, Community, Organization ++ will be able to...

- Sustain themselves - know, advocate for and practice their own sustainability
  - *Rest is Resistance* by Tricia Hersey
- Identify and nurture their own cultural elements related to sustainability
- See paths to other ways of knowing - traditional ecological knowledge, sustainable resource management, storytelling, land-based education, community-based learning, environmental kinship, and more
- Have agency, garner a sense of hope
  - *Field Guide to Climate Anxiety* by Sarah Ray Jaquette
- Develop advocacy skills to support community and self on justice elements, consider just transitions thoughtfully, see actionable points in their own work/life
  - *17 Principles of Environmental Justice* by the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit 1991
- Develop intersectional awareness
  - *The Intersectional Environmentalist* by Leah Thomas
- Develop interdisciplinary perspectives
- Self-examine positionality as a practice, utilize systemic analysis
- Identify sustainability and multiple components, within their own field and life
- Develop working methods that follow relational accountability elements
  - *Fresh Banana Leaves* by Jessica Hernandez
- Navigate power and privilege in sustainability, freedom of information elements
- Hold tensions of dualism, complexity, and nuance safely without losing resilience





## CAL POLY HUMBOLDT SUSTAINABLE LIBRARY

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on Unsplash Bogota

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Parque Forestal, Santiago, Chile

## Three SLI Academic Institutions Recognized by AASHE in the 2024 Sustainable Campus Index



The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) recently released their annual Sustainable Campus Index: a document highlighting and ranking colleges and universities across the world on the basis of sustainable practices.

Several institutions with libraries currently participating in the Sustainable Library Certification Program were celebrated by the index in recognition of their broader campus achievements.

**San Diego State University** was ranked #5 in the *Curriculum* section for “developing and offering learning opportunities in sustainability;” **The University of Maryland** was ranked #5 in the *Waste* section for “waste minimization and reduction construction, waste diversion, and hazardous waste management;” and **Cal Poly Humboldt** was ranked #5 in the *Investment & Finance* section for “sustainable investment, committees for responsible investing, and investment disclosure” as well as #4 in the *Overall Top Performers (Master’s Institutions)* category.

In addition, **Cal Poly Humboldt** was also recognized as one of the first institutions in the United States -- alongside Bard College -- to earn a Plastic Reduction Partner Certification from the National Wildlife Federation’s *Campus Race to Zero Waste*.

The Sustainable Libraries Initiative is proud to see the achievements of these academic institutions acknowledged and congratulates them for work well done. We are delighted to be considered by these institutions as a resource to bring them closer to their goals.

Read the full index with the link below.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Cal Poly Humboldt  
**Location:** Arcata, California  
**Membership:** SLCP Academic Library



With student-driven efforts to create a positive impact and their own sustainability librarian implementing sustainability into the curriculum, California State Polytechnic University Humboldt campus is a leader in sustainability.

The Sustainable Humboldt Innovative Futures Trust (SHIFT) committee, supported by faculty representative and sustainability librarian Morgan Barker, sets out to implement projects accelerating progress towards a greener, more equitable future on campus. With funding from student fees, some of the initiatives the SHIFT committee helped bring to campus include a small solar array, lighting upgrades, water bottle refill stations, and compost bins, among many others.

“Centered in the campus Sustainability Office, this committee is a spot where the perspective of a Librarian is sincerely useful, as effective research models support active student learning, especially when it comes to the nuance of sustainability elements. Having a Librarian out there, with students, brings Library services into the campus community,” says Morgan.

Recently, the committee worked with the OhSnap! Food Pantry on campus to purchase a sustainable vehicle after the pantry expressed a need to expand its services. The group engaged in an open dialogue with the grantee, sought out data from facilities on purchasing options, and carefully considered alignment with the fund’s goals when coming to a decision. After weighing the options, a hybrid pick-up truck was chosen -- exemplifying the importance of hands-on student work in bridging the gap between climate literacy and climate action.

Mira Friedman, Lead for Health Education and Clinic Support Services, expressed gratitude for the purchase:

“Dear SHIFT... Today we were able to help a student move from Motel 8 back to campus using our hybrid truck. We were able to use just the truck because my crew, the student and her friend all were able to all pile in and do just one trip. We were also able to load the back with food and other supplies she needed from some stores. We were able to get into RWC storage and load her up with recent supplies we picked up from the Samoa warehouse from move out donations. Lots of clothes, kitchen appliances, dishes, silverware, hangers, shelving unit, bathroom caddy, and so much more. If we didn’t have the truck it would have taken additional cars to make this possible. Thank you for supporting our efforts! We appreciate you all! It was a good day.”



[Cal Poly Humboldt Library Sustainability Page](#)

[Cal Poly Humboldt SHIFT](#)

[Form for Submissions](#)

# Humboldt Mentions

## Academic Library Member

## AASHE and SLI



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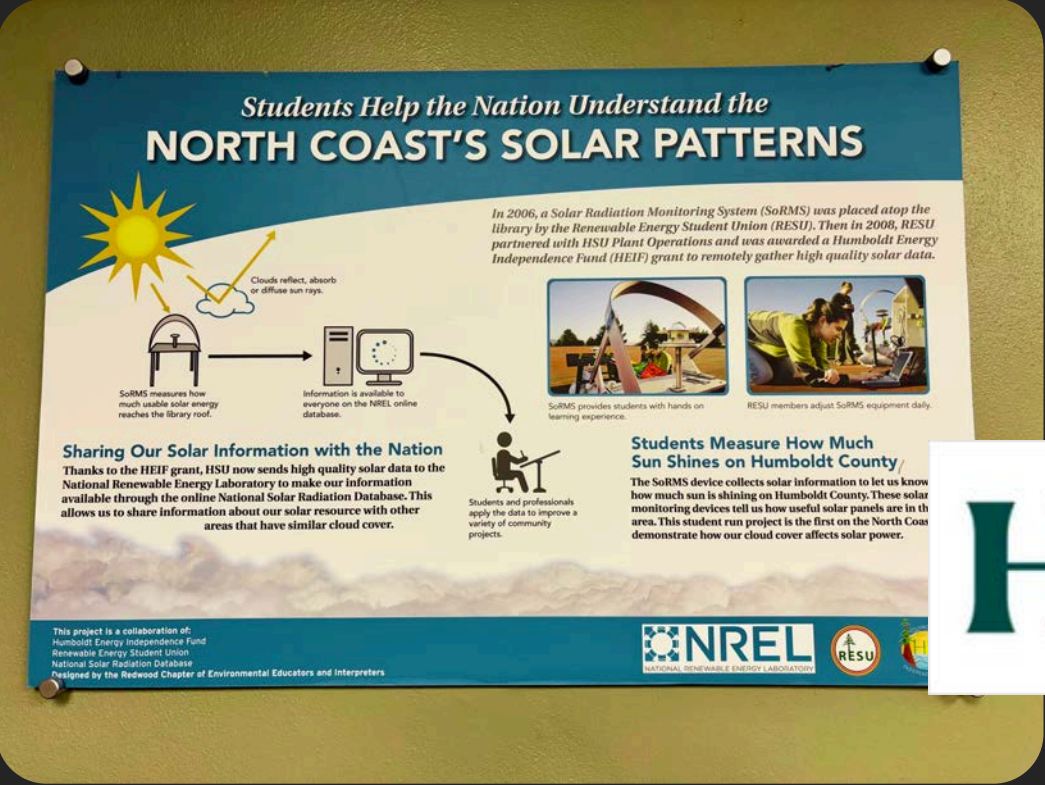
Campus initiatives have made space for greater library collaborations. **We look at how sustainability shapes the work we do in the following ways** - from the forthcoming book (ACRL Academic Libraries & Sustainable Development) chapter (Sustainable Learning at the Cal Poly Humboldt)

