

Today's Presenters



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Climate Action (Part 2)

Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience

Sustainable Libraries: Resources and Webinars for Climate Action

Presented by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich



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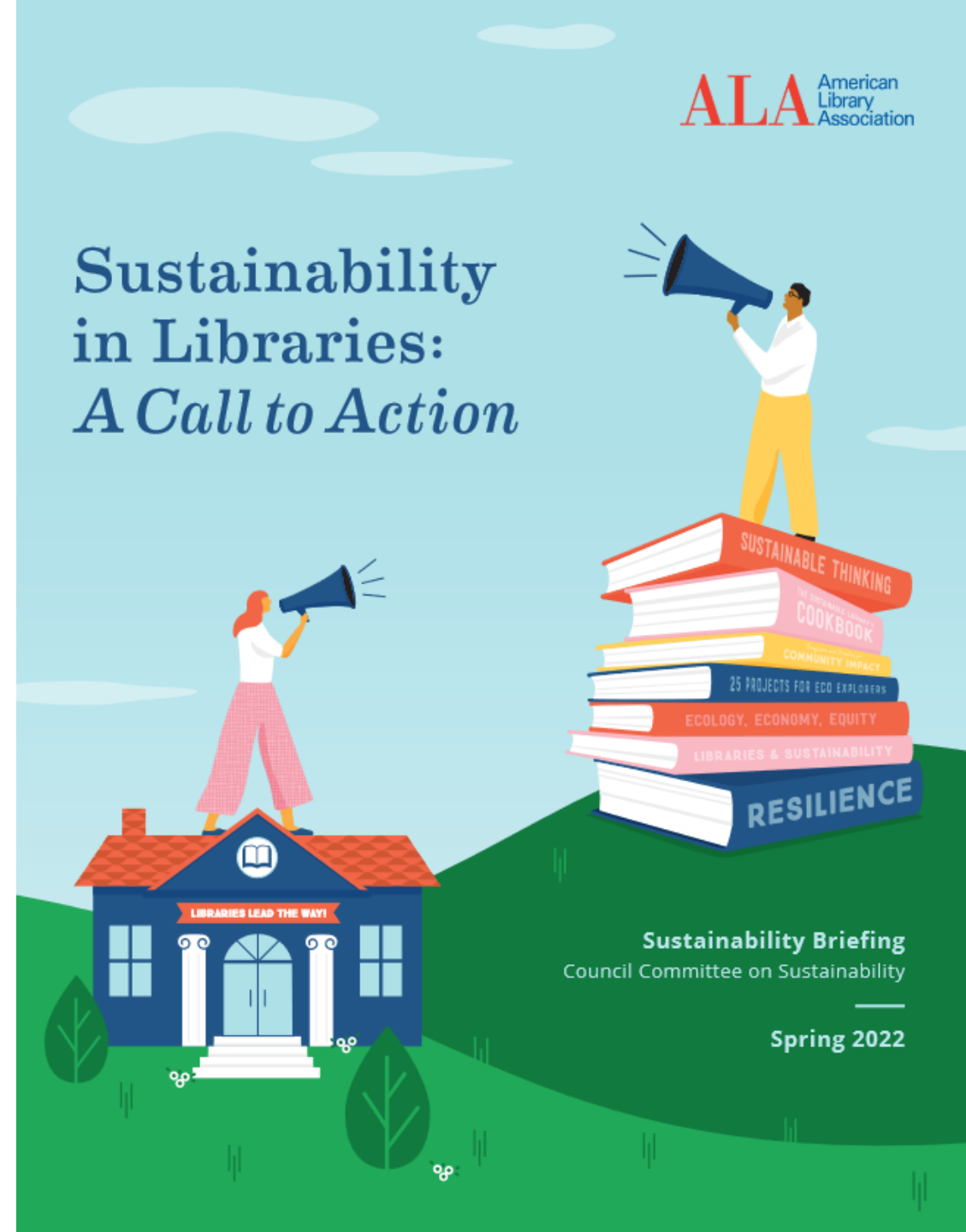


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“**Climate change** is the single greatest threat to global health, a “**code red for humanity**,” and is this generation’s **grandest challenge**.”



