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# Sowing Sustainable Library Partnerships



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## Today We Will Explore...

- Sustainability in Libraries
- Sustainable Partnerships
- Steps for Sustaining Partnerships
- Two CC Lib Examples

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# ALA Resolution on Sustainable Libraries

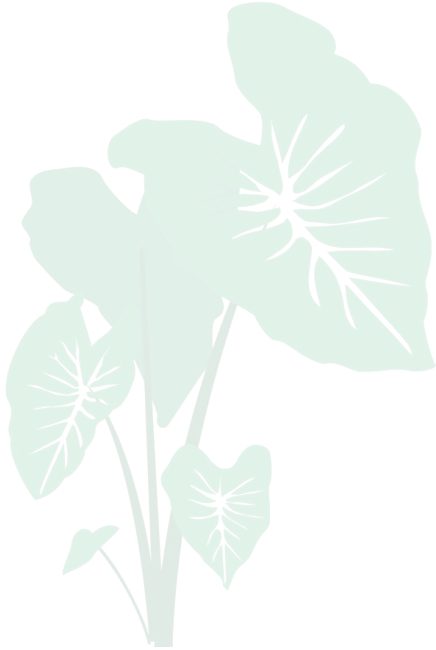
- Facilities
- Operations
- Policy
- Technology
- Programming
- **Partnerships**
- Library school curricula



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# Sustainable Partnerships

- Mutually beneficial
- Accomplish what could not be done apart
- Face challenges
- Require hard work and passion
- Become easier if successful



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## Steps for Sowing Sustainable Library Partnerships

1. **Find** sustainability groups already active on campus/in community
2. **Participate** in sustainability efforts by providing information resources, space, and/or muscle
3. **Collaborate** with others to develop green library services, resources, and/or programming



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# Step 1: Find Green Groups!

- Start local: campus sustainability committee, s-designation committee, environmental clubs, community organizations...
- [Hawaii Environmental Organizations Directory](#)
- [Hawaii Environmental Calendar of Events](#)



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## Step 2: Participate!



- Resources

- Physical & digital collections
- Reference help

- Space

- Meetings, screenings, activities & events

- Muscle

- Volunteer, create library teams, join other areas on campus or community organizations
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## Step 3: Collaborate & Innovate!



- Services
    - Join events
    - Create projects
  - Resources
    - Offer library space, resources
    - Enhance collection
  - Programming
    - Promote events, like speakers and workshops
    - Design programming that aligns library & partner goals
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# Tips

- Have clear reasons to collaborate
- Identify/locate resources (partnerships may grow to include other entities)
- Set achievable goals



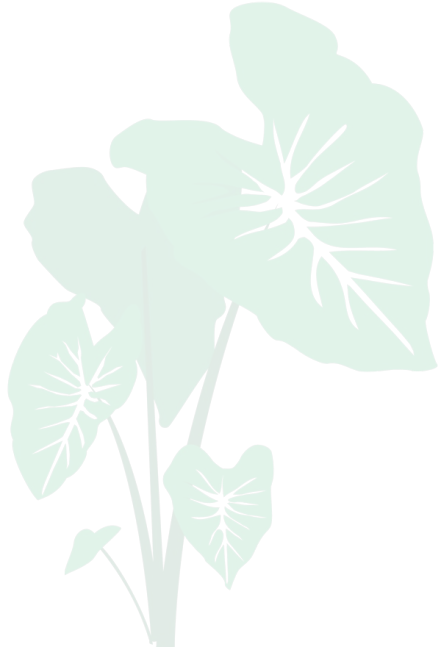
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# For Example: Two Leeward Lib Projects

Leeward Seed Share



Science Labs in Lib



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# Leeward Seed Share



- Established April 2014
  - HORT, Living Lab, Library collaboration
    - HORT students do seed trials on lower campus
    - Successful plants are harvested for seeds
    - Students learn to process seeds in the library (and look for information sources for their final projects)
    - “Seed Parties:” process, package, & label seeds
    - Librarian maintains LibGuide and seed station (at circulation desk)
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Packets of seeds have circulated since Spring 2014





# Benefits

For Library & HORT program

- Horticulture class project ensures a sustainable supply of seeds
  - HORT students get hands-on experience and research help
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# Science Labs in Lib



- Established Spring 2017
  - HORT, PBT, Kilo 'Aina, and Library Collaboration
    - HORT and PBT classes have projects identifying campus plants
    - Kilo 'Aina provides funds for signage
    - Students take photos of campus plants/weeds, etc.
    - Library hosts a research lab, where students identify, then create an information card for their plant (with citations!) that includes cultural uses of native Hawaiian plants
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For the Library, Kilo 'Aina, HORT  
& PBT programs

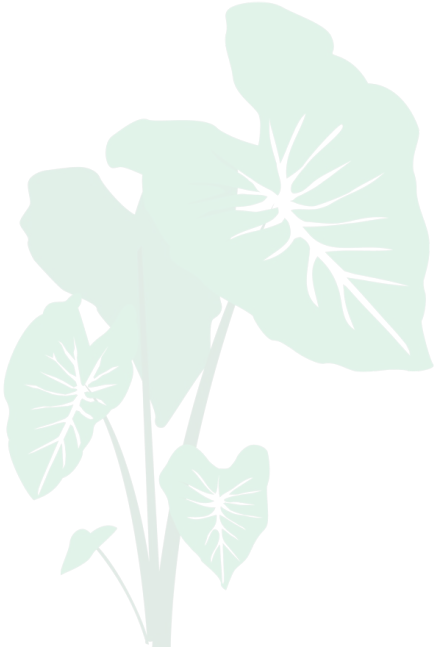
- Library helps to enrich curriculum with resources, space, and applied research
  - Kilo 'Aina cultural connection
  - HORT & PBT students experience applied research and place-based learning
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# Links!

- [ALA Resolution on Sustainable Libraries](#)
- Nat's Fave Seed Share Site: [Seed Libraries \(Weebly\)](#)
- Leeward Library's [Seed Share Libguide](#)
- Leeward Library's [HORT 110 LibGuide](#)
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Further reading:

- [Article about sustainable \(business\) partnerships](#)





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