- **Collections** - Most recently, sustainability has been a thread in the development of the children's and travel collections.
- **Special Collections** - Carly Marino, Special Collections Librarian, writes in a poster for the 2023 Association of American Archivists conference, "The Ecological Sustainability Archive at Cal Poly Humboldt is employing just transitions for a more equitable and inclusive collection and workplace. It looks at how our preservation and access policies are supporting sustainability in our archives. How are we documenting past environmental actions to support future activists? It recognizes that the purpose of creating an archive is to engage and inspire research." (Marino et al., 2023)
- **Digital Commons** - The Humboldt Sustainability Project allows for dedicated sustainability-focused content to sit in findable spots, and for cross-campus utilization to take place. (Humboldt Sustainability Project | Cal Poly Humboldt Research | Digital Commons @ Cal Poly Humboldt, 2024)
- **The Press at Cal Poly Humboldt** - The only CSU publishing house, "At Humboldt, we want to make a difference, and open access publishing aligns with our vision for social justice and sustainability by reducing costly barriers to connect author and reader, teacher and learner." - Cyril Oberlander, Cal Poly Humboldt Library Dean. (The Press at Cal Poly Humboldt, 2023)
- **Makerspace** - "The Cal Poly Humboldt Library Makerspace is a place where you can create and learn about digital and physical projects with other makers and resources to support you." The Library Makerspace is a place where students find reuse, recycle, and share as a practice. (Research Guides: Makerspace: Welcome, 2024)
- **Digital Media** - The library of things for digital media production is vast at Cal Poly Humboldt. Students can check out equipment, making room for money to be spent on basic needs and housing. (Research Guides: Digital Making: Take & Make Equipment, 2024)
- **First-Year Experience** - Most recently, the campus has been dedicated to including all students in place-based learning communities (PBLC), explicitly working towards a native focus on place. In 2024, the first sustainability-themed PBLC People and Planet was launched.
- **Metadata** - Bri Hagen, Discovery and Metadata Services Librarian, writes in a poster for the 2023 Association of American Archivists conference, "Sustainable Metadata Values - Our collections support the mission of Special Collections and the University, we value the time and labor involved in creating collections, we value the people, places, and objects represented in the collections, we value our role as stewards to the environment, sustainability, diversity, and access."
- **OER/AL\$ (Open Educational Resources, Affordable Learning Solutions) Sustainable Learning** - "Cal Poly Humboldt's Sustainable Learning Program is a campus strategy for implementing the CSU Affordable Learning Solutions initiative. This faculty development program aims to decrease the cost of an education by promoting and supporting faculty in evaluating and adopting high-quality, peer-reviewed open textbooks and open educational resources (OER), and other resources that reduce the need for costly textbooks." (Research Guides: Open Educational Resources (OER) Sustainable Learning: Welcome, 2014)



# Functional Sustainability

Cal Poly Humboldt tracks functional sustainability at the campus level and the Library sits within these efforts. All energy, food, greenhouse gas emissions, purchasing, water, waste, and more is compiled in campus dashboards. As well, this work is reported to AASHE STARS and the greater CSU.





### Monitors Fill Gap in Sun Map

Arcata—Humboldt State has connected with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to become a primary data...

[humboldt.edu](http://humboldt.edu)

The Library is home to water/solar projects that make efficiency a standard practice - for example, hydration stations, with local filtered water and solar energy data collection, with additional solar planned.

## Explore Sustainability Dashboard Categories

The Humboldt Sustainability Dashboard makes visible our progress towards meeting our sustainability goals, by featuring updated metrics for key sustainability performance areas, along with project descriptions, next steps and information on how you can learn more and get involved. **Click through the sustainability categories** and join the movement!

This dashboard is brought to you by the [Humboldt Advisory Committee on Sustainability \(HACS\)](#), a group of students, faculty and staff who believe that continual improvement in sustainability can be achieved with transparency and accountability.

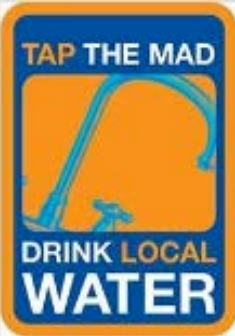
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### Tap the Mad

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (the "District") is committed to ensuring that i...

[hbmwd.com](http://hbmwd.com)

### Water Filling Stations- XHF031 | Cal Poly Humboldt

Project proposes installing 9 new bottle filling stations for a total cost of \$20,761 throughout Humboldt campus to save energy, reduce waste, and make it convenient for Cal Poly Humboldt's community to refill reusable...

[humboldt.edu](http://humboldt.edu)



# Community Displays

*Brian D. Tripp Papers, Special Collections Exhibit*

*Reclaiming Eureka's Chinatown History, Humboldt Asians & Pacific Islanders (HAPI)*



## "From One Time to Another" The Brian D. Tripp Papers Exhibit Opening and Celebration

Come view the exhibit "From One Time to Another" from the Brian D. Tripp Papers. Newly available in the Poly Humboldt Special Collections. The exhibit is open in the library lobby from September 20th to October 10th.

