

MSU Libraries Environmental Committee

# NEWSLETTER

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## IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

### Carbon Offsets for Sustainable Travel, a SustainRT ALA 2019 Program

Travelling to ALA can be one of the most rewarding, informative, and inspiring activities. In most cases librarians from around the country choose air travel which is the quickest way to inflate your carbon footprint. A round-trip from Denver to Washington DC can undo a year's worth of recycling, composting, taking the bus to work, and adjusting your thermostat at night.

However there is something you can do about it. You can participate in a carbon-offset program, an initiative that decreases greenhouse gases (GHG) from the atmosphere. By supporting these projects you can receive offset "credits" and improve the lives of the people involved.

Here is a list of some of the [carbon offset](#) providers. For more information visit the [sustainrt](#) blog.

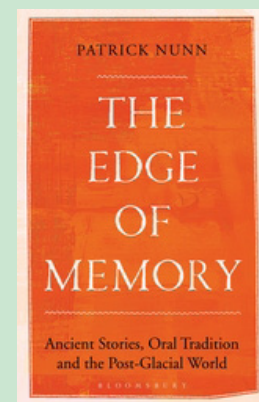
## MSU LIBRARY TIPS

Summer is the time for events here at the library and at home. We have some amazing tips to use more sustainable supplies at these events. Reusable, ceramic plates and cups are the best option for food. If you must use disposable items, paper (non-bleached, no wax or plastic coating) or fiber products are best. Metal and wood cutlery are more environment friendly options as opposed to plastic spoons and forks. Bamboo products sound especially attractive since bamboo grows quickly.

## MONTHLY READS

### The Edge of Memory

In *The Edge of Memory*, Patrick Nunn explores the science in folk history. He looks at ancient tales and traditions that may be rooted in scientifically verifiable fact and can be explored via geological evidence, such as the Biblical Flood. [The Edge of Memory](#) is available here at the MSU Libraries.



## SUSTAINABILITY @ MSU

### Solar table provides eco-friendly workspace

In 2015, Michigan State University installed a solar-powered picnic table in the South Campus Courtyard, providing students with a sustainable location to charge electronic devices.

The installation of the solar-powered table was championed by the student group known as the [Sustainable Spartans](#), who received funding from MSU Sustainability to finance the project.