Characteristics of Sustainable Libraries

- ✓ **Strong & Authentic Institutions**
- ✓ Catalyst for **Social Cohesion & Civic Participation** in Communities
- ✓ Working on **Climate Mitigation** (reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG))
- ✓ Active Participants in **Climate Adaptation** (strengthening community resilience)

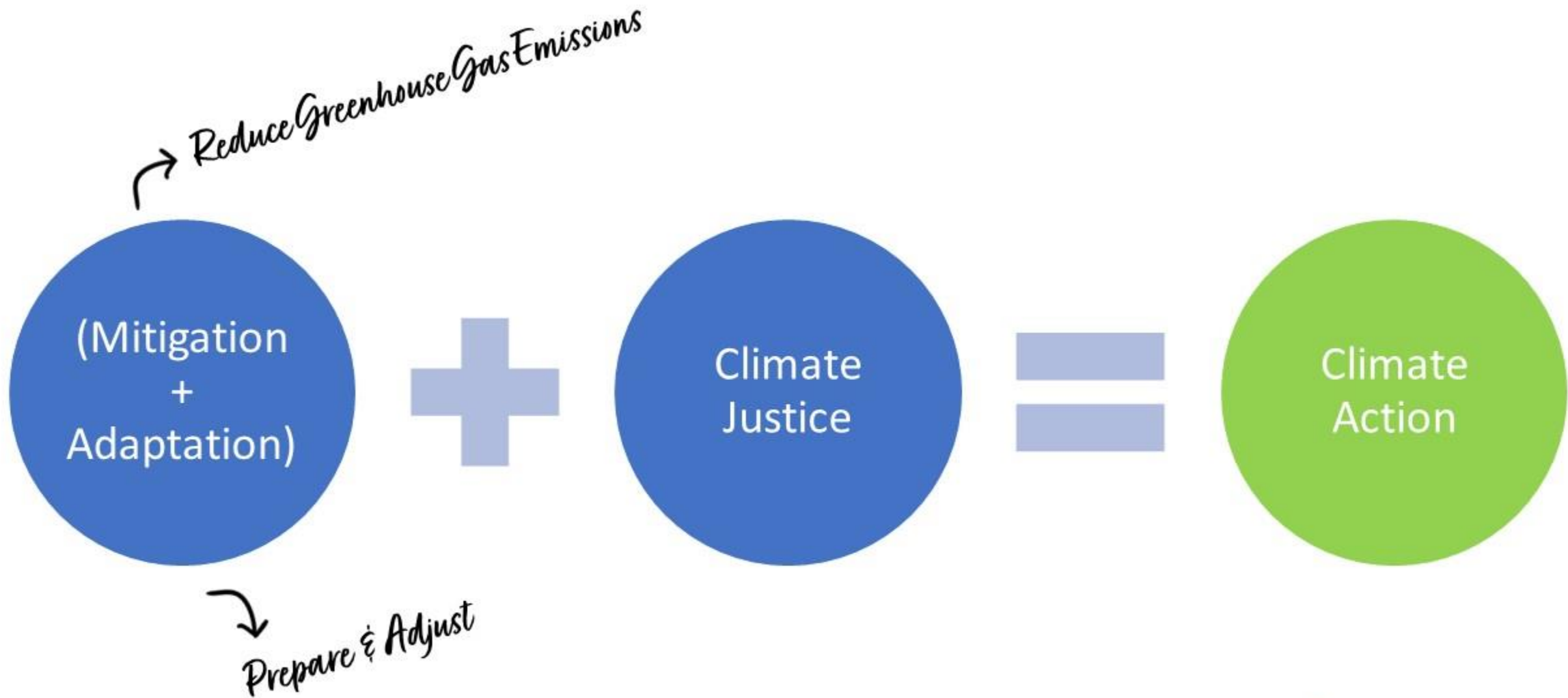


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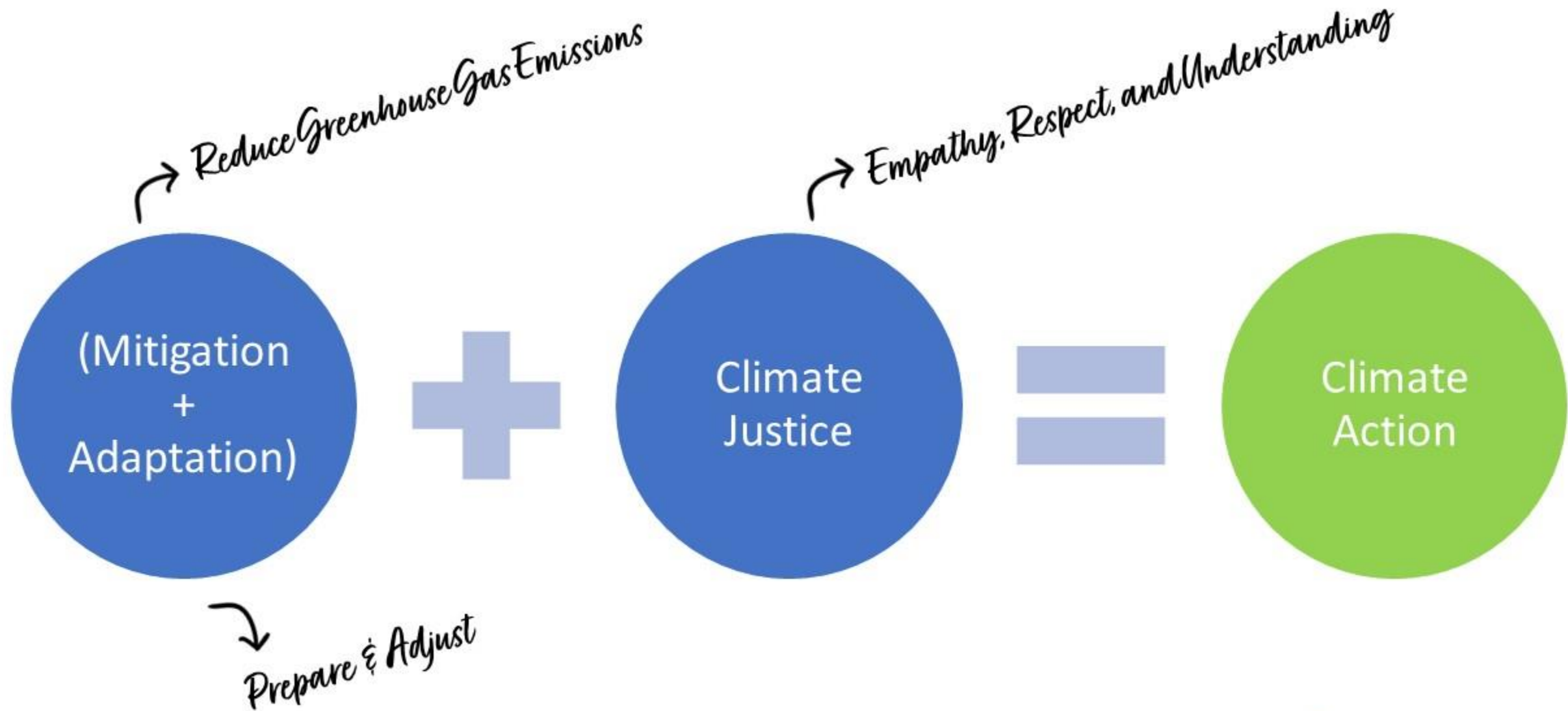
→ Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions



