



CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY CLIMATE CORNER



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CFPL Climate Hub

Did you know that we have a Climate Resiliency Hub?

Visit our Climate Resiliency Hub for practical information about emergency preparedness in extreme weather. Scan the QR code or grab a flyer for an emergency checklist. Prepare yourself and your family for weather disasters. Find books and DVDs about the impact of climate change and sustainability there, too.



Adjacent to the Climate Hub is our Concord Corner. Here you can find maps of local conservation lands and trails waiting for you to explore them. Find books about Concord history to learn more about our town.

The next time you are in the library, be sure to check out this collection of resources and materials.





REPAIR CAFE

What do you do with a broken toaster? Or a bike with a flat tire? Toss it? No way! The Concord Free Public Library Green Team is organizing its first Repair Café in the Workshop on August 16.

Have Something In Need of Repair?

Save your broken jewelry, electronics, clothing, small household appliances, & more from the landfill by mending them with help from your neighbors! Join us at our Repair Cafe Saturday, August 16 from 12 to 3 PM. Limit one item per participant.

Want to Help?

Are you handy and have the skills to repair broken electronics, small household appliances, bikes, small furniture, mend clothes and more? Sign up on our volunteer [repair coach form](#) and join us for an afternoon of repairing broken items



UPCOMING EVENTS

Native Seedling Giveaway

Tuesday, April 22 - Tuesday, May 6:
Enter a raffle for a 1 gallon serviceberry
Starting Saturday, May 10:
Pick up a bare-root native tree seedling
(no raffle necessary while supplies last!)

DropOff/SwapOff

Saturday, May 3, 9:30 AM - 3 PM
Concord Public Works
133 Keyes Road, Concord, MA

Discord on the Concord

Saturday, May 3, 10 AM, Main Library

Concord Family Bike Festival

Sunday, May 4, 1 - 3 PM, Thoreau School
Rain Date: Sunday, May 18

Seed Starting Workshop

Wednesday, May 7, 4 PM, Fowler Library

Farming into the Next 250 Years:

Climate and Land Challenges and Solutions in Concord

Thursday, May 15, 6 PM, Main Library

Friends Annual Book Sale

Saturday, June 14, 10 AM, Main Library

CELEBRATE POLLINATOR WEEK

JUNE 16-22

Take a self-guided tour of community pollinator gardens and attend a range of programs, including:

Silent Spring II:

The Dangers Of Yard Pesticides

Wednesday June 18, 6 PM, Main Library

Plant for Pollinators with Lady Fern Farm

Friday, June 20th, 1 PM, Fowler Library

CELEBRATING SUSTAINABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY

MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

Concord Family Bike Festival and Bike to School

The Concord Free Public Library is an Alliance Partner with **Safe Routes to School**, a program run through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. In this role, we support the annual Bike to School events held in October and May and Winter Walks to School in February.

We invite you to get ready for the upcoming Bike to School during the **Concord Family Bike Fest!** Join us and other bicycle-minded organizations on **Sunday, May 4 from 1 to 3pm at Thoreau School**. Try out safety courses, demo e-bikes, get a tune-up with bike repair folks, and more. Partner organizations include Bike to School Concord, the Concord Public Schools, Mothers Out Front, CCHS Green Team, and the PTGs. Bikers of all ages and abilities are welcome!



Bike for Books

Enjoy the beautiful weather by riding your bicycle to the Library! **Bike for Books** is an all ages program that encourages energy-efficient travel by bicycle and rewards patrons with ice cream.

Bike for Books is very simple. Ride your bicycle to the Main Library or Fowler Branch Library - we encourage all ages to join in the fun! Show your helmet to staff at the Children's Library Desk at the Main Library or at the Fowler Branch Desk, and we'll keep track of your visits. After 10 visits with your helmet, you receive a Bedford Farms gift card!



