

## **KENNEBUNK FREE LIBRARY SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**

The Kennebunk Free Library (KFL) believes that in order to fulfill our purpose in serving the community, we must be engaged in an ongoing effort to limit the environmental impact of our operations and strive to be a leader in modeling ecologically sustainable practices. We are committed to reducing our environmental footprint and promoting environmental stewardship.

We are committed to providing resources to learn about sustainability through our collections and programming. All employees will receive a copy of this policy and will be educated about, and participate in, the Library's efforts to strive towards the "triple bottom line" definition of sustainability by using practices that are environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially equitable. KFL staff are expected to take actions to:

- Reduce the amount of energy consumed
- Reduce the amount of water and other of natural resources consumed
- Reduce the number of pollutants contributed
- Increase the amount of recycling in the waste stream
- Make purchasing decisions that place a high value on sustainably produced products
- Promote the use of sustainable transportation
- Protect habitats
- Support renewable energy resources
- Seek to reuse, recycle or donate old furniture or equipment, building/construction materials or supplies before disposing in the landfill

Our goal is to minimize our organization's impact and maximize future generations' ability to live, work, and play in our shared natural environment, with equal access to clean air, clean water, and natural resources.