

Crete Public Library District Green Initiatives

- ❖ In 2008, the Crete Public Library District Board of Trustees approved a long range plan that included Goal #5 “To position the facility and the community for a Green Society”.
- ❖ Uses recycled paper products and re-uses paper for printing whenever possible. (Coffee Connection uses only recycled cups, sleeves and napkins.)
- ❖ Recycles paper and cardboard, glass, plastic and aluminum at the Crete Lions Recycling Center (one of the oldest U.S. Recycling centers - operating since WWII.)
- ❖ Recycles books through the Friends’ Book Sales and the Will County Book Recycling Events.
- ❖ Acts as a local collection site for the Will County Land Use Dept. to recycle eye glasses, cell phones and printer cartridges.
- ❖ Provides materials & programs for adults and kids on environmental issues. (“Eco-Friendly Landscaping” & Ricky Recycle”) Children’s Dept works closely with a local environmental group ME4E (www.me4e.org) to present regular programming.
- ❖ Current green information on our “Green Scene” Boards in both Adult and Children’s Services Departments.
- ❖ Loans out (since 2009) Kill-A-Watt kits that include an easy-to-use electricity usage monitor and the book *The Home Energy Diet* by *Scheckel*.
- ❖ One of 10 Illinois libraries to own and lend out the educational recycling kit “Investigating the Case of the 4Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Rethink) developed by the DCEO
- ❖ Participates (booth) in annual Earth Day Celebration at Will County’s Plum Creek Nature Center.
- ❖ Holds annual document shredding event for residents to destroy and **recycle** confidential papers. (Provide a secure bin for smaller amounts year round.)
- ❖ Created part-time “green goddess” position to coordinate Board/staff/community environmental efforts.
- ❖ Hosts information and links to more green initiatives on the library’s website www.cretelibrary.org
- ❖ WE’ RE YOUR LIBRARY! – “THE ORIGINAL RECYCLERS”