CELEBRATING SUSTAINABILITY WITH LIBRARY STAFF

CRAFTY IDEA

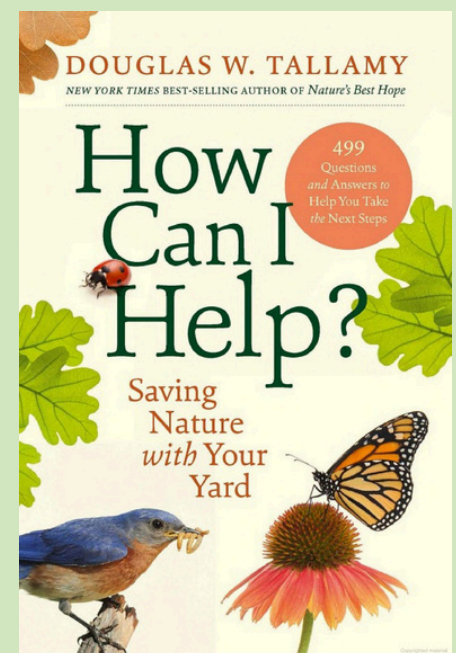
Some yogurt comes in a very cute 5 oz. glass jar which can be recycled, upcycled or repurposed, with or without purchased bamboo and silicone lids. You can use them to hold flowers, paperclips, spices, small indoor succulents, starter spider plants, bulbs, and candy. They can hold pudding or drink. You can also turn them into votive candles. You can embellish them with flat-bottomed glass gems, or decorate them with acrylic paint for the holidays. You can even reuse them for making more yogurt, being careful not to put them in the microwave or oven.



We are big fans of conservation biologist Doug Tallamy's books and his nonprofit, *Homegrown National Park*. In his newest *How Can I Help?: Saving Nature with Your Yard*, Tallamy guides us to support biodiversity by shrinking lawn, removing invasives, planting native species, avoiding pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, leaving leaf litter and reducing nighttime light. He discusses frequently asked questions from his many speaking events, such as the best way to control mosquitoes, whether no mow May is worth it, the difference between native plants and cultivars and how big an oak tree has to be to host caterpillars.

Borrow the book from our [catalog](#) to learn the answers to these questions and many more! Join Fowler Branch in getting your yard on Homegrown National Park's [biodiversity map](#). This summer, Fowler will be expanding our library pollinator garden to the front yard, thanks to a grant from the Garden Club of Concord.

STAFF PICK



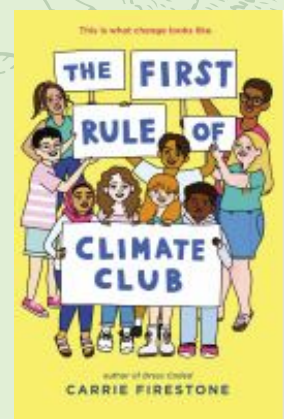
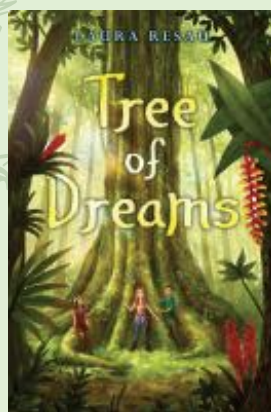
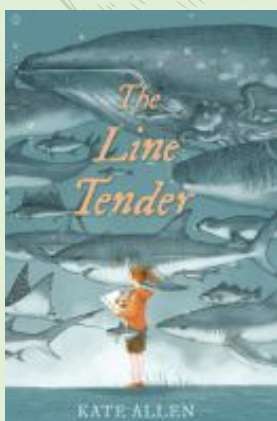
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SUSTAINABILITY TITLES FOR KIDS



Check out these middle grade titles for environmentally conscious kids!



To reserve a copy of the titles, click on images to access the Minuteman Library Network Catalog.



