Recent titles on the Global Climate Crisis and Ecology
A basic collection for mid-size and branch libraries

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Abstract:

A bibliography for the general public and for print collection development by public and undergraduate academic libraries on the topics of Environment, Ecology, and Climate Change. Presented as a poster at the Florida Library Association 2010 convention. Includes input over the course of 5 years from professors and fellow Miami Dade county librarians. Virtual resources to follow.

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A Best Choice: the works of Lester R. Brown, chairman of the Earth Policy Institute, and his co-workers:

1. Plan B 4.0: mobilizing to save civilization or earlier books Eco-Economy, or Beyond Malthus. The Earth Policy Reader, is also written by Brown, Janet Larsen and Bernie Fischlowitz-Roberts, as is, Outgrowing the Earth: essays from the EPI.  
2. With Speed and Violence: why scientists fear tipping points in Climate Change by Fred Pearce - 2007  
3. Citizenship Papers, by former professor/ farm advocate, Wendell Berry - 2003; also A Place on Earth, his 1967 novel  
4. The Weather Makers: how man is changing climate, what it means for life on earth by Tim Flannery - 2006  
5. Crimes against Nature: how George W. Bush and corporate pals are plundering the country … by Robert Kennedy, Jr. -2005  
6. The True State of the Planet ed. by Ron Bailey - 10 premier environmental researchers –their contributions to the environmental movement – with early works from 1995, including classic opposing views(now refuted)

Prize Winners

8. The Green Belt Movement, by Wangari Maathai , a 2004 Noble Peace prize laureate  
9. Collapse: how societies choose to fail or succeed, a history by Pulitzer Prize winner, Jared Diamond  2005  
10. The Creation: an appeal to save life on earth also The Future of Life by E.O.Wilson a Pulitzer Prize biologist, 2002

Famous Leaders

11. Storms of my Grandchildren: the truth about the coming climate catastrophe by Dr. James Hansen, NASA advisor- 2009  
12. Red Sky at Morning, by Yale dean of Forestry, Environmental Studies James Gustave Speth , a founder of NRDC -2005  
15. Essays of Barbara Kingsolver, Animal, Vegetable, Miracle, a year of food life, 2008 or High Tide in Tucson, 1996

Water Issues

17. The Last Oasis, facing water scarcity- Sandra Postel « Water Wars, privatization, pollution, profits - Vandana Siva- 2002  
19. Water: the epic struggle for wealth, power, and civilization - by Steven Solomon -2010  
20. Seasick: Ocean Change and the extinction of Life on Earth by Alanna Mitchell – ocean chemistry - 2009  
21. Animal Factory: looming threat of industrial pig, dairy and poultry farms, to humans and environment by David Kirby -2010

The Classics

22. Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea, by Jules Vern -1860 .. a science fiction first, with an ecology perspective.  
23. (kids stuff) The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss or My Side of the Mountain trilogy by Jean C. George or Hoot by Carl Haasen  
25. Project Earth Science series, National Teachers Assoc. Press -2000 e.g. Physical Oceanography , (for science projects)  
26. Walden by Henry David Thoreau – 1847

Eco-psychology / spirituality works

27. The Divine Milieu, also his The Phenomenon of Man by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, -1929  
29. Earth Spirituality in the Catholic and Dominican tradition by Sharon T. Zayac, O.P., - 2003  
30. The Great Work (or other books) by Thomas Berry -an Augustinian priest and follower of Teilhard de Chardin -2000

Eco-Jurisprudence and economics

31. Wild Law, a manifesto for earth justice by Cormac Cullinan - 2007  
32. Essentials of Environmental Law, 3rd (includes a history of legislation), by Craig B. Simonsen -2006  
33. The Earth Charter - by UNESCO - Paris, - 2000  
35. Deep Economy: the wealth of communities and the durable future by Bill McKibben, of 350.org  
36. The Green Collar Economy: how one solution can fix our two biggest problems by Van Jones, J.D. - 2008

Technical in a (product catalog format) a reference on alternative energy

(Above titles are representative, NOT comprehensive)

Note:[Librarians should be aware of recent contributions in virtual, as well] Also appreciated are many excellent periodical contributors, including: E Magazine, Solar Today, and National Geographic; as well as magazines from Sierra Club, Union of Concerned Scientists, Natural Resources Defense Council, Environmental Defense, Ocean Conservancy, and The Nature Conservancy.