

Environmental Programming Ideas



Nature

- Kansas Animal Life – State Park Rangers, Wildlife Preserves, Prairie Preserves
- Nature of the Neighborhood – a retired forestry professor takes participants on a walk around the neighborhood near the library and discuss the plants and birds.



Education - Partnerships

- Energy
 - Social Impacts of Energy – Social impacts of energy in terms of cost in dollars and to the environment
 - Your Place in a Growing Community – Learning about how what you're doing on your land can affect your neighborhood.
 - Mapping Your Watershed
 - Local groups – KEEP, Westar <http://www.kshousingcorp.org/programs/KEEP.shtml>
<http://www.westarenergy.com/>
- What you can do
 - Seed Starting Class
 - Organic Gardening
 - Poultry Varieties
 - Bike clinic and urban bike riding training session
 - Having a local recycling specialist present a program on the three R's, reduce, reuse, recycle
- Misc
 - Lecture on local professor's research called "Prospects for an Endangered Planet".
 - Local historians talk about pioneer farming practices and tools.
 - Anti-mountain top removal mining program



Participation Programming

- Making a paper tree out of brown paper grocery sacks. Then cut out leaves that patrons can write suggestions on for being green and add to the tree.
- Seed library.
- Community garden on library property.

- Promote and help patrons report bird observations during the Backyard Bird Count every February. www.audubon.org



Recycling

- Used athletic shoe collection (for one week). Nike has a recycling program where they reuse the shoes to make playground surfaces. – www.nikereuseashoe.com
- Light bulbs
- Ink cartridges – Maybe even a fundraiser – Staples give \$3 for used cartridges
- Cell Phones - <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/plugin/cellphone/index.htm>



Crafts

- Recycled Sweaters – Knitting with yarn from unraveled, unwanted sweaters.
- Art classes dealing with making things from recycled and natural materials
- Crafting with trash - <http://www.myrecycledbags.com/> - mostly crochet and weaving (fundraiser?) <http://webecoist.com/2009/02/17/green-it-yourself-15-innovative-eco-friendly-diy-projects/> - everything from a hamster wheel cell phone charger to a beer bottle solar water heater
 - plastic bag bag
 - video tape
 - cassette tape

Easy & Obvious

- Films – Licensing?
- Books-Discussions, One Book