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**Cal Poly Humboldt Library  
Lobby**

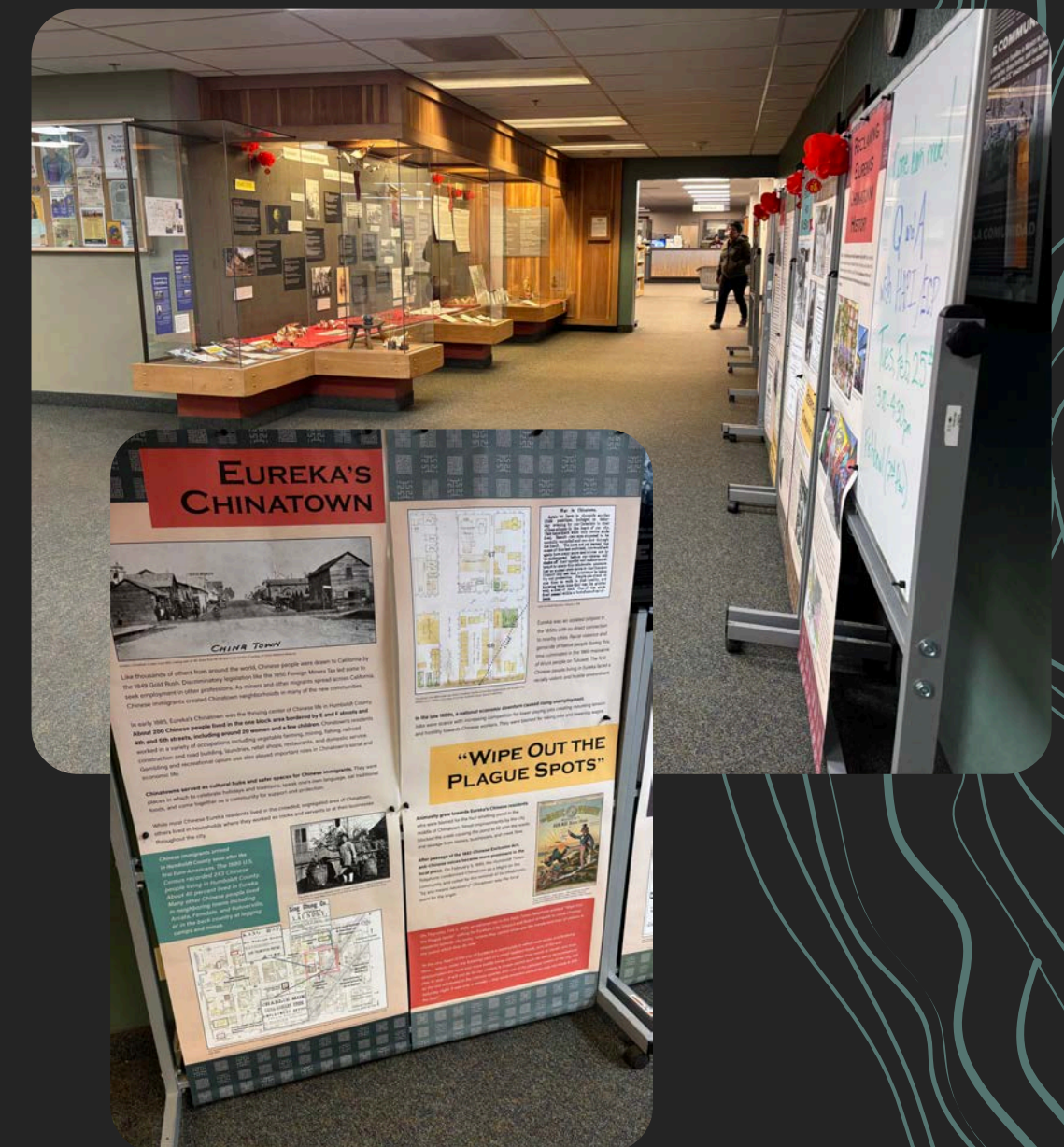
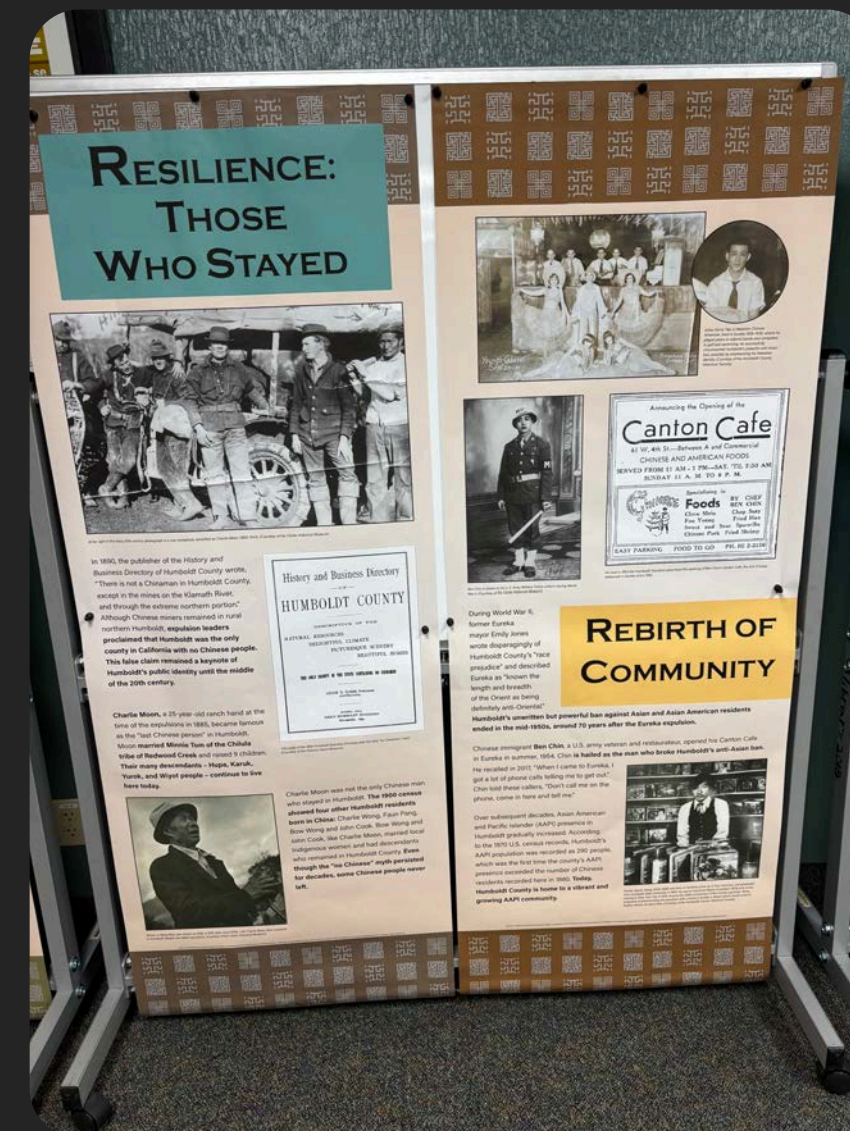
[specialcollections.humboldt.edu](https://specialcollections.humboldt.edu)

