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### **Library LEED Certification Celebration—March 29**

Wear green and join the Library's Green Team for refreshments and tours of the renovated, LEED Gold-Certified Central Library on Thursday, March 29 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the 4th Floor Lobby! A group photo shoot will take place at 12 pm. [Read more...](#)

### **Speaker: David Bollier—March 29**

The American Studies Sustainability Project will host David Bollier, an American activist, writer, and policy strategist for his talk entitled, "The Commons as a Counterpoint to the Market/State Duopoly." The event will take place on Thursday, March 29 at 4:10 pm in the Black Cultural Center Auditorium. [Read more...](#)

As we head into April and spring continues to unfold, there are lots of fun events planned at Vandy and in Nashville, so be sure to check at least one of them out! Celebrate Earth Day on campus by attending our final Green Bag Lunch of the year featuring an introduction to Northwest Earth Institute Courses, and Shade Grown, an open mic night showcasing performances and works inspired by sustainability and the environment. You may also be interested in checking out Nashville's 11th annual Earth Day Festival in Centennial Park. If you haven't already heard, VU is proud to announce that the Central Library's renovation has received Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System! Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Have a wonderful April!

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## Film Screening: *Forks over Knives*—March 31

On Saturday, March 31 at 1 pm Vanderbilt Initiative for Vegetarian Awareness (VIVA) will host a screening of the movie “Forks over Knives” in Sarratt Cinema. A discussion panel featuring Joan Forry, Jamie Pope, Melanie Lowe, and others will follow. [Read more...](#)

## Speaker: Jim Wescoat—April 5

The American Studies Sustainability Project will host Jim Wescoat, Aga Khan Professor of Architecture at MIT, for his talk entitled, “Water and Work in the Mughal Landscape.” The event will take place on Thursday, April 5 at 4:10 pm in Cohen Memorial Hall room 203. [Read more...](#)

## Richland Creek Stream Restoration—April 14

On Saturday, April 14, join the Richland Creek Watershed Alliance to restore Richland Creek. Volunteers will help with Phase II of the project, which involves planting native shrubs and plants around trees that were planted in March. [Read more...](#)

## Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference—April 16-17

The University of Maryland will host the 2012 Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference, which will offer in-depth presentations to higher education communities, on Monday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 17.

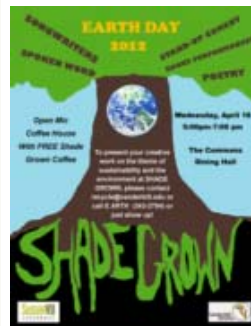
## April 18 Green Bag Lunch to introduce community to sustainability discussion group

The Sustainability and Environmental Management Office (SEMO) and the American Studies Sustainability Project will sponsor the eighth and final installment of the Green Bag



Luncheon Series on **Wednesday, April 18 from noon to 1 pm in Sarratt 189**. Join Rebecca Selove (Peabody '84) and her husband John Patrick, Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI) Ambassadors, for an introduction to NWEI small discussion groups, which explore the meaning of sustainability and the environmental impact of choices and actions during multiple, discussion-based sessions. Selove and Patrick will bring NWEI discussion booklets on several potential course topics and will explain how groups get started and what happens during discussion groups. So bring your lunch and join us to learn about sustainable living course offerings available through NWEI! Individuals who have attended three or more sessions of the year-long Green Bag lunch series will be entered in a drawing to receive one of two larger giveaways! Read the [full announcement](#) for more information.