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Climate Change Adaptation

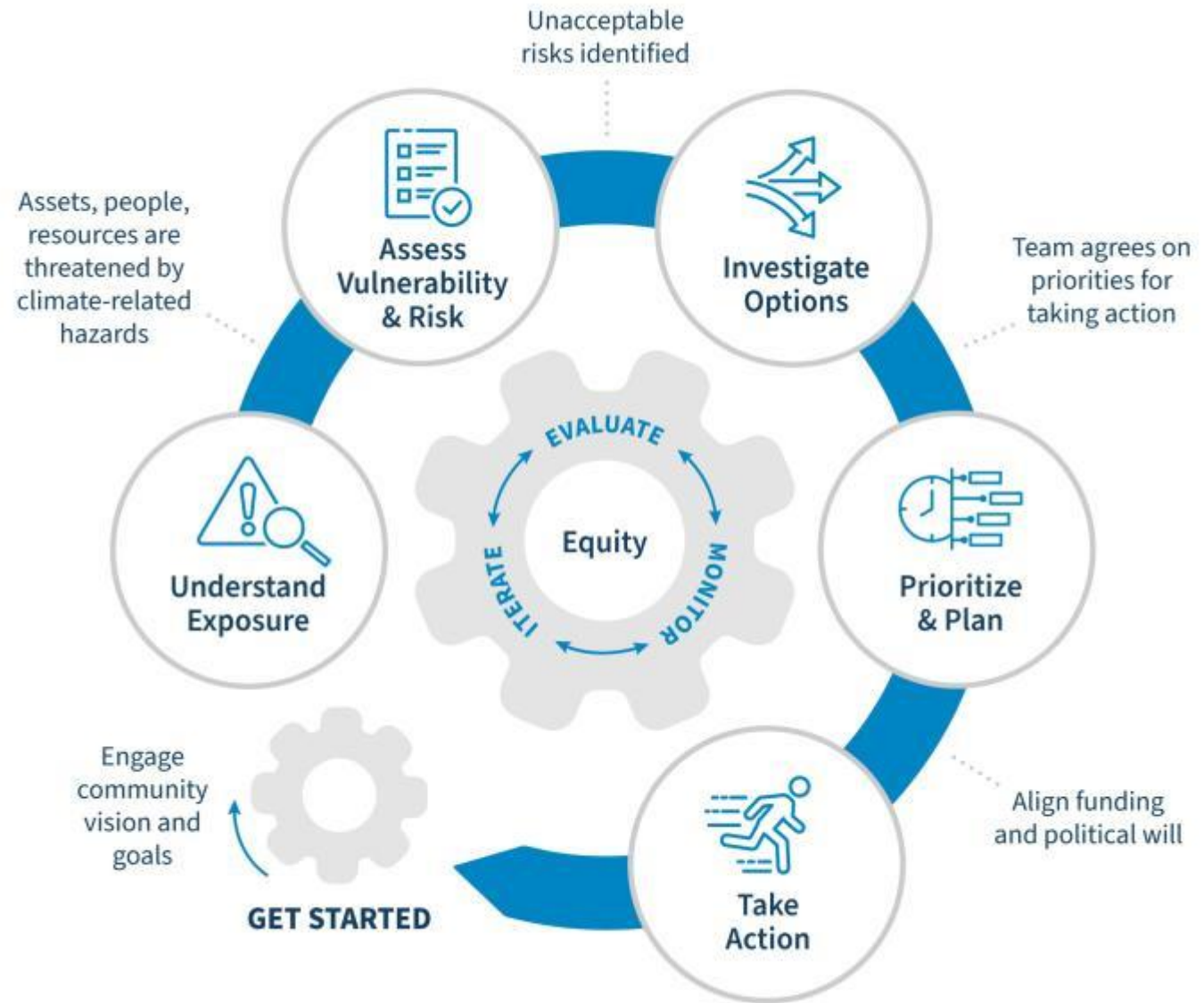
Building Community Resilience



U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit

<https://toolkit.climate.gov/>

The Steps to Resilience



Defined

Disaster Preparedness

“...a continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action in an effort to ensure effective coordination during incident response.” *(DHS/FEMA)*

