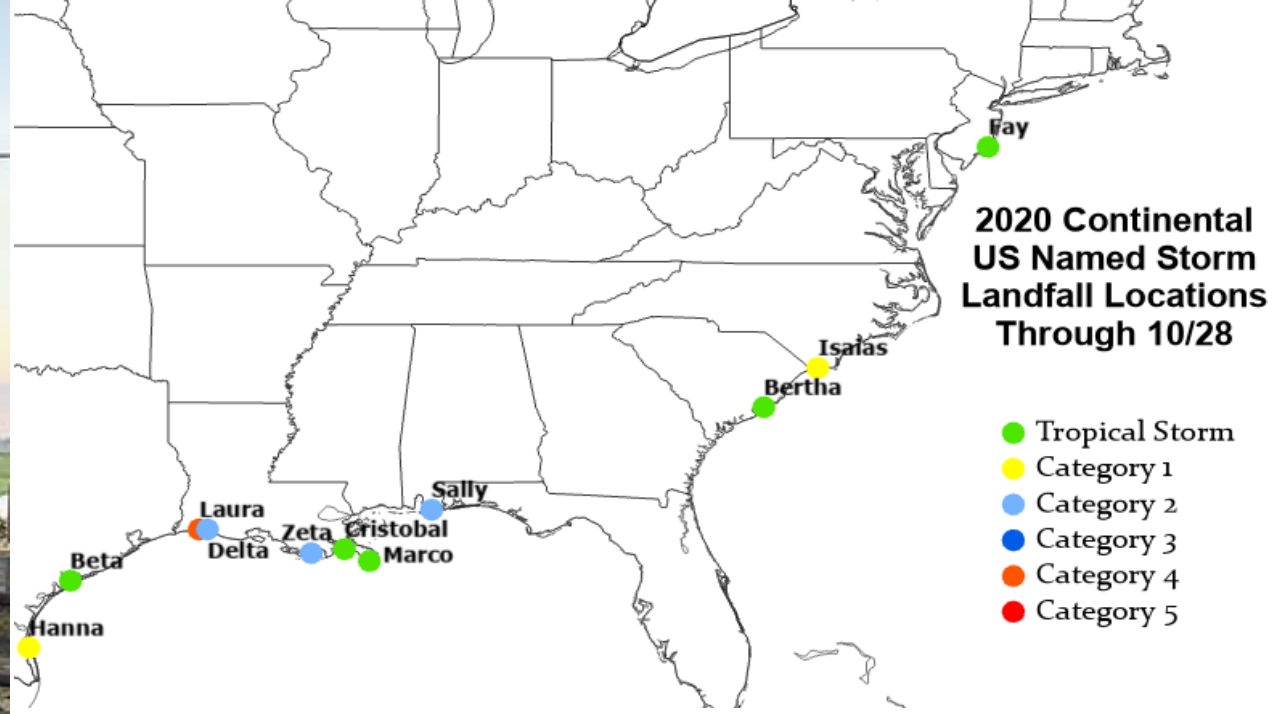




Sustainable Thinking in U.S. Libraries

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich | The Icelandic Library and Information Science Association (Upplýsing) | 2021







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The Bronx River Parkway and the Bronx River have merged...



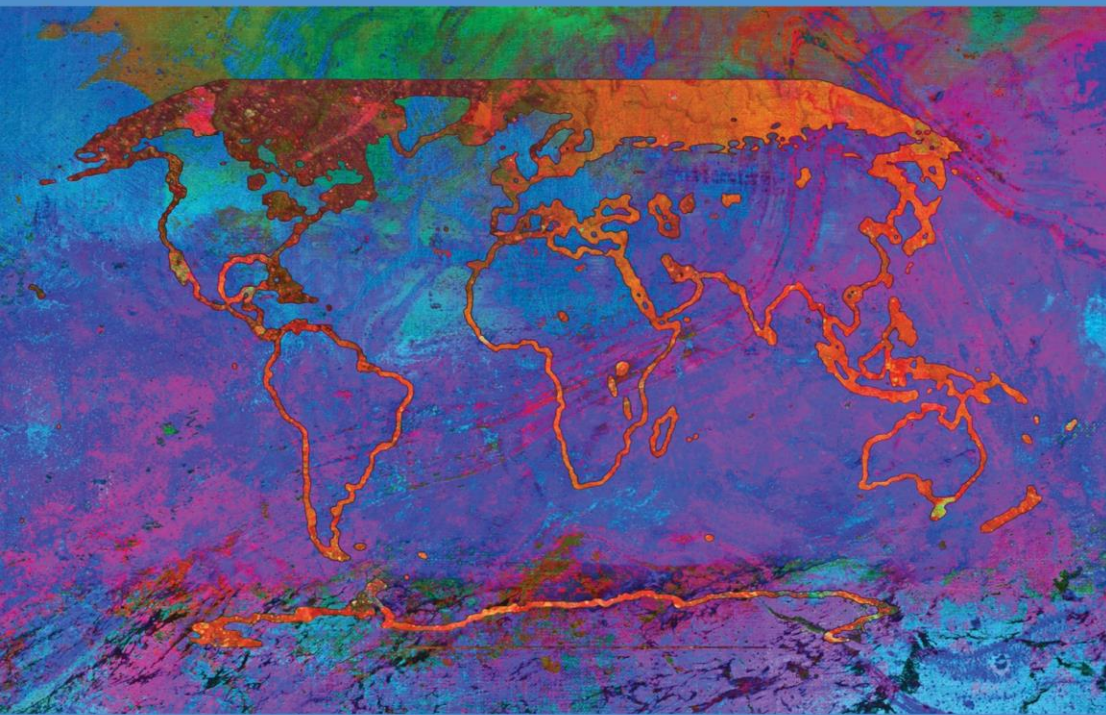
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change

