

The CFPL Corp Sustainability Plan

The Concord Free Public Library Corporation Sustainability Plan envisions that by 2030 the library will serve as both a living example of sustainable operations and net zero buildings and as a community hub to educate, inspire, and support the Concord community in creating a more sustainable future. A few printed copies of the Sustainability Plan are available at the library, as well as assistance with accessing the online version.



Scan QR code for plan!



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About Climate Prep Week 2022

Climate Preparedness Week prepares our communities for extreme weather events through educational programs that increase emergency preparedness and provide an understanding of the intersection of climate change and social justice. Climate Prep Week is held each year from Sept 24th - 30th.

Massachusetts Library System members, including the Concord Free Public Library, have been partnering with Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (CREW) by offering programs during Climate Preparedness Week. This year, the Concord Free Public Library partnered not only with the MLS and CREW, but a number of other local organizations to provide programs and informational services for the community during Climate Prep Week. Additionally, the CFPL staff have worked tirelessly across departments to ensure that there is something for everyone during Climate Prep Week 2022. We hope that this week provides our community with knowledge, skills, and commitment to sustainability as we all prepare for our changing climate.

Our Partners for Climate Prep Week 2022:



Concord Fire Department | Concord Health Department | Concord Natural Resources Division | Town of Concord Archives



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Climate Prep Week 2022

The Planet's Health and Yours: Facing the Invisible Impacts of Climate Change
Programs between 9/22-9/30



Concord Free Public Library



Ongoing Programs starting on September 22

Climate Ribbon Project

The Climate Ribbon Project is an arts ritual that encourages all to write and share what they most love and do not want to lose to climate change on a ribbon and add it to a display outside of the Main Library or Fowler Branch Library during Climate Preparedness Week.

Tick Prevention Awareness

This year the theme is “The Planet’s Health and Yours: Facing the Invisible Impacts of Climate Change.” Learn how to lower your risk of contracting Lyme Disease and other tick related illnesses. Come to the Main Library and check out The Great Meadows Public Health Collaborative’s display on Tick Prevention Awareness!

Book Displays, Storytimes, and Informational Material

Available at both library locations during Climate Prep include storytimes related to sustainability, children’s display on fire safety, adult displays on climate fiction, emergency preparedness, climate change and health.



Scan QR Code for our Event Calendar!

September 22

Wildfires in Massachusetts: a *Hot Topic*

6:30pm—Goodwin Forum, Main

Fire Chief Thomas Judge and Asst. Fire Chief Walter Latta will present on how brush fires are impacting Massachusetts during our current drought. The Chief will elaborate on past brush fires that impacted Concord and will talk about the recent brush fires across the State. We will learn about resources in Concord’s fire district, resources and mobilization in Massachusetts, and ways we can mitigate risk. Q&A session follows.

September 26

Extreme Heat and Preparing Communities to Respond to Extreme Heat

5:00pm—Zoom

Join CREW and GreenRoots for a virtual event that will focus on the challenges that extreme heat poses to communities. Speakers include Dr. Madeleine Scammel and Bianca Bowman.

September 27

Rising Sea Levels: Preparing for Boston’s Future

5:00pm—Zoom

Join CREW for a virtual panel discussion on how rising sea levels will affect Boston and how the city can be more prepared for a future of rising seas. Moderated by Barbara Moran, correspondent on WBUR’s environmental team!

September 28

Fowler Afoot: A Walking Book Club

10:00am—Fowler Branch

Get outside with Fowler Afoot as we walk and talk about books and walk the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. This month’s book is Elizabeth Rush’s *Rising Dispatches from the New American Shore*. Stories of vulnerable people impacted by rising seas and temperatures in coastal communities.

September 28

Propagate Local, Native Pollinator Plants Across Concord!

1:00pm—Goodwin Forum, Main

Hear about what the Concord Library, Concord Land Conservation Trust, and Town Natural Resources Division are doing to support native pollination systems. Learn about a new, cooperative effort to collect native, local seed that benefits our wild pollinators. Jane Gruba-Chevalier and Delia Kaye present.

Ground Truth: Shaping Narratives of Environmental Justice

5:30pm—in person Boston Public Library Central Branch

Join the Leventhal Map and Education Center with a panel of invited guests for a roundtable discussion on narratives of environmental justice.

September 29

Pollinator Plants at Fowler

1:00pm—Fowler Branch Backyard

Help foster biodiversity and learn more about our ecosystem and at-risk native plants by starting a pollinator garden at Fowler! Help us with our initial planting in our backyard.

The Challenges of Communicating Climate Risk

4:00pm—Zoom

Rice University Fondren Library Green Team and the Leventhal Map & Education Center present a conversation about the challenges of communicating climate risks. Rice professor Lacy M. Johnson and Climate Ready Boston Climate Resilience Project Manager Zoe Davis.

September 30

Seed Saving with Codman Farms

1:00pm—Fowler Branch

Join Jess Myles, Education, Outreach, and Volunteer Coordinator of Codman Community Farms to learn about seed saving! Learn valuable skills that you can use in your own garden and contribute to the Concord Seed Lending Library here at the CFPL.

Mental Health in a Changing Climate

5:30pm—Zoom or Somerville, MA

From the eco-anxiety or climate grief that grows by watching the climate crisis continue year after year, to the daily stress and trauma experienced by people living through extreme weather events- one of the impacts of our changing climate that is often ignored because of its invisibility is the toll it takes on our mental health. Join CREW in this hybrid event with Dr. Jim Recht and Dr. Elizabeth Pinsky.