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### Meeting Notes

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- Welcome karen
- **Recyclemania**
- <http://recyclemania.org/>
- RecycleMania is a friendly competition among college & university recycling programs in North America & Canada. During 8 weeks each spring, schools compete to reduce waste, increase recycling & raise awareness of conservation issues across campus.
- Georgia Southern's Recyclemania Calendar of Events:
  - Feb 6 – Recyclemania Kickoff with WVGS in the Russell Union
  - Feb 7 – Global Engagement Fair
  - Feb 21st – Recyclemania Givaways in the Russell Union
  - Feb 29 – Wellness Fair – Find the Recyclemania Booth
  - March 6th – Recyclemania Giveaways in the Russell Union
  - March 20 – Farmers Market – Find the Recyclemani Booth
- **Earth day 2012**
  - farmers markets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays again this year, including Tuesday of earth day week.
  - No Impact Week
  - outdoor picnic/meal plan (Hunter's beef?) at the rotunda on earth day
  - what do we want to do
  - Possible themes?
    - Mascot? Dr. Seuss' movie The Lorax
    - <http://www.buzzsugar.com/Lorax-Trailer-20166226>
  - Upcycling
  - <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/gasouthern/docDetail.action?docID=10335102>
- **Sustainability Advisor Certificate Program**
  - I'm taking it
  - Bibliography (below)\_
    - take our own carbon footprint (&encourage library to do so) at <http://myfootprint.org>
    - Brown, L. R., & Earth Policy Institute. (2009). Plan B 4.0: Mobilizing to save civilization [New ed.]. New York: W. W. Norton. These books are available from the Internet at Amazon or Barnes and Noble. (available free for download online: <http://www.earth-policy.org/books/pb4> )
    - Hawken, P., Lovins, A. B., & Lovins, L. H. (2000). Natural capitalism: Creating the next industrial revolution 1st Back Bay pbk. ed. Boston: Little, Brown and Co. (available free for download online: <http://www.natcap.org/> )
    - McDonough, W., & Braungart, M. (2002). Cradle to cradle: Remaking the way we make things. New York: North Point Press.
- **Community Pride ad**
  - Recycling opportunity
  - Earth day – displays in the library, workshop open to the public (
  - Address new BBandT bank account fees - change to Sea Island?

- ***Specific examples of what Henderson Library does for the community and how it benefits them***

- Revisit our mission.
- Should we change our name from the Recycling Committee to something more like Sustainability Committee?

- Debbie Emley

I found out there's a Dr. Seuss movie coming out in March about the Lorax, who speaks for the trees. Maybe he could be our Earth Day "mascot" for recycling this year. We could also give away some of the Dr. Seuss books on the story as prizes. I've attached a website with the movie trailer so you could see what it's all about.

<http://www.buzzsugar.com/Lorax-Trailer-20166226>

- This is a new e-book:

<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/gasouthern/docDetail.action?docID=10335102>

It may be good to publicize for Earth Day.

Jennifer Gerrald

- I have an idea for the earth day theme. We could feature "Upcycling" ideas. Crafting and repurposing using what we already have seems perfect for this financial climate. For instance, I have an acquaintance who etches glass from drink bottles. She also makes wind chimes. There are many other ideas online and some are very simple.
- A friend of mine found lumber and shingles by a dumpster from the end of a building project. He used my nails and bought a little paint. Now I have a beautiful bird feeder in my front yard!