Climate Change 2021

The Physical Science Basis

Summary for Policymakers



WGI

Working Group I contribution to the
Sixth Assessment Report of the
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CODE RED

FOR HUMANITY

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António Guterres

United Nations Secretary-General, 9 August 2021



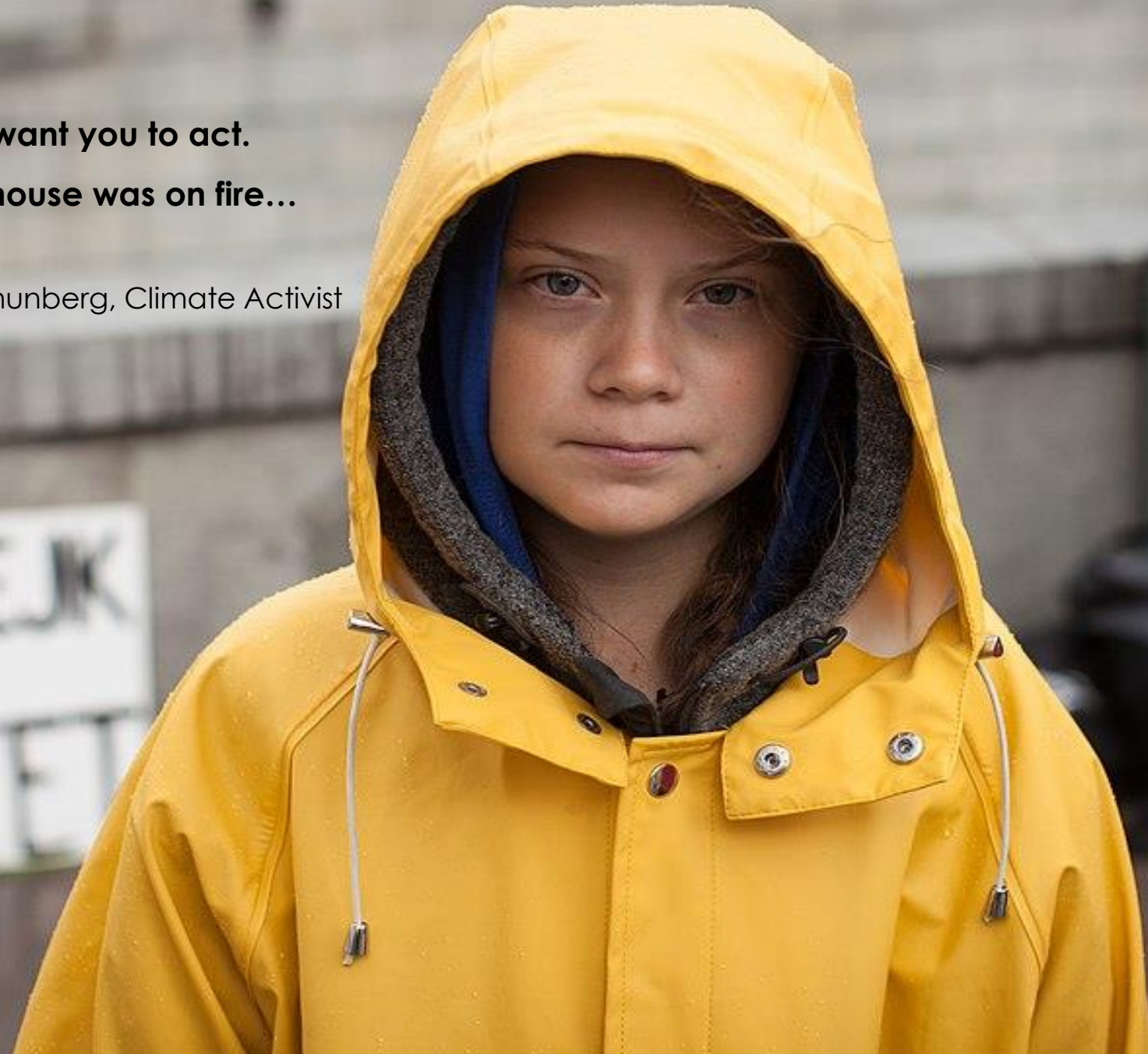
MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS



