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ABSTRACT

Explains term "Green" and special challenges met by libraries to be Green. Points out steps involved such as site selection, water and energy conservation, building material and indoor air quality. Briefly narrates few green libraries initiatives such as Fayetteville Public Library, Minneapolis (2004), Seattle Central Library (2004), National Library, Singapore (2005), Minneapolis Public Library (2006) and University of California (2005). Around the world the idea and behavior of creating green libraries is approaching a tipping point and transforming into a library movement by building green library buildings, by greening existing library facilities, providing green library services, and embracing environmentally supportive and sustainable practices within the library. The main objectives of this paper are to analyze the importance of green libraries; to identify the standards