

VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY



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SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

The Valley Cottage Library recognizes the important role libraries play in larger community conversations about resiliency and a sustainable future. In order to fulfill our purpose in serving the community, we must be engaged in the ongoing effort to limit the environmental impact of our operations and strive to be a leader in modeling sustainable practices.

The Library adopts the “Triple Bottom Line” mindset of sustainability as defined by the American Library Association’s Resolution for the Adoption of Sustainability as a Core Value of Librarianship: “To be truly sustainable an organization or community must embody practices that are environmentally sound AND economically feasible AND socially equitable.”

Valley Cottage Library will continually examine its environmental impact and strive to conserve energy and water, support renewable energy resources, minimize pollution and waste, and protect habitat. Where practicable and cost effective, the Library will prioritize sustainable procurement practices when purchasing supplies and equipment, and encourage environmentally preferable transportation, like carpooling or attending meetings remotely.

We strive for economic efficiency and commit to utilizing public funds invested in the Valley Cottage Library in fiscally responsible ways. The Library will continue to develop and maintain community partnerships with our local schools, organizations, agencies and businesses to extend and enhance our services for all residents.

Employee understanding and involvement is essential to the implementation of this policy. All employees are encouraged to be proactive and apply sustainable thinking in the areas of their facilities, operations, policy, technology, programming and partnerships.

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