

San Diego County Library

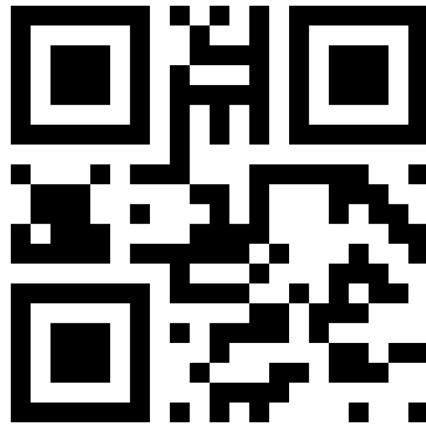
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Three hundred compassionate and expert library staff serve San Diego County's unincorporated communities, eleven of its cities, and the entire region with thirty-three branches, five automated kiosks, four EV mobile libraries, fifty Little Free Libraries and the second largest digital library in the State.



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County Library

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Our Relationship to the Environment

CONNECTIONS

We Operate in a Supportive Environment

The County Library is governed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Their strategic initiatives prioritize sustainability and equity.

- Innovative in establishing Gold LEED, Zero Net Energy for all County facilities, including libraries.
- Created Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice.
- Established the Regional Decarbonization Framework

County departments and agencies support the library too.

- Sponsor Fix-It clinics, classes led by Master Gardeners, Recycling and Composting classes, Cool Zone education, collaborate for Holocaust exhibit, Certified Emergency Responder Training classes and more.

The County's Strategic Initiatives support and inform the work of the Library



EQUITY

Equity

Health
Housing
Economic
Opportunity



JUSTICE

Justice

Safety
Restorative
Environmental



SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability

Economy
Climate
Environment
Resiliency



EMPOWER

Empower

Workforce
Transparency and
Accountability
Innovation



COMMUNITY

Community

Engagement
Safety
Quality of Life
Communications
Partnership

Zero Net Energy branches



Sustainability also means resilience

Automatic Transfer Generators, SDGE Resource Centers, Local Assistance Centers, Disaster Recovery Centers, Backup Emergency Operations Center, Community Emergency Response Training, Staff As Disaster Workers



Social Equity

Offering fully accredited high school diplomas to adults nineteen and older in the San Diego region.

- Fully online.
- Program is free to the student.
- Technical support offered at no cost to the student.
- More than 150 graduates since program's inception.
- Partnering with the County Department of Child Support Service to support their client's educational goals.



Class of 2023 (libraryhighschool.org)

Collective Impact

San Diego County Credit Union's (SDCCU) "Lift Up Literacy" program asked their credit union members to donate books at local bank branches. Members donated 11,000 books which were distributed to local literacy programs and Little Free Libraries by SDCL.

Little Free Libraries – 53 libraries installed by SDCL and provided to local CBOs, NGOs, park rangers, school districts, and tribal nations for their stewardship.

San Diego Seed Company – a local, woman owned business supplied more than 6,000 packets of fruit and vegetable seeds for our State Library funded - eleven Seed Libraries.

Flag Disposal Kiosks at libraries – local VFW and Boy Scouts coordinate respectful retirement.



Leadership in California

California Library Association 2023 Annual Conference

- SLIC and How to Apply

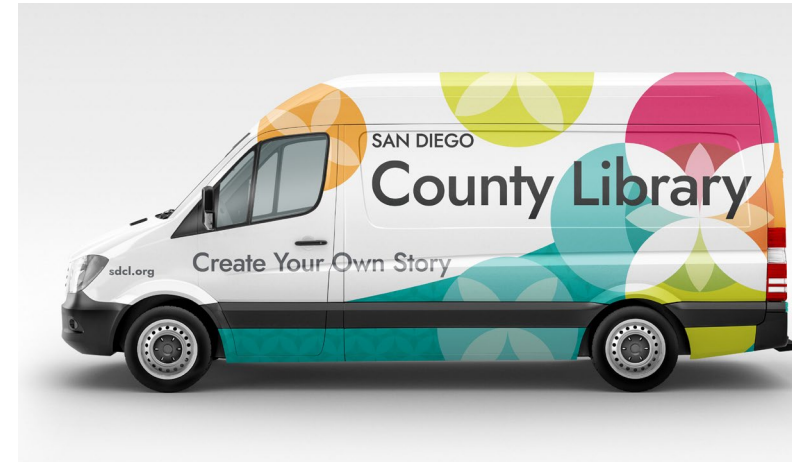
CA State Library Grants as a means to create sustainability co-horts with colleagues throughout the State

- Mobile Libraries: Everyone's Library
- Seed Libraries at Eleven Branches

SERRA is a Regional network of San Diego and Imperial Counties' libraries.

