

TNS Library: Support for Sustainability Research (AC-10)

Questions:

1. Does the institution have ongoing library support for sustainability research and learning?

Yes.

2. A brief description of the institution's library support for sustainability research.
[Required] (2-3 paragraphs will be sufficient)

Our approach to collection management prioritizes access over ownership. Decisions are primarily driven by the expressed needs of new or existing programs, courses and curriculum, and student and faculty research. We prefer to acquire digital versions of content over physical for both access and sustainability reasons.

Members of The New School Community can request materials to support their sustainability research using the [Request a Purchase](#) form on the library website. Requests for materials are submitted by faculty in Course Reserves, and individuals may use the 'More Access Options' feature in our [Books & More](#) content discovery tool (catalog), as well as chat and [Ask Us](#) for assistance locating and acquiring resources. Our list of available databases is on our [Databases A-Z](#) page.

Specific databases that relate to sustainability research include:

Annual Review of the Environment and Resources

BioOne

High-impact bioscience research journals, featuring timely content on a wide-array of today's most pressing topics, including global warming, stem cell research, ecological and biodiversity conservation

Building Green: a source for reliable content on sustainable design strategies, green building materials and more; includes GreenSpec, Environmental Building News

Material ConneXion: a tool to source advanced materials to enhance the performance, aesthetics and sustainability of projects.

Thomas: a product sourcing and supplier discovery platform that includes sustainable materials sources

Besides these specialized databases we have a wide range of databases in all fields of academic inquiry and practice that include information on sustainability practices, policies and research.

Books:

We have over four thousand online books on sustainability.

Journals:

We provide access to hundreds of online journals, including major titles such as *Sustainability Science* (Springer) and *Environment, Development and Sustainability* (Kluwer)

In addition, Subject Librarians are available for 1-on-1 Research Consultations and in-class library sessions. One or more Librarians may consult if research queries cross disciplines which is often the case with sustainability research.

The New School Libraries has mainly chosen the path of partnership and cooperation to maximize our patrons' access to content and lessen our carbon footprint through resource sharing. We do this by participating in ILL for borrowing and lending, arranging visits to other METRO-member libraries for our patrons, and taking into consideration the holdings of other libraries in close proximity, e.g., NYU, Cooper Union, NYPL.

One of our most significant relationships/investments is our membership in [PALCI](#) (Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc.). Through our engagement in PALCI, our patrons have access to E-ZBorrow--expedited Interlibrary Loan (ILL) of print monographs--from among 70 research libraries.

1. Website URL where information about the institution's support for sustainability research is available *[Optional]*

Along with being able to search Books & More, we have a research guide on Sustainable Systems: <https://guides.library.newschool.edu/sustainablesystems>.

2. Additional documentation to support the submission *[Optional]*