

PLACE: Public Libraries Advancing Community Engagement: Environmental Literacy Through Climate Change Discussions

Deadline: Application deadline is August 1, 2016.

Grant Award: **\$1,000** and access to public program materials, professional development, ongoing programming support, and an online peer-to-peer community.

Grant Period: Participating libraries will be working with the project for up to one year.

Program Contacts:

Patty Hector

Califa Library Group
Project Consultant
(501) 226-0000
phector@califa.org

Wayne Walker

Califa Library Group
Operations Manager
(650) 356.2125
wwalker@califa.org

Program Overview

Librarians can play a significant role in increasing a community's climate resiliency—the ability to recover quickly from or plan for and anticipate weather impacts. Using a model that is essentially “book club meets science café,” PLACE engages people in their own libraries and within their own communities to discuss local weather challenges and threats.

Community Benefits:

By participating in PLACE, community members will read popular fiction and non-fiction books and watch human interest videos about real people who have developed resilient strategies for facing climate challenges. Through exploration and discussion, participants will become aware of online tools that can provide information for their own community, family and individual planning for extreme weather and other climate events.

Benefits for Librarians:

Librarians receive professional development and, in partnership with NOAA scientists, will co-facilitate a three-part public library program series for their community.

Eligibility:

Public libraries located in rural and under-resourced urban communities. Limited to one staff person per library facility.

PLACE is a project funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), working in partnership with the National Weather Service, Califa Library Group, Dawson Media Group, and Goodman Research Group.