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**Brian D. Tripp Papers - Finding Aid |  
Library Special Collections & Archives | ...**

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Unknown, A-Z, 1970s-2000s

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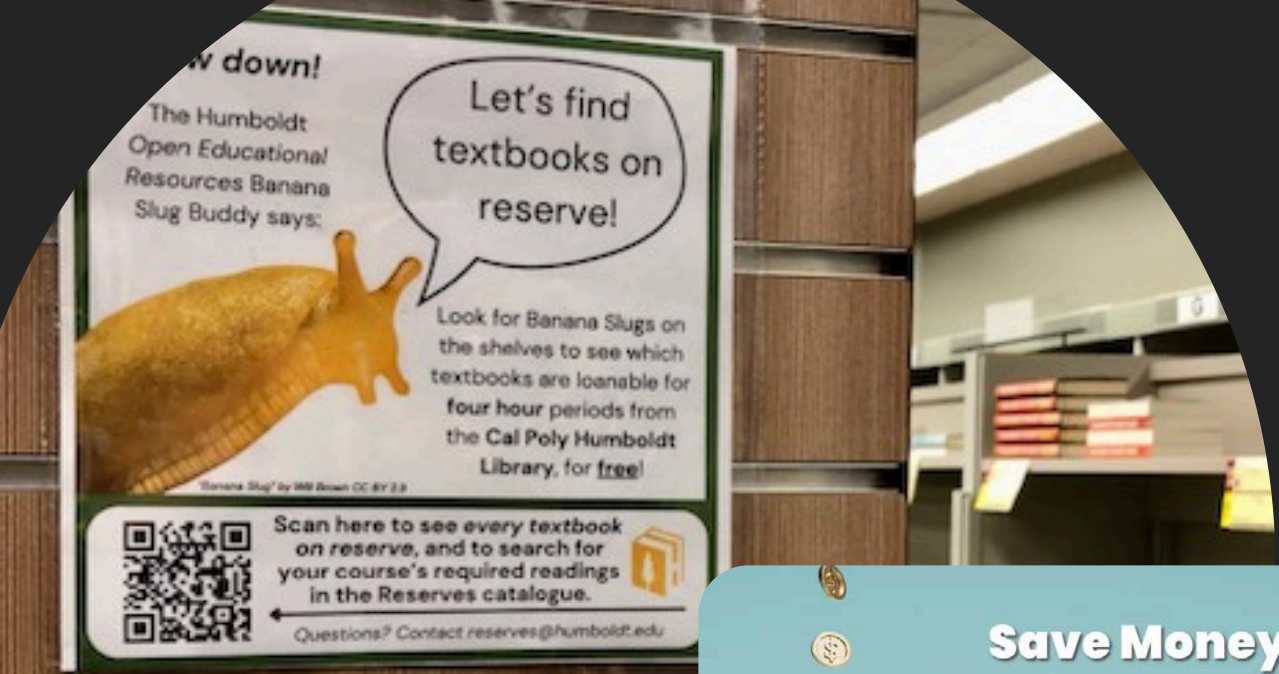


Community engagement in this format reflects the stories and cultural sustainability of local populations. These are representative of the many, many displays that end up being presented at the Library, sincerely supportive of sustainability concepts.



# Sustainable Learning OER/AL\$

This program is funded by the CSU AL\$ Affordable Learning Solutions grant. Student outreach and faculty professional development helps to impact access and basic needs.



**Save Money with Textbooks on Reserve**

The Library has **82%** of all required texts

Our Textbooks on Reserve program includes over **240** textbooks

Borrow textbooks for free for **4-hour** periods in the Library

**Click** here to find your textbook in the Library



**SUSTAINABLE LEARNING**

**Librarians are here to help!**

**Send us your book list and we can help you find the lowest cost textbook options.**

**Contact**  
**Morgan Barker**  
Sustainability Librarian  
mew11@humboldt.edu  
(707) 826-4930  
LIB 206  
Come on in! I have snacks!

**Your university life + learning ecosystem:**

- ✓ **Economic Elements**  
AL\$ the CSU Affordable Learning Solutions program is empowering students to continue their education through the use of low/no-cost learning resources to reduce the cost of an education to students. Explore OERs, low-cost, and library resources.
- ✓ **Environmental Elements**  
All of the resources available at the Library help you to reduce textbook and material waste. For example - using Library reserve books or buying used books supports the circular economy.
- ✓ **Human/Social Elements**  
Your time, energy and resources are critical. Reducing the cost of your course materials allows you to spend money on basic needs, like food and housing.

**Check out the Sustainable Learning Guide for students to lower your textbook costs.**

**LOWER YOUR TEXTBOOK COSTS**

**FLOWCODE**

**PRIVACY.FLOWCODE.COM**

OER/AL\$ Reserves + Bookstore Collaboration 23-24 + Student Advocates - with Library drop in hours, supporting 1-1 peer to peer consultations for textbook and material triage.



# Therapy Dogs at the Library



Therapy dogs promote mental health and well-being for students, staff, faculty, and the community. These furry friends help to create a supportive library environment.

*Therapy Dogs in the Library*  
11:30am - 2pm each day

 **Monday, Feb. 3** **Thursday, Feb. 20**  
 **Thursday, Feb. 6** **Monday, Feb. 24**  
 **Thursday, Feb. 13** **Thursday, Feb. 27**  
**Monday, Feb. 17** 





# Library Makerspace

The Library Makerspace and other spots are places for reusable crafts, knitting meetups, and repair cafes.



## Research Guides: Makerspace: Welcome

Visit the Library Makerspace on the second floor!

[springshare /](#)

The Makerspace is an active place to see waste reduction in action, prototyping for eco-innovation and circular integrations. Anyone can practice sustainability skills.





# Skillshops on Sustainability

Open class sessions for students, staff, faculty, and the community. These sessions support information literacy and sustainability across the curriculum, while integrating Library services and collections. Snacks are always provided!



## CROWDSOURCING SUSTAINABILITY



### BE HERE NOW

#### Sustainability Meditation

This is an 8 minute meditation about something we simply can't ignore - sustainability. In this practice, commit to sustaining the beauty of living, not just now but for the future. This meditation is guided by Michael James Wong, from Just Breathe.