Source: *Sustainable Thinking: Ensuring Your Library's Future in an Uncertain World* [ALA Editions, 2018]

**“I don’t want your hope. I want you to act.
I want you to act as if the house was on fire...
because it is.”**

-Greta Thunberg, Climate Activist



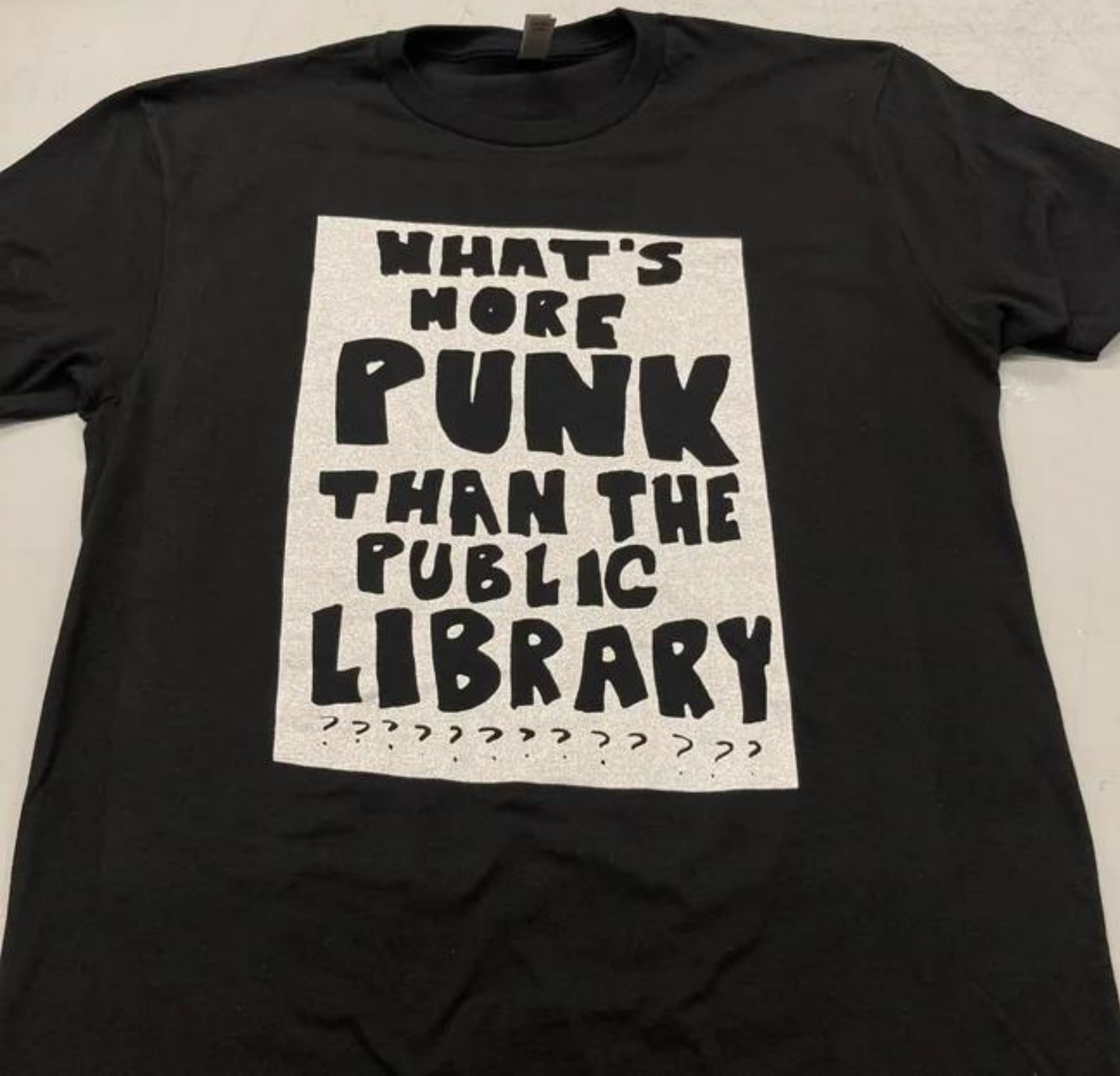
What the world needs now...

- Local matters.
- Working together.
- Recognize and value diversity.
- Help all to be heard.

