

MSU Libraries Environmental Committee

NEWSLETTER

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IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Use Data to Empower Your Community

More than 75,000 books, magazines and DVD's were damaged when water rushed into the Brooklyn Public Library's Coney Island branch during Hurricane Sandy in 2012. The total damage was estimated around \$10 million; the library was closed for a year later in the same location, still vulnerable to storms.

Several institutions like the Brooklyn Public Library are susceptible to such natural disasters and the plans to protect said institutions have fallen through the cracks. These institutions can rely on local communities to help push for a change through the power of data made available through local libraries. Data literacy and creating programs to strengthen public understanding of data can be a step forward to empower the community in mitigating the damage caused by natural disasters.

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MSU LIBRARY EVENTS

Join Beal Botanical Garden curator Peter Carrington for a tour of the Beal Botanical Garden to learn what toxic plants are a risk for you, your children/grandchildren, and your quadruped loved ones, especially dogs and cats. We will walk through one of the most complete toxic plant collections in the midwestern U.S.

Date : Thursday, July 11, 2019

Time : 12:10pm-12:50pm

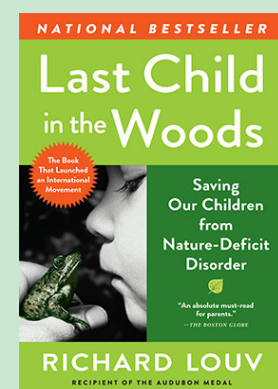
Location: near Beal Garden "shed"

MONTHLY READS

Last child in the woods : Saving our children from nature-deficit disorder

In this influential work about the staggering divide between children and the outdoors, child advocacy expert Richard Louv directly links the lack of nature in the lives of today's young generation to childhood trends.

[Available at MSU Libraries](#)



SUSTAINABILITY @ MSU

MSU Scientists Contribute to UN Sustainability Report

The global assessment of nature was organized by UN's Intergovernmental Science -Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, an organization focusing on nature's contributions to people. Two MSU sustainability scientists, Jianguo Liu and Andrés Viña of the Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability, contributed to the report. The report talks about "[telecoupling](#)", a framework to examine all aspects of sustainability over distances.

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