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#### Messy Hope

Check out stories from the *Good Newspaper*, which covers the messy hope amid worldwide sustainable development goals.



#### Real Solutions


Check out solutions, ideas and projects on *Appropedia*, the sustainability wiki.

### Your Connections to Sustainability

17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth - all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

The challenges of the world are messy and nuanced. How would you use the information represented here in your assignments, projects, jobs and life?



#### Find inspiration in *Imagine 2200: Climate Fiction for Future Ancestors*

Writers from across the globe engaged their imaginations in discovering intersectional worlds of generational healing and community-based solutions. This year's three winners and nine finalists bring new perspectives to the vital genre of climate fiction, with short stories that offer visions of abundance, adaptation, reform, and hope. Join us in celebrating an uprising of imagination with 12 stirring, surprising, and expansive looks at a future built on sustainability, inclusivity, and justice

**Ready to research sustainability for an assignment, project or job?** Contact Morgan Barker, Sustainability Librarian at [mew11@humboldt.edu](mailto:mew11@humboldt.edu)

**Need a Skillshop? Or some sustainability reading?** Little Free Sustainability Library



### LITTLE FREE SUSTAINABILITY LIBRARY ONLINE SKILLSHOP



#### Self-Paced Canvas SkillShop

Enroll anytime! Learn more about sustainability by exploring connections with the use of ChatGPT.

Approximate length: 1.5 hours  
<https://hum.link/sustainabilityskillshop>



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## REST + READ

### LITTLE FREE SUSTAINABILITY LIBRARY ONLINE SKILLSHOP

Enroll anytime! Learn more about the nuances of sustainability by reading and connecting.  
<https://hum.link/sustainabilityskillshop>



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## Take a beat to read, rest and reflect at the Library SPRING 2025 REST + READ SKILLSHOPS



### Rest is Resistance

By Tricia Hersey

- 2/28 11AM + 4/3 11AM LIB 209 FISHBOWL

Our worth does not reside in how much we produce, especially for a system that exploits and dehumanizes us. Rest, in its simplest form, becomes an act of resistance and a reclaiming of power because it disrupts and pushes back against capitalism and white supremacy.



### Field Guide to Climate Anxiety

By Sarah Jaquette Ray - Cal Poly Humboldt

- 3/7 10AM + 4/10 11AM LIB 209 FISHBOWL

Drawing on a decade of experience leading and teaching in college environmental studies programs, SJR has created an "existential tool kit" for the climate generation. Combining insights from psychology, sociology, social movements, mindfulness, and the environmental humanities, Ray explains why and how we need to let go of eco-guilt, resist burnout, and cultivate resilience while advocating for climate justice.

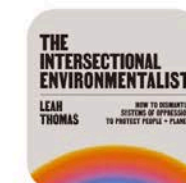


### Just Transformations

Edited by Iokíñe Rodríguez, Mariana Walter, Leah Temper

- 3/28 11AM LIB 209 FISHBOWL

The climate crisis is the greatest existential threat humanity faces today. The need for a radical societal transformation in the interests of social justice and ecological sustainability has never been greater. But where can we turn to find systemic alternatives?



### The Intersectional Environmentalist

By Leah Thomas

- EARTH DAY 4/22 11AM LIB 209 FISHBOWL

The Intersectional Environmentalist is an introduction to the intersection between environmentalism, racism, and privilege, and an acknowledgment of the fundamental truth that we cannot save the planet without uplifting the voices of its people -- especially those most often unheard.



# Trillium Project

The Trillium Project is a Humboldt based faculty development program that advances sustainability across the curriculum. The Sustainability Librarian has been a coordinating member and facilitator, and fellow faculty Librarians have been participants. With these offerings Cal Poly Humboldt is recognized as an AASHE Center for Sustainability Across the Curriculum, a program which aims to accelerate the infusion of sustainability content into curriculum by partnering with institutions of higher education to offer workshops and other professional development opportunities.



## Faculty & Learning

The Sustainability Faculty Fellow (SFF) works closely with the Office of Sustainability in Facilities Management, the Center for Teaching and Learning, Colleges, and the Office of the Provost to implement and...

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# Collection Giveaways

Sometimes, pieces of the collection need to go! Map giveaways happen when it is time, usually during GIS Map Day, when wrapping paper and posters are relevant items.





# Librarian Field Trips

Curated, sustainability educational events for Library faculty is a regular occurrence - we have toured CCAT the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology, the Greenhouse, and the Children's Center. As well, we have been on a campus tree tour, out at the Marine Lab for a retreat, and lining up with students for an OhSnap! PopUp Thrift event.





# Children's Area and Lactation Room



The children's area and lactation room support sustainability by promoting social equity, gender inclusion, and student success. These spaces create a welcoming environment for student-parents and caregivers, helping reduce barriers to education and retention. Additionally, they demonstrate efficient use of space and model institutional leadership in creating inclusive, family-friendly learning environments.



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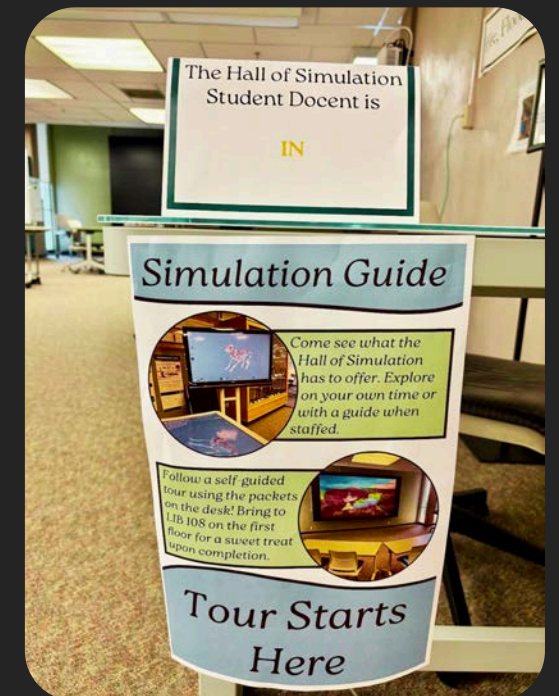
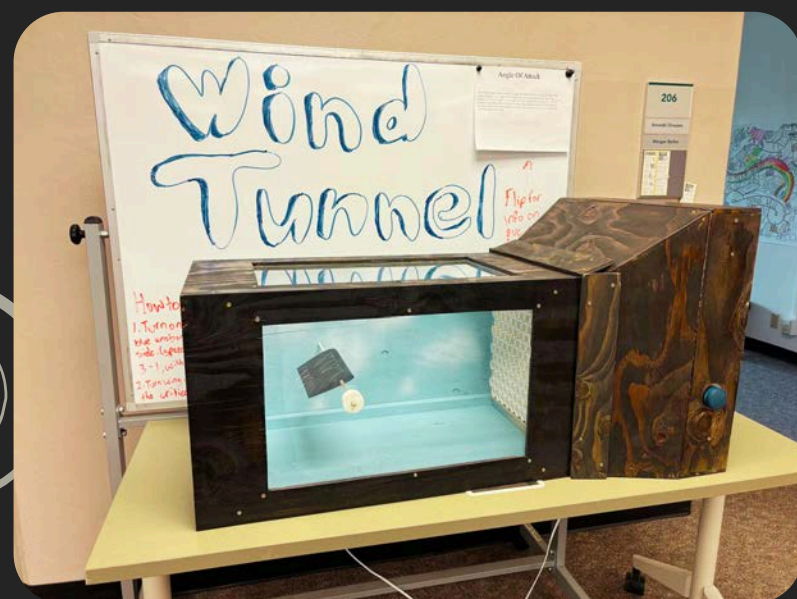
## Hall of Simulation | Library