HOPE

HOPEPUNK

“Weaponized Optimism”



<https://www.dclibraryfriends.org/mount-pleasant>



Sustainability = Core Value



VENN DIAGRAM DEPICTING THE DEFINITION OF THE TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE





Social Cohesion

The Wellbeing Project

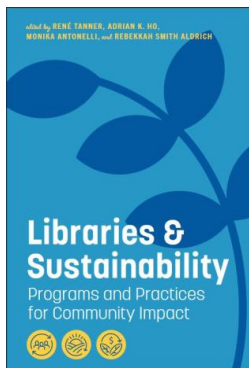
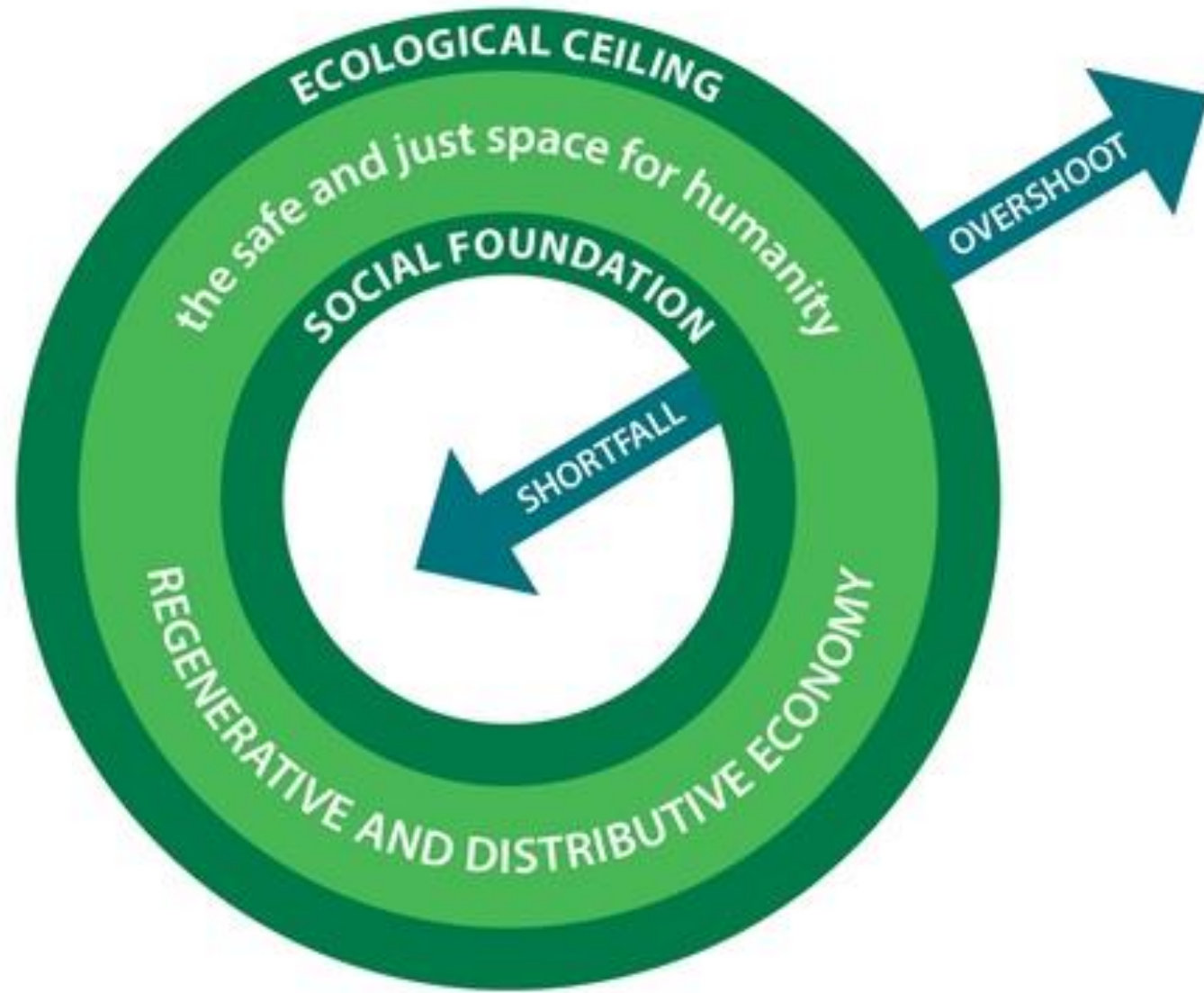




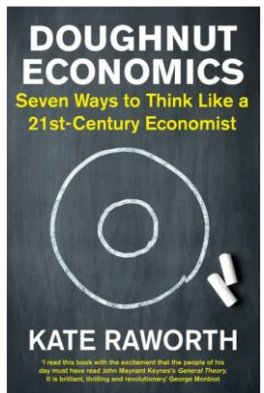
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