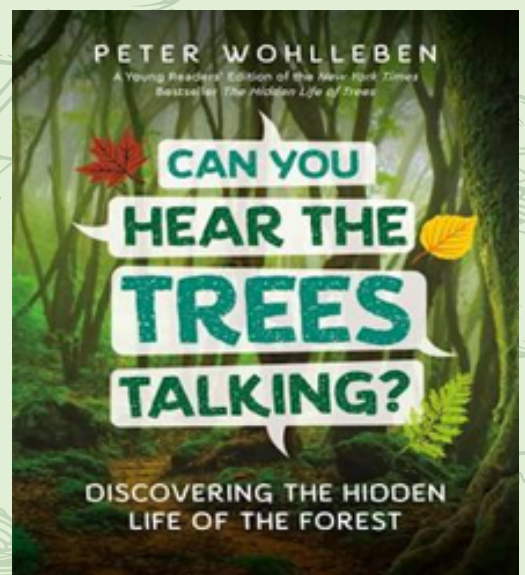
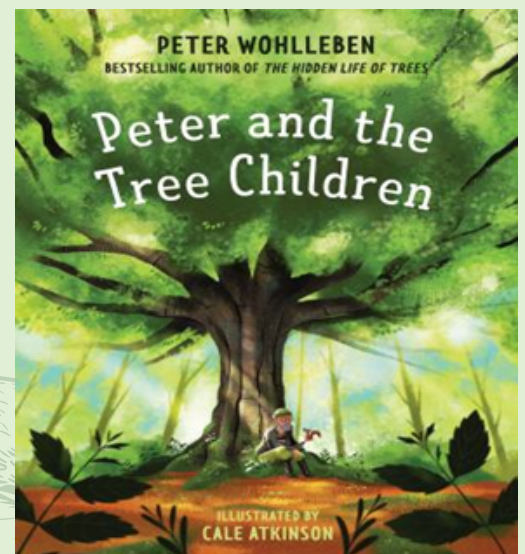
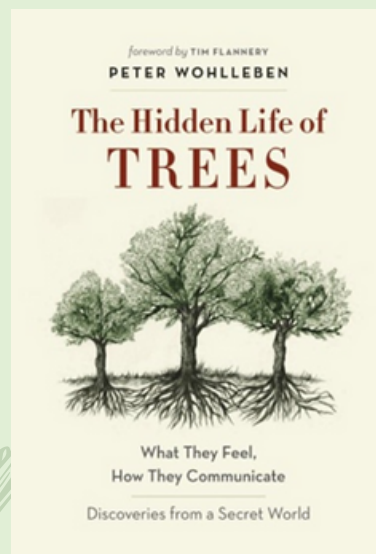
SUSTAINABILITY TITLES FOR ARBOR DAY



Why not celebrate Arbor Day by picking up one of Peter Wohlleben's books?



This year, to honor Arbor Day and our planet, we will be giving out native tree seedlings. Be sure to enter the raffle for one of twenty serviceberries in gallon pots. Otherwise, we will giving out a range of shrubs and small trees as bare-root seedlings, starting Mother's Day weekend. Join us in giving back to Mother Earth!



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PHOTO GALLERY



Native Plants and Pollinators

Laura Mills and Dorrie Karlin joined members of the CCHS Green Team to present about our pollinator gardens at Middlesex School's Green Summit. By participating, they not only got to spread the word about supporting biodiversity, but they also heard an inspiring conversation with Margaret Renkl.



Rise Up Storywalk

This month to honor Concord 250, the Main Library's storywalk features *Rise Up: Powerful Protests in American History* by Rachel C. Katz and illustrated by Sophie Bass. Take a walk and find inspiration from a long history of activism.



Plastic-Free Lunch Display

We joined the schools and the CCHS Green Team to encourage everyone to minimize their use of plastic by taking on the plastic-free lunch challenge.



Rivers of Concord: Community Art Show

The current art show at Fowler Library, curated by ArtScape at Bradford Mill and created in partnership with OARS 3 Rivers, celebrates our rivers.

This art has been a perfect backdrop to all programs, but it was particularly apt for our recent visit from the Nature Connection, who taught us about vernal pools with the help of spotted salamanders and bullfrog tadpoles.

