

# MSU Libraries Environmental Committee NEWSLETTER

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## IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

### SLJ Interview with Madeleine Charney, Sustainability Studies Librarian at UM Amherst

Sustainability Studies Librarian and 2017 SLJ Mover & Shaker Madeleine Charney discusses her efforts to promote sustainability at UM Amherst and how other librarians can get involved in this work at their own libraries.

### How Libraries Can Promote Environmental Awareness

Science and environmental writer Naila Moreira discusses the important role that libraries play in promoting environmental awareness, and highlights some unique initiatives taking place at libraries across the country.

### Free AASHE Webinars on Campus Sustainability

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education is hosting two free and open webinars in December on supporting sustainability initiatives on college campuses. Librarians are an active group in AASHE, and these are a great way to learn more about broader sustainability efforts in higher education.

## MONTHLY READS

### Is Climate-Themed Fiction All Too Real? NYT Asks the Experts

There are a number of fiction works that incorporate climate change issues into their plots. Check out [this article](#) to learn how some well-known titles stack up to what scientists already know about the effects of climate change. NYT Reviews are linked when available as well, if you're looking for some climate-conscious reads



## MSU LIBRARY TIPS

### Space Heater Policy

Please remember that space heaters are not permitted in the library.

Library facilities has university - approved radiant plate heaters that staff can request if needed. Contact library facilities with any questions or concerns.



### Presentation Opportunity at MiALA

Submit a presentation proposal for the [2018 MiALA conference](#) on innovations and practical solutions for sustainability in libraries. The proposal deadline is December 15th.

## SUSTAINABILITY @ MSU

### Gina McCarthy WorldView Lecture (Dec. 4th, 7:30pm)

Former EPA head Gina McCarthy will speak at the Wharton Center as part of MSU's year-long focus on water. Tickets available [here](#).

### MSU 2017 Town Hall Meeting (Dec. 5th, 3pm)

Come share your thoughts on how MSU can continue its transition to clean energy at this town hall meeting. The meeting will be in the International Center, rm. 115, from 3-5pm. All are welcome!

### Carl Folke, Reconnecting Development to the Biosphere (Dec. 13th, 3:30pm)

Renowned Swedish scientist Carl Folke will speak at the Kellogg Center as part of the Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture series. The event is free - details [here](#).

### FOOD Talk: Big Ideas in Food Systems (Dec. 14th, 1:30pm)

Listen to a series of Ted Talk style presentations from MSU faculty on major food systems issues. Register [here](#).