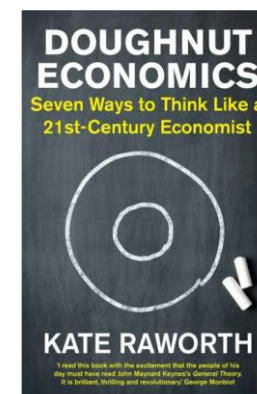
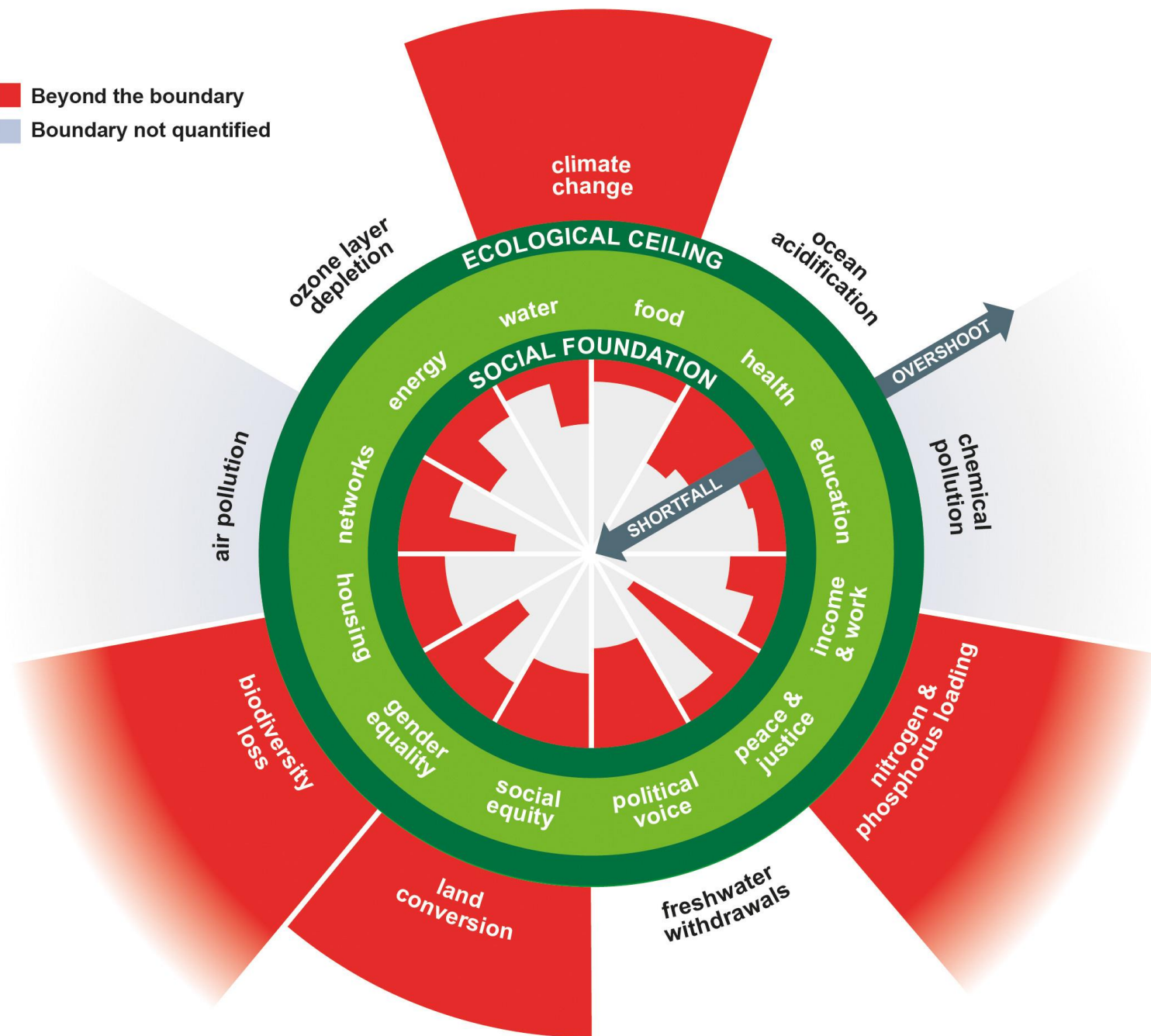




