

VERMONT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Resolution Concerning Library Sustainability

Whereas, libraries are an essential member of the communities they serve; and

Whereas, library leaders have a mandate to ensure future access to library services which are environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially equitable; and

Whereas, the people who work in our libraries and access services in our facilities deserve a healthy environment in which to do so; and

Whereas, libraries who demonstrate leadership in making sustainability a priority will stabilize and reduce their long-term energy costs, will create a welcoming and healthy environment for all community members, and will improve the quality of life in the communities they serve; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Vermont Library Association, on behalf of its members, recognizes the important role libraries can play in larger community conversations about resiliency and a sustainable future; and be it further

Resolved, that the Vermont Library Association encourages activities by its membership--and itself--to be proactive in their application of sustainable thinking in the areas of their facilities, operations, policy, technology, programming, and partnerships.

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