#### **MSU Libraries Environmental Committee**

# NEWSLETTER

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## IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

# Benefits of Sustainabili- Join Beal Botanio

# ty on a Small Scale

Paper usage is very common in the library world. Libraries tend to print a lot in lieu of storing information on digital platforms like spreadsheets. Policies that require storing information using paper records are in dire need of updates and librarians can be advocates for said policy updates. According to Hitchcock & Willard's Business Guide to Sustainability (2015) the cost of paper and ink is very high on the environment and decreases productivity, which is a valid reason for an organization going paper-free.

If we are truly passionate and invested in sustainability we need to have the conversations and try to adhere to the LEED standards of "sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality".

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## MSU LIBRARY EVENTS

Join Beal Botanical Garden curator Peter Carrington to explore the dynamics of a foreign plant and whether it might become an invasive species. We are not the only society of the world that has to deal with invasive plants; some North American plants have become invasive elsewhere.

Date : Thursday, Sep 12, 2019

Time: 12:10pm-12:50pm

Location: near Beal Garden shed

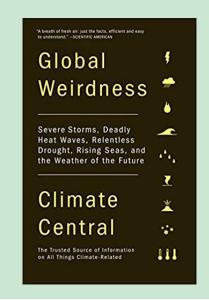


#### **MONTHLY READS**

#### **Global Weirdness**

Global Weirdness summarizes everything we need to know about climate change and explains why it's likely to happen. It focuses on the effects of global warming and what is causing it.

#### Available at MSU Libraries



#### SUSTAINABILITY @ MSU

## Student group promotes sustainability across campus

Sustainable Spartans a student group at MSU is devoted to advocate, investigate and implement sustainable practices across campus. The group's annual "Earth Day at the MSU Rock" was celebrated by educating students on sustainable practices, organizing free bike repairs and giving away potted plants. The group was involved with MSU Student Organic Farm, to raise awareness on the importance of locally sourced food. View full article