Coming in 2022



- Beyond the boundary
- Boundary not quantified

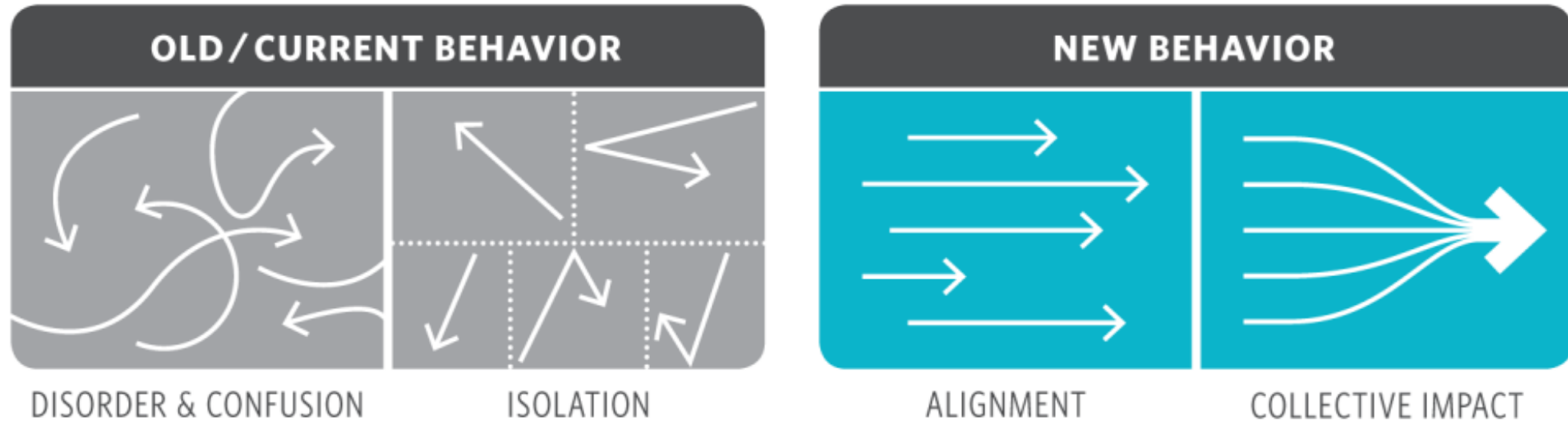


Libraries

as Sustainability Leaders



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ALA American Library Association



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Catalyst & Convener

Decarbonize



Chrisney Public Library (IN)
Zero-Net Energy Facility



Santa Clara County Library (CA)
Electric Mini Bookmobile



Indian Creel Library (OK)
Solar EV Charging Stations

Backpacks free with library card.



Butterfield's Hiking & Camping
COLLECTIONS
butterfieldlibrary.org



Let's go bird watching.



Binoculars free with library card.

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HIKING

Borrow a backpack and fill it with ...



Water Bottle (refillable)



LifeStraw Water Filtration



Compass



Emergency Shelter Tent



East Hudson/Northern New York Map



Harriman-Bear Mountain Trails New York



Catskill Trails New York/New Jersey Map



LED Flashlight



Fire Starter



Sunscreen & Insect Repellent Foil Packets



First Aid Case with Zipper



Emergency Whistle



Shock-Resistant Adjustable Trekking Pole
and Hiking Staff Red, 43-Inch



Snake bite kits



10x42 Lightweight Compact Binoculars

COOLER

Coleman 120 Quart Cooler

- Keeps ice up to 6 days at temperatures up to 32 °C (90 °F)
- Holds 204 cans
- Leak-resistant channel drain for easy draining without tilting the cooler
- Have-A-Seat Lid supports up to 250 lbs. for a place to sit and rest
- EZ-Clean top uses a smoother surface that easily wipes clean



CAMPING

Coleman 8 Person Tent



- Built-in closet with shelves and hanger bar to organize gear and clothes
- Up to 55% faster setup and 75% more water-resistant than a comparable standard Coleman tent
- Fast pitch system with pre-attached, color-coded poles and hub, easy setup in about 9 minutes
- Weathertec system - patented welded floors and inverted seams help keep water out
- Tent is 13 ft. 6 in. X 9 ft./6 ft. 4 inches - center height with a 2 x 2 ft. closet



Rochester
Public Library

More Than You Think



Hey Neighbors, design your future Adventure Course with us!

Adults, join us in a collaborative design session on April 6th, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM on Zoom.

Link to join:

<https://bit.ly/grandaveadultdesign>

Teens, join us in a collaborative design session on April 7th, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM on Zoom. Link to join:

<http://bit.ly/grandaveparkproject21>



Can't join? Fill out [the survey](#)

PLAY Walk

A new downtown trail where you can Play along the Way!

Come
PLAY this
summer!



Project Background

In 2018 the PLAY Walk received funding from KaBOOM! and the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation to continue to make Rochester a more playable City. It will create a playful trail downtown between the Strong Museum of Play and the Central Library. The idea for this project came from a survey the Healthi Kids coalition did in 2016. 41% of youth surveyed said they wanted to see musical or playful features at Central Library and MLK Park next to the Strong Museum of Play. Construction for the first phase will be complete in August 2019.



Come downtown and play together!



musical instruments



foosball



distortion mirror



four-in-a-row game



bright + colorful
seats



playwalkroc.fun

Look for these
colorful and
fun features at
Play Walk!



