

## Sustainability Policy

Passed: June 29, 2022

### Preamble:

The Lillooet Area Library Association (LALA) recognizes that we are in the midst of a global climate emergency. Climate change is expected to increase the severity of natural disasters. From floods, to wildfires LALA and the communities we serve are vulnerable to many risks associated with climate change.

LALA strives to apply the values expressed in the 2021 Strategic Plan “Accountability, Accessibility, Curiosity, Empowerment, Equity, Inclusivity, Intellectual Freedom, Respect and Sustainability” to all aspects of providing Public Library service to the people of Lillooet and Area. This policy will encourage staff and Board to look at LALA operations through a climate change lens and guide the development of sustainable practices.

**Goal:** Reduce the carbon footprint of LALA operations to enable long term sustainability.

### Buildings

1. LALA will work with lease holders to make improvements to the Library spaces to increase energy efficiency, adapt to changing conditions and maximize multiple public uses.
2. Put a sweater on/wear a tank top. LALA will maintain thermostats at a level to reduce heating and cooling costs.

### Purchasing

3. Seek out vendors who have made climate action a priority and are working to reduce carbon emissions and increase efficiency.
4. Buy locally and regionally to reduce shipping.
5. Buy non-toxic, perfume free, low packaging cleaning products
6. Avoid single use plastics and non-recyclable packaging

### Travel

7. Encourage carpooling when travel for Library business is necessary.
8. Use virtual technologies to reduce travel, continue to evolve these skills and technologies to increase their functionality so that they actually appeal to people almost as much as travelling.

### Other

9. Re-use paper, packaging and other items before recycling when possible.
10. Reduce micro-plastic pollution: no glitter in Library programs.

### Learning

11. Provide excellent information about climate change and adaptation through our collection and programs.

### Accountability

12. Develop methods for measuring LALA carbon footprint and evaluating ongoing progress.