**Sustaining Ecosystems for Climate Learning and Action: Learner Guide**

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View this webinar to learn how public libraries can develop or expand their role in learning and teaching about climate change, climate science, and climate action. We introduce the STEM Learning Ecosystem Model, which can clarify the need for collaboration across various sectors and organizations to drive meaningful action. You then hear from libraries about their experiences, successes, and challenges working in partnership with other sectors to support climate learning and action. Plus, we share strategies to enrich existing partnerships and pave the way for future collaboration. Find your opportunity to become a stronger partner in climate education and action.

This guide is designed to help you reflect on what you’ve learned during the webinar and figure out how to take a first or next step toward applying these ideas in your community. Whether you're just starting with partnerships or looking to grow existing ones, this guide will give you space to think, plan, and act in ways that are meaningful to your library and your community.

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| **What are your personal and team goals for viewing this webinar?** | |
| **Personal Goals** |  |
| **Team Goals** |  |
| **Understanding Your Role in a Learning Ecosystem** | |
| In the webinar, we explored the concept of STEM Learning Ecosystems—collaborative networks where libraries, schools, community groups, and others work together toward shared goals. Let’s reflect on how your library fits into this model.  **Three Key Ideas to Keep in Mind**  **Community**   * How does your library serve as a trusted space or resource?   **Belonging**   * What relationships or partnerships already exist in your library’s ecosystem?   **Engagement**   * What activities, programs, or resources does your library offer that connect people to hands-on learning or action?   **Reflection question:**  Which of these areas feels like your library’s strongest? Where could you focus more attention to build deeper connections? | |
| **Lessons learned and good practices** | |
| Our presenters shared valuable insights on what makes partnerships successful, including:   1. **Meet people where they are:** Build on the community’s existing interests and strengths. 2. **Engage a variety of voices:** Include diverse groups and perspectives. 3. **Set clear guidelines:** Make sure everyone understands the goals and expectations. 4. **Be clear about why resilience matters:** Help partners and the community see the value of building resilience. 5. **Collect feedback and input:** Use what’s learned to continuously improve. 6. **We don’t need to be experts:** Bring our questions, curiosity, and commitment to the work.   **Reflection questions:**   * In which of the above areas does your library excel already? Are there areas you want to improve in? * Are there any (next) steps you want to take to meet your community or partners where they are right now? | |
| **New strategies with partners** | |
| Great partnerships make climate action possible. Who are the key people or organizations in your community that could become allies? Consider both current partners and potential new ones.  Now reflect on strategy examples shared in the webinar, and consult the [Building Partnerships](https://www.starnetlibraries.org/about/our-projects/building-resilient-communities/#resources) section of the *Building Resilient Communities* project website. Identify new strategies you’d like to try out in the coming year with your new STEM Learning partners.  4. | |
| **Action Plan: (include next steps, who, when, etc.)** | |
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