Albany
Public
Library

www.albanypubliclibrary.org



Food & Land Use



“Bring your food waste to the library for composting: Yes, really” New Orleans Public Library (LA)



Sacramento Public Library (CA) | Read and Feed Garden





"Choose Civility": The Longest Table
Howard County Public Library, MD

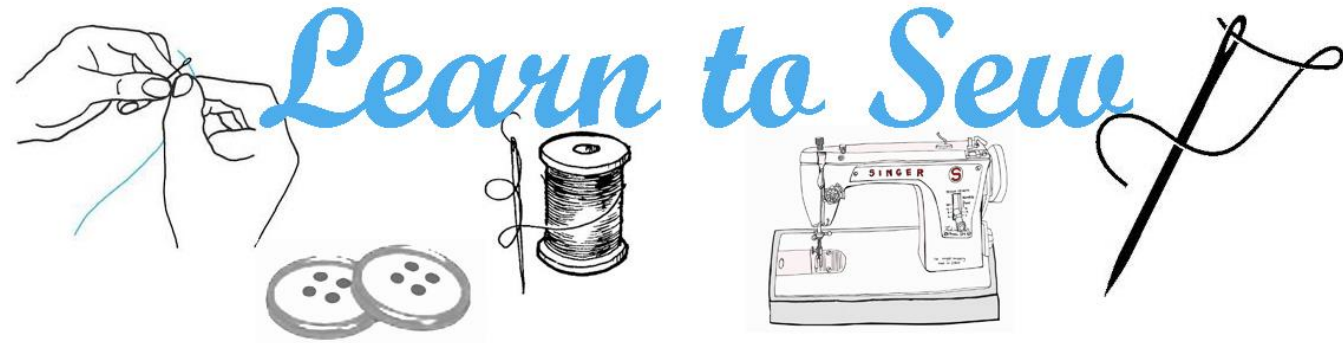


Make-a-Thon

Library +
Sustainability Office +
University Housing

North Carolina State University

Self-Sufficiency



Repair Café

Toss it? No way!



**What do you do with a chair that has a loose leg?
A toaster that doesn't work anymore?
Don't throw them away, bring them to Repair Café!**

This neighborhood initiative promotes repair as an alternative to tossing things out. Anyone can bring their broken, but cherished, items to be fixed on the spot for FREE with the help of volunteer repair coaches. Limit of 2 items per household please.

Here are some ideas of items you can bring to be fixed:

-  Small Electric Appliances
-  Furniture/Wooden Objects
-  Clothing/Textiles
-  Jewelry
-  Dolls/Toys
-  Watches/Clocks
-  Bicycles
-  Ceramics
-  Small Mechanical Items (no gas engines)

Saturday, Oct 13th
10:00AM-2:00PM
McChesney Room @ Central Library

Kids can explore how things work at the take-apart table. Coffee and refreshments will be served.
Interested in volunteering? Email Dave West at westfir50@gmail.com • More info about Repair Café? Visit repaircafe.org



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Climate Smart Communities



Starr Library, Rhinebeck (NY)

Acute Community Resilience

- Until Help Arrives Training
- Citizen Corps
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Youth Preparedness
- Prepareathon

<https://www.ready.gov/get-involved>



FEMA



- **Build** on the traditional platform of public libraries to advance a **just transition**
- **Engage** with local expertise
- **Empower** neighbors to learn from one another
- **Energize** leaders to work with one another

LibraryofLocal.org/



Libraries of Local Kiosk

Morton Memorial Library & Community House, Rhinecliff (NY)



Early Literacy Giveaway: A Gift That Grows

Beginning September 7
Hudson Area Library

This September, we are distributing special giveaway bags for children ages birth to 5 and their guardians. This month, each bag celebrates local pollinators with a sample of local honey, delicious recipes, native wildflower seeds, and of course - a book about bees!

While supplies last. To register to pick up an early literacy giveaway bag, email youth@hudsonarealibrary.org or call 518-828-1792 x101.

This program is a Library of Local event, presented in collaboration with The Sylvia Center.

Want to make the world suck less?



- ✓ **Lead by example.**
- ✓ **Focus on outcomes.**
- ✓ **Work with like-minded partners.**



Sustainable Library Certification Program



**Sustainable
Libraries
Initiative**

<https://sustainablelibrariesinitiative.org/>

Sustainable Library Certification Program

Public & Academic Libraries

- Organizational Commitment
- Energy
- Materials Management (Waste, Recycling & Purchasing)
- Transportation
- Land Use
- Water
- Partnerships
- Community Involvement
- Social Equity & Resiliency
- Financial Sustainability
- Collections

