

Sustainability and Climate Action for Libraries and Our Communities



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Speakers



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2018: Final Report of the ALA Special Task Force on Sustainability

2019: Adopted Sustainability as a Core Value of the Profession

2021:

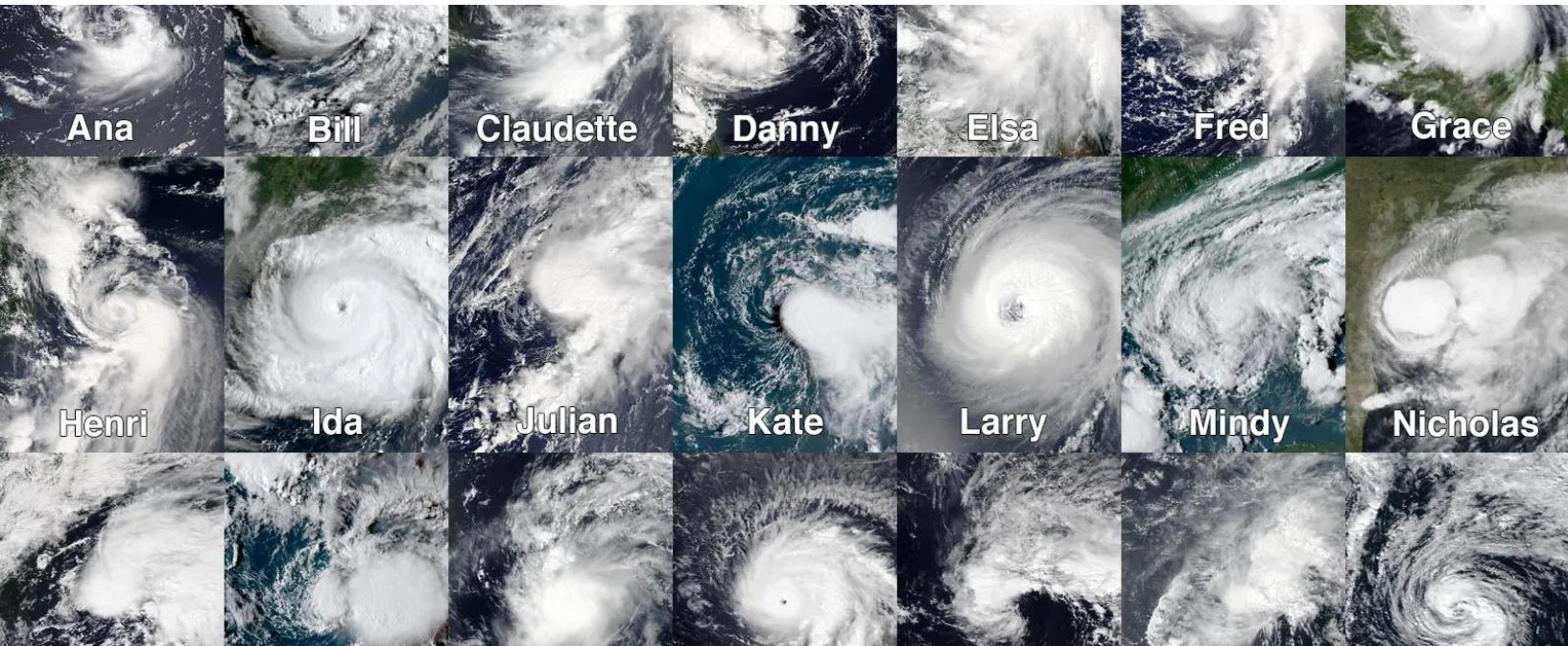
- Created the **Council Committee on Sustainability**
- **President Patty Wong** names Sustainability as a Presidential Priority
- Passed the **Resolution to Achieve Carbon Neutrality for ALA Conferences**

2022: ALA Editions publishes *“Libraries and Sustainability: Programs and Practices for Community Impact”*



**Sustainable
Libraries
Initiative**

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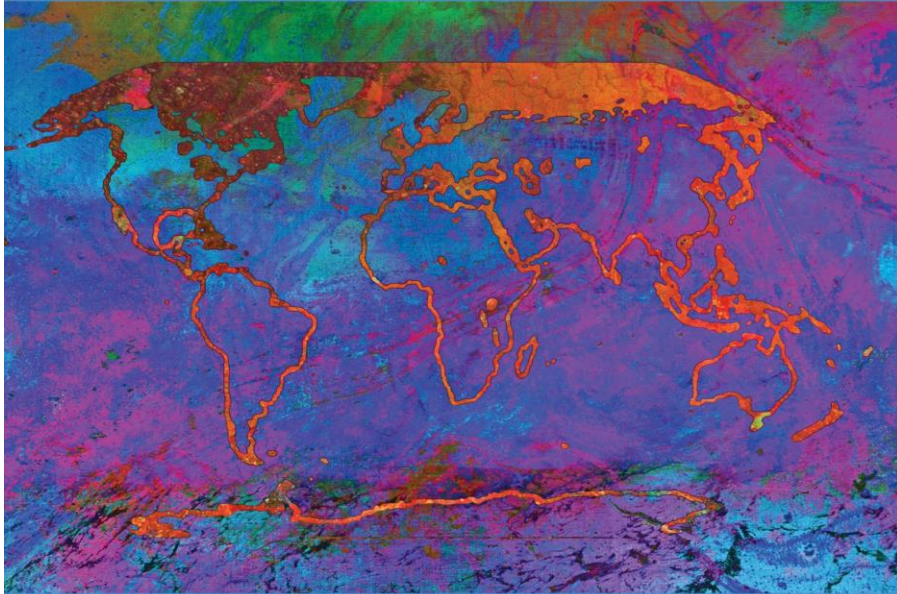
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change

Climate Change 2021

The Physical Science Basis

Summary for Policymakers



WGI

Working Group I contribution to the
Sixth Assessment Report of the
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



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FOR HUMANITY

António Guterres

United Nations Secretary-General, 9 August 2021



Climate Action Now

Identify Vulnerability

- Drought/Heat Wave
- Flooding
- Hail
- Hurricane
- Tornado Outbreak
- Severe Weather
- Wildfire
- Winter Storm/Cold Wave

National Centers for Environmental Information, NOAA

Decarbonize the Library

climate mitigation

Decarbonize Library Infrastructure
by **reducing greenhouse gas**

emissions:

- Energy Efficiency
- Switch to Renewable Energy
- Electric Vehicles
- Ethical Carbon Offsets

Climate Justice

climate adaptation

“Strengthen community resilience and livability:

- Advance Food Justice;
- Advocate for Transportation Equity;
- Uphold Civil and Human Rights in Emergency Management; and
- Facilitate Participatory Democracy.”

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