The Hall of Simulation has a new student docent!  
Please welcome Nick Consedine (Environmental  
Science and Management: Education and...

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# Library Hall of Simulation

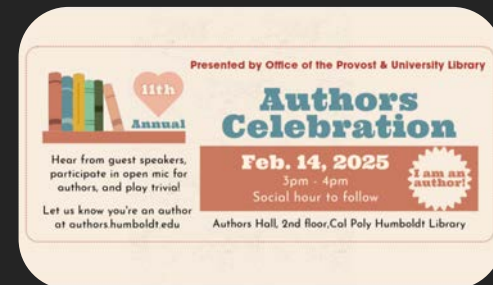
The Hall of Simulation encapsulates several of the Library's most exciting technologies, including our student-designed Augmented Reality Sandbox, Anatomage Digital Dissection Table, FAA-certified GTX Max Cessna AATD Flight Simulator, 3D Digital Herbarium touchscreen interface, Simtable interactive wildfire modelling system, and the Digital Wall. Students, faculty, staff, and community members have access to all of this equipment anytime in the Library.





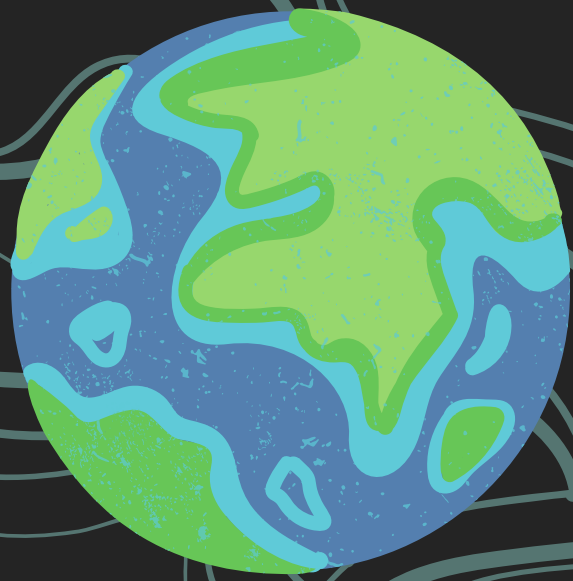
# Open Access, Publishing, Mentoring

Author celebrations, publishing opportunities, content libraries, and more. The Press at Cal Poly Humboldt supports open access, mentoring authors from on and off campus.



The Press at Cal Poly Humboldt is home to the CSU Journal of Sustainability and Climate Change - an open access publication.





# Earth Week, Every Week

Campus Earth Week Events - including more than a few at the Library! As well, the Sustainability Librarian is an active part of events like the AI+Sustainability Panel coordinated by the Humboldt Advisory Committee on Sustainability



## Earth Week Every Week

Students at Cal Poly Humboldt demonstrate and participate in sustainability efforts year round which shows their commitment to making Earth Week Every Week. One great example of this is through...

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## AI & Sustainability Panel + Discussion

Wednesday, April 23  
3 - 4:30pm  
Green and Gold Room  
Founders Hall Rm 166

Light Refreshments

Do AI's negative impacts on the environment and society outweigh its utility? Or is there a way to generate and use AI in a more responsible and less harmful way? What is our institution's responsibility? Join us for this timely discussion!

For questions or special accommodations, email [mpk9@humboldt.edu](mailto:mpk9@humboldt.edu)

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## REST + READ

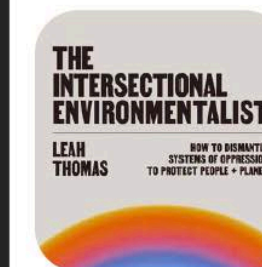
LITTLE FREE SUSTAINABILITY LIBRARY  
ONLINE SKILLSHOP

Enroll anytime! Learn more about the nuances of sustainability by reading and connecting.  
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Cal Poly Humboldt Library  
Morgan Barker, Sustainability Librarian  
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## Take a beat to read, rest and reflect at the Library! EARTH DAY SKILLSHOP



**The Intersectional Environmentalist**  
By Leah Thomas

- EARTH DAY 4/22 11AM
- LIB 209 FISHBOWL

The Intersectional Environmentalist is an introduction to the intersection between environmentalism, racism, and privilege, and an acknowledgment of the fundamental truth that we cannot save the planet without uplifting the voices of its people -- especially those most often unheard.

Check out other chapters in the online Little Free Sustainability Library...



+ MORE!



# PBLC Place-Based Learning Communities

Librarians are part of campus strategic efforts to develop community among freshman-level students. Almost all students coming to Humboldt will take part in a learning community. The People + Planet PBLC centers sustainability concepts and has the Sustainability Librarian as dedicated faculty to support and to be there for a dedicated week of initial welcome activities. For example - a visit to the local Foggy Bottoms Boys space Jersey Scoop, a tour of a local, farm to table ice cream and agriculture business.



**People & Planet**

Help Create a Just Future Which Way to Sustainability? Welcome to People and Planet, one of Cal Poly Humboldt's Place-Based Learning Communities. As a first-year student interested in intersectional...

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**FOGGY  
BOTTOMS  
BOYS**

**The Barnyard Experience**

The Foggy Bottoms Boys are not offering farm tours for this 2024 season due to the avian influenza outbreak that is transferable to cows. To learn mor...