## SHADE GROWN: An evening of environmental poetry, spoken word, songs, comedy and short performances



In celebration of Earth Day, the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office (SEMO), in partnership with Vanderbilt University Dining and the Vanderbilt Institute for Coffee Studies, will host Shade Grown, a coffee house and open mic night, at **The Commons Dining Hall on Wednesday, April 18 from 5 – 7 pm**. Shade Grown will be an evening of creative performances on the theme of sustainability and the environment. The Vanderbilt community is encouraged to share poetry, spoken word, songs, comedy and short performances relating to sustainability and the environment. Free shade

Conference tracks include: Life Cycle of the Built Environment; Community Connections; Campus as a Learning Laboratory; Fostering Behavior Change; and Strategic Implementation. [Read more...](#)

### **Green Bag Lunch: Intro to Northwest Earth Institute Course Offerings—April 18**

On Wednesday, April 18 from noon to 1 pm in Sarratt 189, join SEMO for the final Green Bag Luncheon of this year, which will introduce attendees to sustainability course offerings from the Northwest Earth Institute. [Read more...](#)

### **Shade Grown Open Mic Night—April 18**

On Wednesday, April 18 from 5-7 pm celebrate Earth Day with SEMO at Shade Grown, a coffee house/open mic night in the Commons Dining Room. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to bring in poems, spoken word, songs or other performance pieces that are related to sustainability and the environment. [Read more...](#)

### **Nashville's Earth Day Festival—April 21**

Nashville's 11th Annual Earth Day Festival, themed "Living Green and Healthy," will take place at Centennial Park from 11 am to 7 pm on Earth Day, Saturday April 21. The event will feature many exhibits and activities aimed at educating Middle Tennesseans about protecting our environment. Consider signing up to

grown coffee and cake will be provided. For more information about Shade Grown, read the [full announcement](#).

## **Vanderbilt Central Library earns gold for "green" renovation**

Vanderbilt University's Central Library has been awarded gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System for its recently completed renovation. The recognition makes Central Library the first Vanderbilt campus renovation to achieve this high honor. Vanderbilt now has a total of 12 LEED-certified buildings.



As part of its LEED Gold certification, the renovation achieved credits for:

- installation of 30 percent more efficient lights
- installation of an Encelium lighting control system
- enhanced use of natural lighting and daylight harvesting
- recycling of 75 to 80 percent of demolition waste
- placement of recycling containers in 25 locations throughout the building
- installation of dual flush/low flow toilets and low flow faucet fixtures
- installation of high efficiency variable flow refrigerant HVAC mechanical system
- recycled content in 10 percent of the new furniture and furnishings

Credits were also given for the Central Library's "community connectivity" as the building is located within one-half mile of a residential area and 10 basic services. In addition, there are two bus routes within one-quarter mile of the building.

The library's Green Team is working with its renovation partners

volunteer for a one hour shift or as a rubbish wrangler. [Read more...](#)

## USGBC Monthly Membership Meeting—April 27

The U.S. Green Building Council of Middle TN will host their monthly membership meeting on Friday, April 27 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Adventure Science Center. A buffet style lunch will be served (\$20 for members, \$30 for non-members). [Read more...](#)

## NAHB Green Building Conference & Expo—April 29-May 1

Join the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for their Green Building Conference & Expo, featuring the latest trends in green building, industry experts, a green building and technology tour, and green home building suppliers and products. The event will take place Sunday, April 29 to Tuesday, May 1 at the Nashville Convention Center. [Read more...](#)



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to host a celebration on **March 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Central Library's fourth floor lobby**. Participating groups include the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office, Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Responsibility (SPEAR), Vanderbilt Student Government and university architects. Read the [full article](#) for more information.

## Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events this Spring in surrounding counties



Are you a non-Davidson County resident looking to dispose of your [household hazardous waste \(HHW\)](#) safely? The following items may be dropped-off at special county-wide collection events which will be held over the next few months: solvent-based materials (varnish strippers, enamel paints, and driveway sealants); corrosive items (toilet bowl cleaner, oven cleaner, and drain opener); reactive chemicals (ammonia, chlorine based products, and mothballs); and toxic materials (antifreeze, pesticides, and wind shield washer fluid). View the [2012 HHW collection schedule](#) for event times and locations. Davidson County residents may bring HHW to the East Waste and Recycling Facility at any time. Visit [Metro's Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste webpage](#) for more information. To learn more about HHW and some alternatives, check out [Metro's HHW brochure](#).



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