- SLIC and How to Apply

One-on-one consultation with various library jurisdictions



Seeds & Sustainability

Changes We've Made

Recycle and Reduce	Paper Plastics Aluminum Food Waste Salvage Reutilization Program
Energy Savings	Water Saving Fixtures Photo Voltaic (Solar) Panels Energy Efficient Building Systems Water Bottle Filling Stations LED Lighting Improvements/Retrofits
Training	Power Saving Techniques Composting



Artists: Lynn Sushotlz & Bhavna Mehta
From: StorySeed Public Art, Lakeside Library

Self-Reflections for Sustainable Operations

- What can you do to reduce plastic waste during your regular programs, events, and classes?
- How can you incorporate sustainable materials into your crafting programs?
- What are you giving away at outreach events? Is there a more sustainable option?
- Can you encourage customers to sign up for eReceipts to reduce paper waste?
- Are you discarding things which could be shared with other branches or donated?
- How many flyers and calendars are you printing each month?
- Could customers be encouraged to take photos of your flyers & calendars?
- Do you speak about sustainable practices at staff meetings?
- Have you shared your best practices to the library *Sustainability* staff intranet page?

Celebrating Sustainability

Engaging the Entire Library

Designed by Sustainability Ambassadors

- An Appreciation Day for all staff to celebrate SLIC and sustainability accomplishments
- A game for work teams to have fun
- Fun shirts for staff to wear all year
- Ideas for individuals and groups
- Celebrating SDCL's journey for sustainability and accomplishments
- Implemented as a lead into Earth Month

SDCL Sustainability

B I N G O

Staff learns about alternative transportation to work: rideshare, biking, public transit or EVs.	Staff opts to use use refillable water bottles for a day.	Staff brings their lunch to work.	Staff adopts a workroom plant.	Staff use reusable dishes and flatware in the employee lounge.
Staff goes paperless with one traditional print task.	Staff has a green display or information station for staff.	Staff promotes SDCL sustainability programs at an outreach event.	Branch/Dept. hosts a sustainability program or lunch and learn for staff.	Staff learns about renewable energy.
Recycle!	Staff use recyclable copier paper.		Staff stays up to date on County efforts to support climate action on www.countynewscenter.com	Staff unplug unnecessary appliances, turn off lights when not in use.
Staff reads, sends, or considers Library All offer of extra goods/supplies.	Place Blue Recycling bin in staff work space.	Staff creates a Sustainability vision board for inspiration.	Staff Pick	Sign up for SDCL e-receipts.
Fill in the blank. <i>Green is the Color of...</i>	Supervisor's Choice!	Staff visits www.cleansd.org to learn more about I Love a Clean San Diego	Spend more time outside. Enjoy a break in fresh air.	Staff learn about electric vehicles






The Future

Community Gardens

Tree Canopy

Expand Sustainable Initiatives to More Branches

Sustainability

At San Diego County Library our focus is on sustainability, which means we care about three things: people, the planet, and prosperity. Our facilities are designed to be eco-friendly with energy-saving lights and renewable energy. We offer programs and services that teach how to live greener, and we partner with local groups to make our community better for everyone.



SUSTAINABILITY AT SDCL



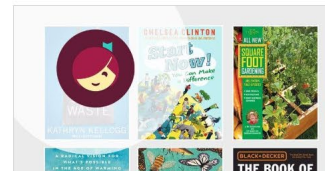
San Diego County Library's Journey Toward Sustainability

San Diego County Library is taking a proactive step toward a sustainable future.



Seeds & Sustainability

The Seeds & Sustainability Project brings seed library installations and all-ages programming across San Diego County.



Sustainable Living

Learn about ways you can lessen your impact on the earth, from water-wise gardening, upcycling projects, mending clothes and more.



BLOG POST

Sustainable Libraries

We hold the belief that sustainability is vital, and it's a principle that guides every aspect of our operations, including our buildings.

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