

MSU Libraries Environmental Committee NEWSLETTER

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IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Stories of Sustainability from ALA Midwinter

This article from *American Libraries Magazine* recaps discussions from the "Sustainable Strategies for Libraries and Communities" panel at Midwinter. If you were unable to attend, this is a great snapshot of some of the many different ways that academic and public libraries are approaching sustainability issues. Read the full article [here](#).

Bike Share Program with UGA Libraries

The University of Georgia Libraries has partnered with UGA's Office of Sustainability to launch Bulldog Bikes, a new campus bike sharing program. Visit the [Sustainable UGA](#) site for more information on this exciting new program.

A New Rice Seed Library in India

Read [this article](#) to learn more about a recent initiative in the state of Assam, India, to develop a seed library that will conserve rare or nearly extinct rice varieties. To learn more about seed libraries, check out the [Seed Library Social Network](#).

MONTHLY READS

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Abbey's *Desert Solitaire*

Desert Solitaire by Edward Abbey, which recounts his experiences as a ranger at Arches National Park, was published 50 years ago. Both a memoir of Abbey's experiences and an impassioned argument for protecting national lands, this book is just as relevant today as it was when first published. **Multiple copies** are available here at the MSU Libraries!



"Delicate Arch." National Parks Service Photo

MSU LIBRARY TIPS

Now that spring is in the air and the possibilities for some "spring cleaning" are slowly coming into view, this is a friendly reminder to visit the [LEC Resources](#) page for information on recycling and reuse resources. This page also has information on local environmental organizations, where to look for alternative transportation options, and resources for local and organic food. Happy spring to all!



SUSTAINABILITY @ MSU

Agricultural and Natural Resources Week (Mar 2 - Mar 10)

Join the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources for a weeklong series of talks, workshops, and events. Highlights include the **Quiet Water Symposium** (3/3), the **Great Lakes Conference** (3/6), a **food preservation class** (3/7), and much more. The full schedule and registration for events is available [here](#).

MSU Butterfly House Reopens March 15th!

Located in the MSU Horticultural Demonstration

Gardens, the butterfly house is home to several species of butterflies. The house will reopen for the spring on March 15th, so make a note to stop by for a visit!

Fate of the Earth Symposium (Mar 24, 8am-5pm)

This public symposium will feature a series of presentations and workshops on current environmental challenges and opportunities facing society. There will also be art exhibitions and live music. The event is free and will be at the Kellogg Center. More information on the program and registration can be found on the [symposium website](#).