Foggy Bottoms Boys





# Zero Waste Conference

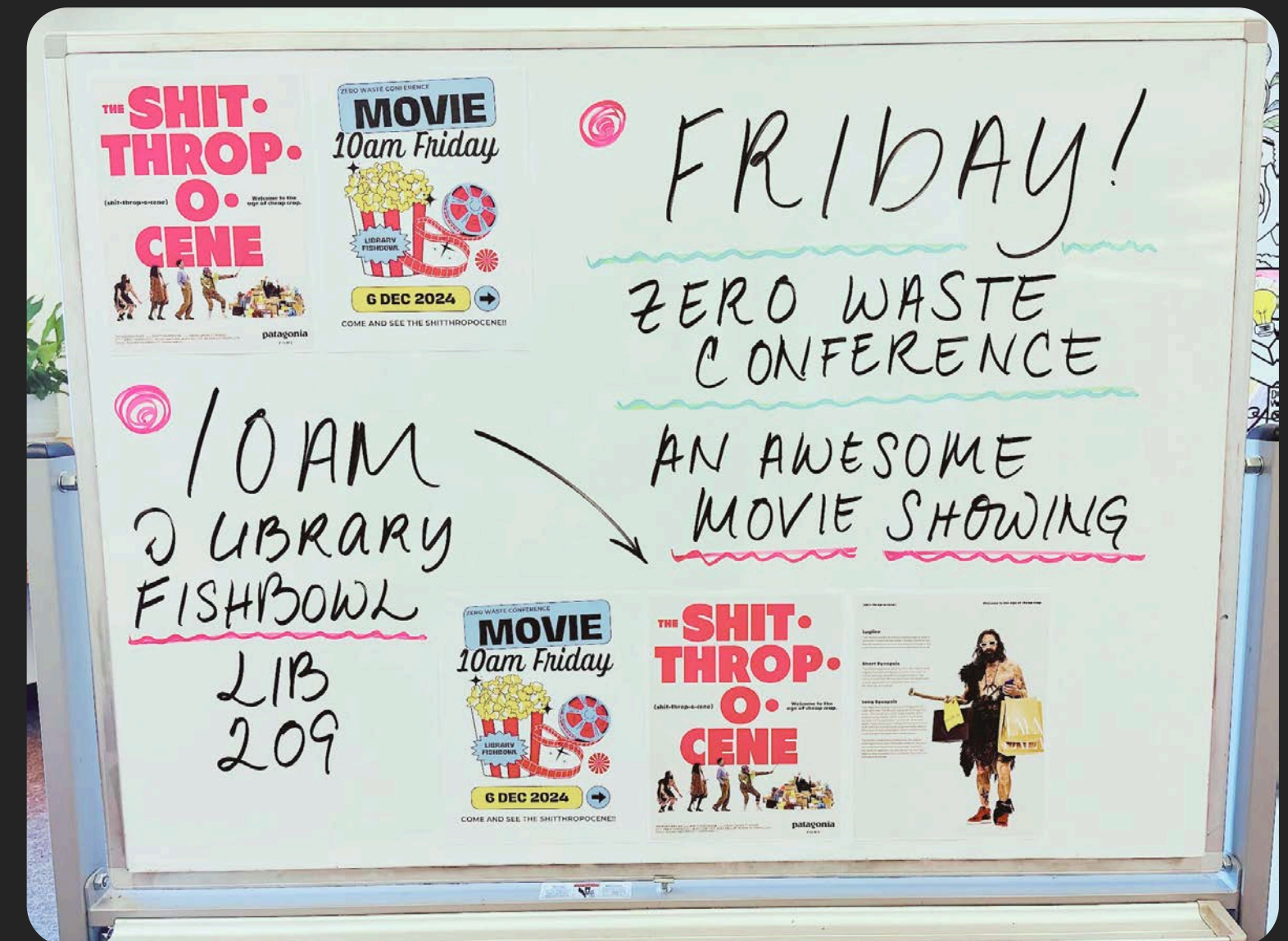
The Zero Waste Conference is an annual campus event! Part of sustainability literacy efforts, librarians take part in the festivities - visiting the Recology waste facility with students and the sustainability office staff. As well, leading sessions like the Shitthropocene Patagonia movie showing, where we give the opportunity to discuss how consumerism impacts our own lives. These elements support Library sustainability and contribute to overall campus sustainability across the curriculum.



## Cal Poly Humboldt Unveils Zero Waste Action Plan to Reduce Landfill Impact

Cal Poly Humboldt is taking decisive steps toward achieving its ambitious zero waste goals with the release of a comprehensive Zero Waste Action Plan

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# OHSNAP! FIELD TRIP

\* **ROOM 122**  
REC • WELLNESS CENTER



The OhSNAP! Student Food Programs is a student-driven initiative. Our mission is to increase access to nutritious and culturally appropriate food for all Cal Poly Humboldt students by engaging in campus and community partnerships and by raising awareness of food insecurity among our peers. We aim to provide our fellow students with basic necessities and connections to community resources. Our services currently include a campus food pantry, a weekly stand with free fresh fruits and vegetables (during the growing season), CalFresh application assistance, connections to other local food resources, and outreach events. We provide CalFresh assistance to anyone who needs it, however our pantry and food redistribution services are for matriculated Cal Poly Humboldt students only. [ohsnap@humboldt.edu](mailto:ohsnap@humboldt.edu)



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AI USED HERE  
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## How OhSnap! connects to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)

- **SDG 2: Zero Hunger** - OhSnap! Programs directly address food insecurity among students by providing access to nutritious food. This helps ensure that students do not go hungry, which is a fundamental aspect of SDG 2.
- **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being** - Access to healthy food options through the OhSnap! Programs contributes to better health and well-being. Adequate nutrition is essential for maintaining physical health, preventing disease, and supporting mental health.
- **SDG 4: Quality Education** - By alleviating food insecurity, OhSnap! Programs help students focus better on their studies. Hunger and poor nutrition can significantly impact a student's ability to concentrate, learn, and perform academically. Ensuring students have access to food supports their educational success.
- **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities** - The programs help reduce inequalities by supporting students who might be economically disadvantaged or facing financial difficulties. By providing food assistance, they help level the playing field and give all students a better chance to succeed regardless of their financial background.
- **SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production** - OhSnap! Programs often incorporate food recovery and waste reduction initiatives, such as rescuing surplus food from being wasted. This aligns with promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- **SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals** - The success of OhSnap! Programs often depends on partnerships with local food banks, community organizations, and other stakeholders. These collaborations exemplify SDG 17, which emphasizes the importance of partnerships in achieving the SDGs.

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## Greenwashing Elements, Food For Thought

### Misleading Labels and Certifications

**Authentic Practices:** Certified Labels: Truly sustainable food products often have certifications from recognized bodies (e.g., USDA Organic, Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance) that are based on strict environmental and social criteria.

