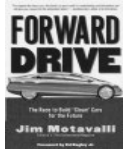




Thinking Green: HPL and the Environment

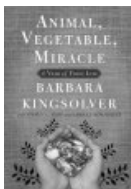
In celebration of the Houston Public Library's (HPL) first "green" library, the HPL offers many great new books on the environment and living in environmentally friendly ways. We hope you will enjoy these reading selections and visit the new Looscan Neighborhood Library. The Looscan Neighborhood library uses sustainable construction and operating methods to improve environmental quality and will be the City of Houston's first facility certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (L.E.E.D.) Green Building Rating System™. The most visible result of this initiative for customers is beneath their feet. Looscan is the first HPL library that uses recycled rubber flooring throughout most of the building. In this application it looks somewhat like terrazzo, but it is quiet, soft on the feet, and very easy to clean. We invite you to go "green" with us. <http://www.houstonlibrary.com>

Forward Drive: the Race to Build "Clean" Cars for the Future - Jim Motavalli



This book documents the race to build the cars of the future. The author traces the history of automobile development and explores new technologies, including the hybrid car that drives on both gas and electricity.

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: a Year of Food Life - Barbara Kingsolver, with Steven L. Hopp and Camille Kingsolver; original drawings by Richard A. Houser



This book follows the author's family's efforts to live on locally- and home-grown foods. Through this endeavor they learned lighthearted truths about food production and the connection between health, diet and the environment.

The Clean Tech Revolution : the Next Big Growth and Investment Opportunity - Ron Pernick and Clint Wilder



This book cites the current advances and the near future imperative of renewable energy technologies. It is a guide for those learning to profit from clean technology investment opportunities. The book identifies options related to such innovations as hybrid electric cars, solar power, and nanotechnology.



By the People

Fight Global Warming Now : the Handbook for Taking Action in Your Community -

Bill McKibben and the Step It Up Team, Phil Aroneanu ... [et al.]



The best selling author of *The End of Nature* offers practical guidelines for preventing and reversing the effects of global warming on a local level, explaining how to develop an online grassroots campaign, generate political pressure, plan events, draw media attention, and create effective blueprints for change.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Hybrid and Alternative Fuel Vehicles - Jack R. Nerad



Using clear, jargon free language, a look at the new hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles available describes each type of car, as well as their advantages and disadvantages, specifications, and more.

The Green Book : The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet One Simple Step at a Time -

Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas M. Kostigen ; with a foreword by Cameron Diaz



A handbook on everyday environmental awareness introduces simple but practical personal choices that anyone can make to enhance the environment from running only full loads in the dishwasher to adjusting the home thermostat.

Got Sun? Go Solar: Get Free Renewable Energy To Power Your Grid-Tied Home -

Rex A. Ewing and Doug Pratt



Learn a new vocabulary! Take a refresher course on the electrical power of the sun and the wind! Although the enthusiasm of renewable-energy experts Ewing and Pratt provide a nontechnical reference and guide for home owners thinking about pulling the plug on their utility connections. In fact, after a look at the table of contents, the appendixes just might be the right place to start figuring out whether photovoltaic panel installation makes sense geographically and financially and which states offer rebates or incentives. A host of resources is also offered.



By the People

Building Green : a Complete How-To Guide to Alternative Building Methods: Earth Plaster, Straw Bale, Cordwood, Cob, Living Roofs - Clarke Snell & Tim Callahan



Helps environmentally conscious readers build a home with the health of the planet as a primary concern, offering advice on design, siting, and construction of various types of sustainable buildings.

Living Green : a Practical Guide to Simple Sustainability - Greg Horn



If you're interested in getting to the bottom line and being able to improve your family's health immediately, read this short, well written, well researched, easy to read book. It's excellent.

You Can Prevent Global Warming (and Save Money!): 51 easy ways - Jeffrey Langholz and Kelly Turner



Describes how to conserve natural and manmade resources in an effort to save money and slow the effects of global warming upon the Earth.