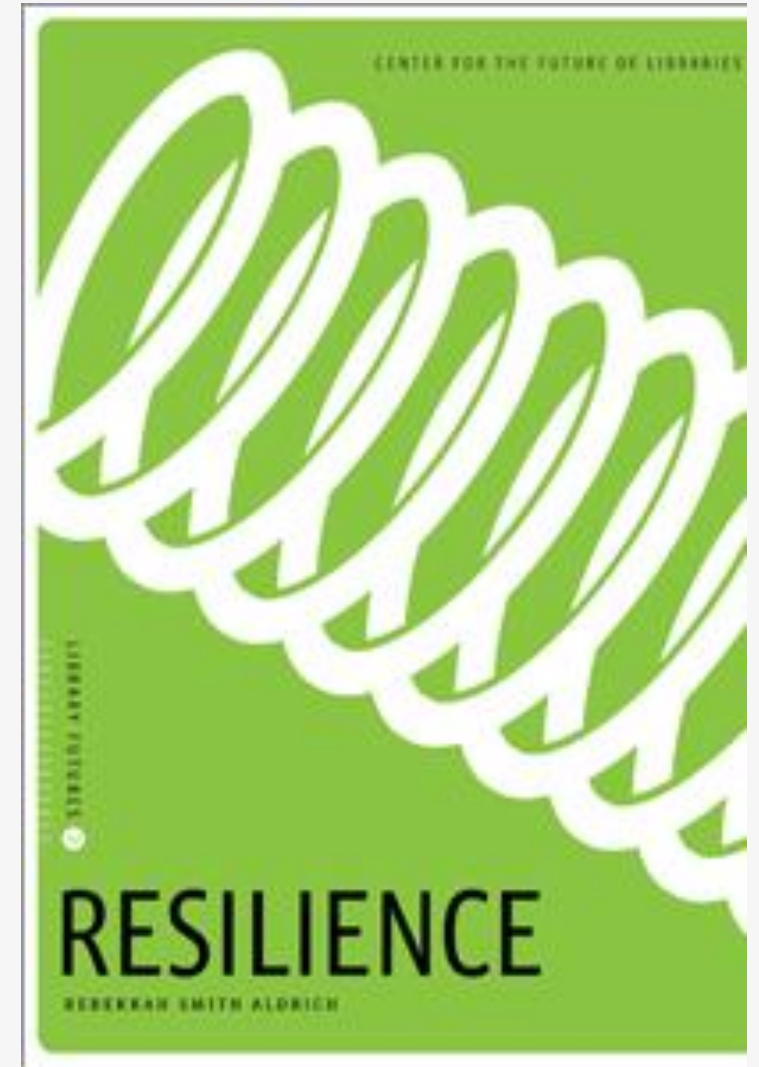
Community Resilience

“...the sustained capacity for communities to withstand, adapt to, and recover from adversity and disruption. *(Aldrich & Stricker, 2022)*



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- Acute-Readiness: In Your Library
- Acute-Readiness: In Your Community
- Long-Term Readiness: In Your Library
- Long-Term Readiness: In Your Community



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Triple Bottom Line Definition:

- Environmentally Sound
- Socially Equitable
- Economically Feasible

Deciphering Acute-Readiness Plans

Disaster Preparedness Plan	Outlines what to do if your library's facilities and collections are affected by a disaster.
Communication Plan for Crisis Management	Defines, at least: who is at the head of the communication chain of command and who, and in what order, folks are contacted
Emergency Action Plan (EAP)	Implemented at the point of crisis; iterative; short and conditional; allows for modification; includes evacuation plans and procedures
Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)	Once situation is stabilized, defines how the library will resume services, even as repairs/salvage efforts may still be underway

*"Community Resilience," Rebekkah Smith Aldrich & Michele Stricker,
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Sustainable Library Certification Program



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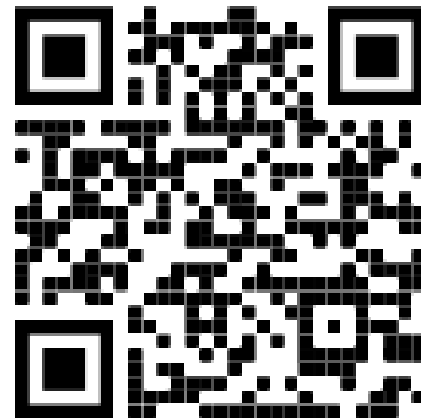


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Public & Academic Libraries

- Organizational Commitment
- Energy, Land, and Water Use
- Waste, Recycling & Purchasing
- Partnerships
- Community Involvement
- Social Equity
- Community Resiliency
- Financial Sustainability
- Collections

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Next up...



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- **October 3: Climate Justice**



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- **November 28: Living Our Values Out Loud: Programs that Walk the Talk**
- **December 13: Stronger Together: Collective Impact and Climate Action Programming**

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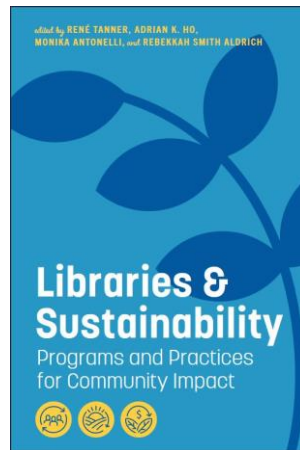
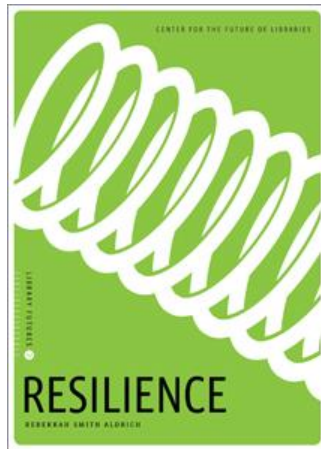
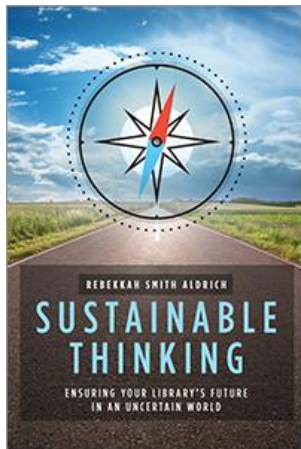
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