**Greenwashing Signs:** False or Misleading Labels: Companies might use labels that look official but have no rigorous standards or oversight. Terms like "natural," "eco-friendly," or "green" without certification can be vague and misleading.

### Selective Disclosure

**Authentic Practices:** Full Transparency: Genuine sustainability efforts involve full transparency about the entire lifecycle of the product, including sourcing, production, and distribution.

**Greenwashing Signs:** Highlighting Only the Good: Organizations might highlight the sustainable aspects of a small part of their operations while ignoring or downplaying the environmental harm caused by other parts.

Think about the term "plant based" and how it is used across many products... what do you think about that?

Let's think about farm shares too! What detailed information do you receive about sourcing, production and more?

Outside Magazine, "Don't Get Scammed by Greenwashing"



## LIBRARY RESOURCES



### Check out the Little Free Sustainability Library

Ready to research sustainability for an assignment, project or job? Contact Morgan Barker, Sustainability Librarian at [mew11@humboldt.edu](mailto:mew11@humboldt.edu)



### LIBRARY SKILLSHOP CALENDAR



"Greenwashing can take many forms. It can include using imagery that has an aura of sustainability, patently false information, vague and misleading claims, or even just exaggerated ones. But let's just call it what it is: deceitful.

The most common forms of greenwashing are lies of omission. You might see a product proudly claiming to be made from ocean plastic, algae, or recycled content. But what percentage? Sometimes it's a scant amount of the overall material mix, but the marketing entices well-meaning consumers to buy it."

# OhSnap! Library Food Drive and Field Trip for Students



### Student Health & Wellbeing Services

Oh Snap Food Pantry, funded by Associate Students, IRA fees, a grant through Humboldt County, the...

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Connecting to this campus resource increases literacy on food justice and economic sustainability elements. Basic needs are critical to students and the greater community.



# Career Expo and Clothing Closet



The Library acts as a third space and HUB for many groups - career clothing and information sincerely supports access to job preparation resources, empowers lifelong learning, while making connections between education and employability.





# And more!

- A *Forest of Care* space for meditative moments.
- Audio booths for zoom sessions, phone calls, and tele-health appointments.
- The annual ideaFest!
- And grants to fund diverse, STEM collections.

All at the Library!

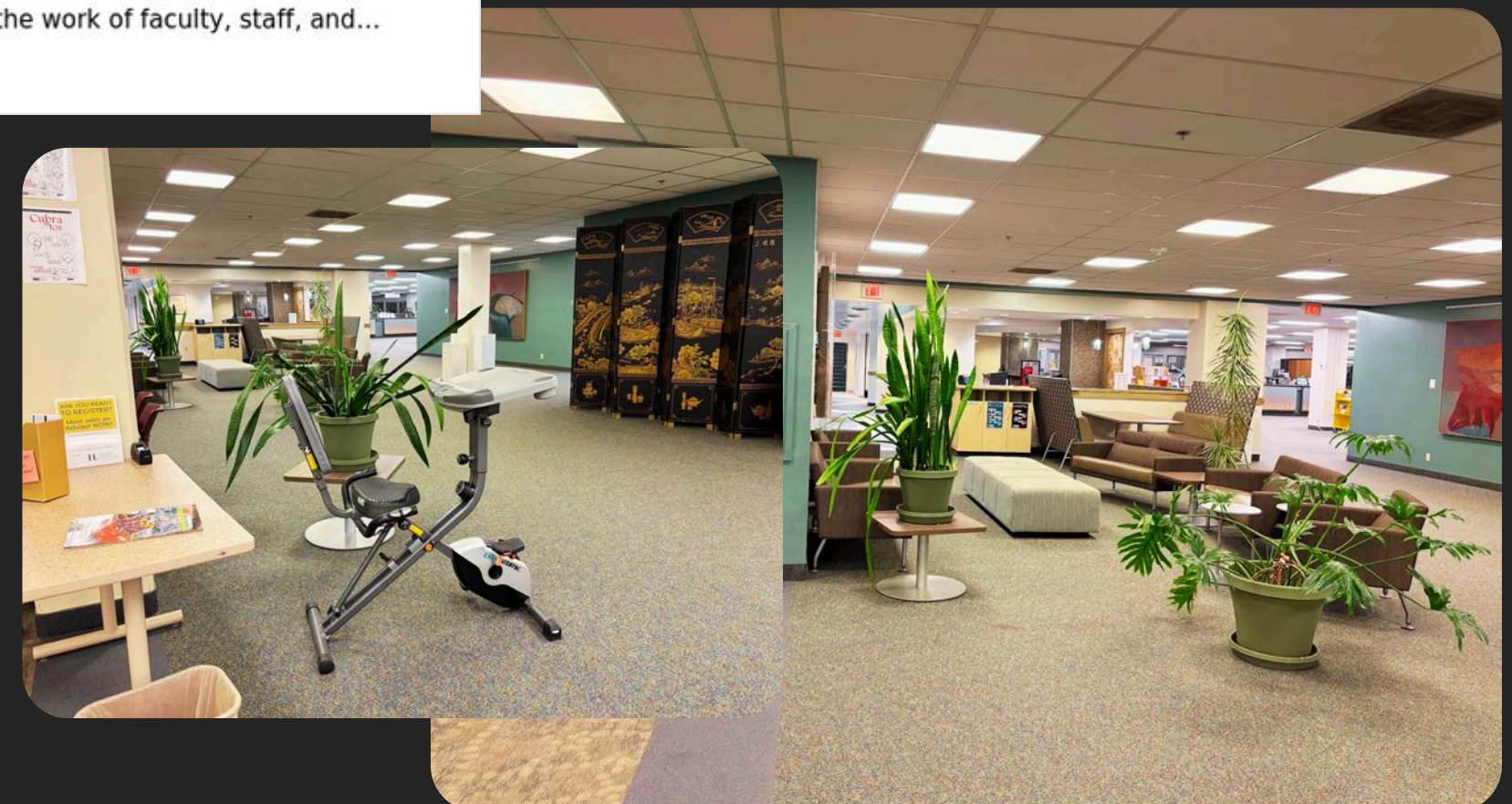


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## Now we continue this living work....

The Library recognizes land and labor, in so that the work and information contained in this guide represent living, breathing elements of life here at Cal Poly Humboldt. We will continue this active work in ways that sincerely, thoughtfully support social and environmental justice in relational ways. The Library is not a static place, nor are our capabilities to imagine differently.



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Initiative**