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City of Fitchburg Resolution to Address Global Climate Change through Clean Energy

Resolution R-26-19, discussion at Common Council on February 26, 2019

This resolution is an extension of the City’s commitment in 2008 to acquire 25% of municipal energy from renewable sources by 2025 through the State of Wisconsin’s 25x25

Energy Independent Community Pledge. It allows the City to develop an Energy and Water Plan that includes a resiliency/sustainability and adaption plan to deal with anticipated climate changes. Learn more: <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17378/infographic-100-renewable-energy>

Rescheduled!

**WATER IN TWO PARTS:
Waubesa Wetlands and Salt Reduction**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Fitchburg Public Library

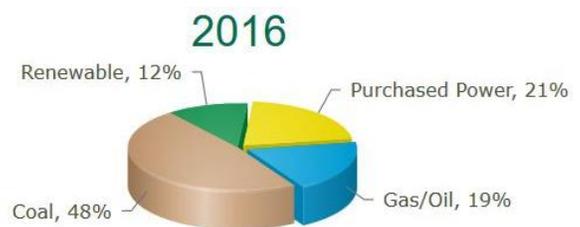
Electricity Sources – Where does your energy come from?

MGE <https://www.mge.com/about-mge/electricity/elec-from.htm>

As of 2016, 63% of MGE’s electricity comes from coal, which is twice the national average. Madison Gas and Electric has increased its renewable energy resources and decreased its reliance on coal while meeting its obligation to deliver reliable energy to the Madison area since 2005. Their goal is to transition to supplying 30% of retail electric sales with renewable resources by 2030; and reduce carbon emissions by 40% from 2005 levels by 2030.

Learn more from the Department of Energy: <https://www.energy.gov/science-innovation/energy-sources>

Read about local pressure on MGE from the Wisconsin John Muir Chapter of Sierra Club: <https://www.sierraclub.org/wisconsin/blog/2018/10/madison-gas-and-electric-beyond-coal-campaign-team-update>



The Lazy Person's Guide to Saving the World

From United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction/>

End extreme poverty. Fight inequality and injustice. Fix climate change. Whoa. The Sustainable Development Goals are important, world-changing objectives that will require cooperation among governments, international organizations and world leaders. It seems impossible that the average person can make an impact. Should you just give up?

No! Change starts with you. Seriously. Every human on earth—even the most indifferent, laziest person among us—is part of the solution. Fortunately, there are some super easy things we can adopt into our routines that, if we all do it, will make a big difference.

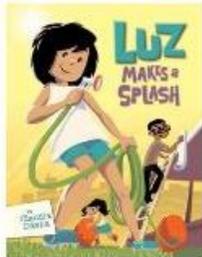
Have a look at just a few of the many things you can do to make an impact!
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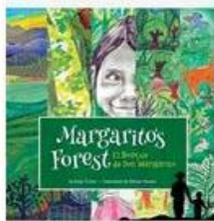
Environmental and Climate Justice Books

Book Recommendations from Teaching for Change

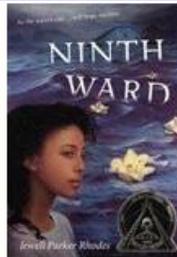
Find new books to read as winter rolls through with snow and freezing rain. Teaching for Change carefully selects the best multicultural and social justice books for children, young adults, and educators. <https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/environment/>



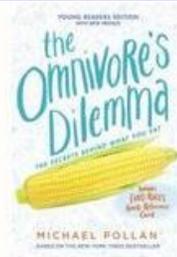
Luz Makes a Splash*
By Claudia Davila



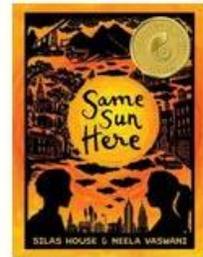
Margarito's Forest
by Andy Carter, Allison Haves (illustrator), Omar Mejia (Translator)



Ninth Ward
By Jewell Parker Rhodes



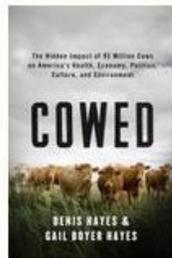
The Omnivore's Dilemma: Young Readers Edition
By Michael Pollan



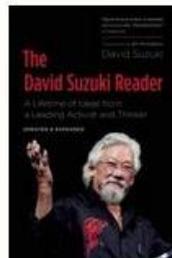
Same Sun Here
By Silas House, Neela Vaswani, Hilary Schenker (Illustrator)



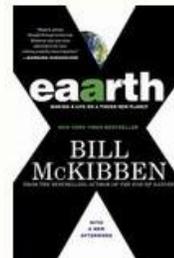
Coal Mountain Elementary
By Mark Nowak, Ian Teh (Photographer)



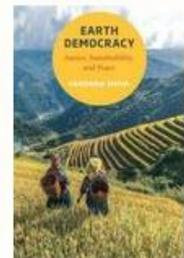
Cowed: The Hidden Impact of 93 Million Cows on America's Health, Economy, Politics, Culture, and Environment
By Denis Hayes, Gail Boyer Hayes



The David Suzuki Reader: A Lifetime of Ideas from a Leading Activist and Thinker
By David Suzuki



Eaarth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet
By Bill McKibben



Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability, and Peace
By Vandana Shiva



Seven charts that show the world is actually becoming a better place

From *The Conversation*, January 4, 2019

<https://theconversation.com/seven-charts-that-show-the-world-is-actually-becoming-a-better-place-109307>

Swedish academic Hans Rosling has identified a worrying trend: not only do many people across advanced economies have no idea that the world is becoming a much better place, but they actually even think the opposite. This is no wonder, when the news focuses on reporting catastrophes, terrorist attacks, wars and famines.

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