Climate Action Plan Template

Think about your library and community and all you’ve learned about climate change through this series. Below, brainstorm ways your library can change or things that could be done that would have a positive impact on the local and global community.

# Part 1: Climate Change Mitigation

1. Brainstorm ways your library can reduce its carbon footprint:
   1. Facility
      1. What would it take to make your facility net zero?
   2. Operations
   3. Transportation
   4. Materials Management
2. How can the library use its facility as a “living laboratory” to educate visitors about how the library works to reduce its carbon footprint?
3. What collections, programs, services, and partnerships can the library seek to help accelerate climate change mitigation in the community?

# Part 2: Climate Change Adaptation

1. What are the climate hazards in your region?
2. What needs to be done to minimize service interruptions at your library?
   1. Staff Preparation & Education
   2. Policy & Procedures
   3. Facility/Infrastructure
   4. Partnerships
   5. Communications
3. Who/which agencies in the community is involved with emergency management? Are they aware of what your library can offer in the aftermath of a disaster?
4. How can the library partner with others to increase the food security in the community?
5. How can the library be part of air quality strategies in the community?
6. How can the library be listed as a cooling and/or warming center?

# Part 3: The Library’s Role in Climate Justice

1. Include the library statement on equity, diversity, and inclusion
2. How can the library prioritize climate education and engagement through collection development, programming, and partnerships?
3. What indigenous cultures are tied to your region? How can your library connect the community with this/these cultures?
4. How can your library support the local economy? Local workforce development?
5. How can your library increase civic participation in the community?
6. How can your library increase the social cohesion of your community?