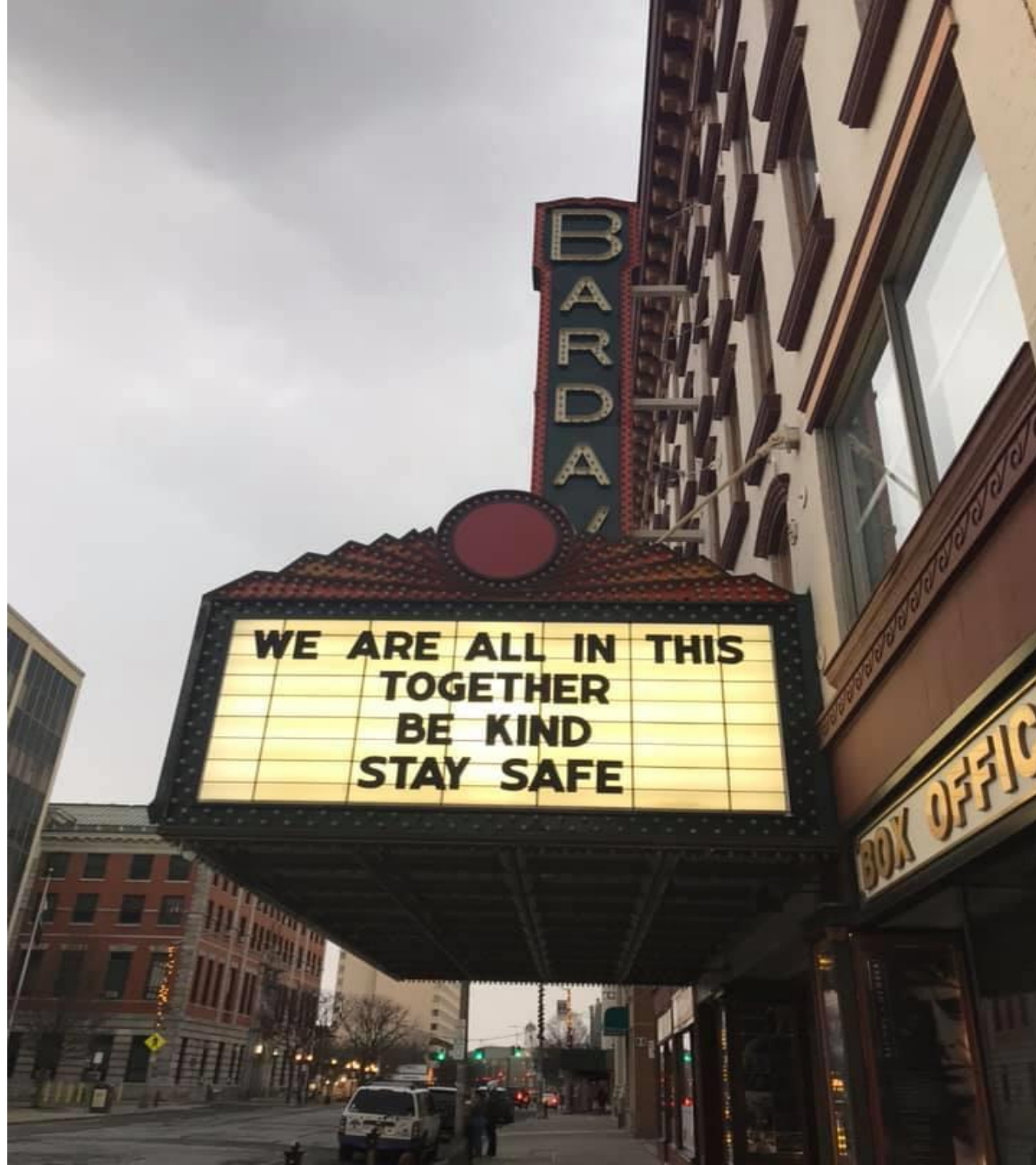
School Librarians

- Partnerships & Community Involvement
- Leading Beyond the Library
- Social Equity & Resilience
- Standards & Curriculum
- Collections



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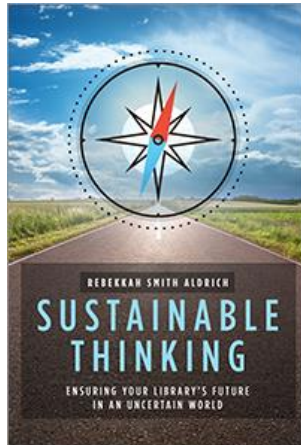
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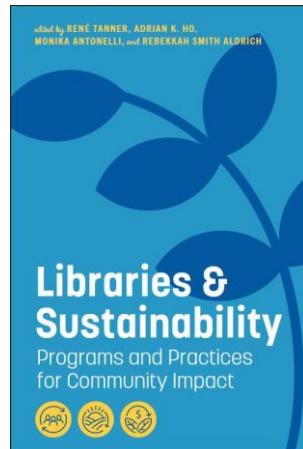
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Coming in 2022

Thank You