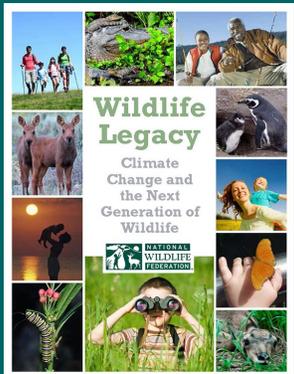
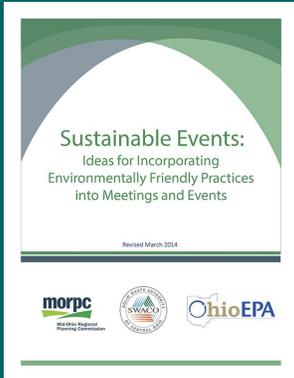


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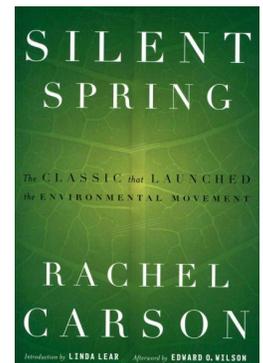
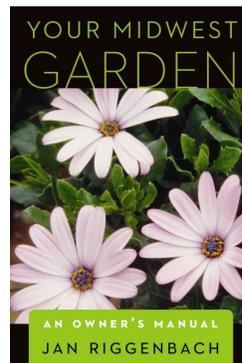
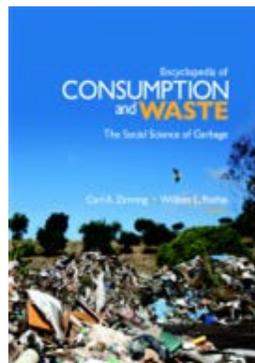
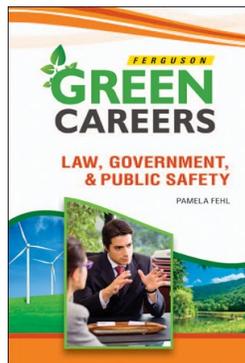
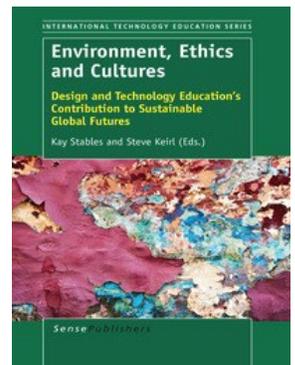
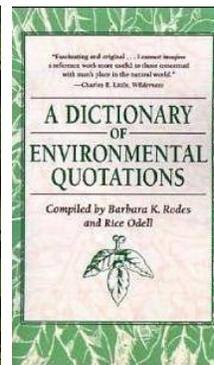
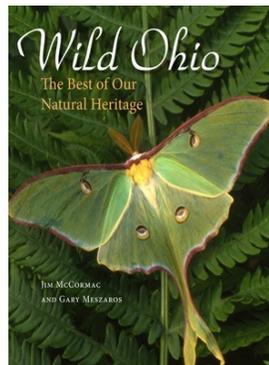
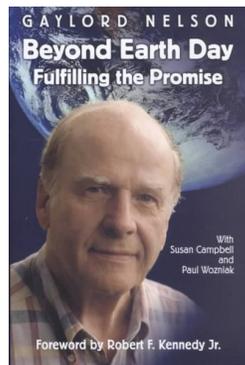
Earth Day celebrates its 45th birthday this year on April 22nd. Former Governor of Wisconsin and U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson established the first observance in 1970. His goal was to bring attention to the deterioration of the environment, the depletion of natural resources, and the legislation needed to help slow down and reverse these processes. He hoped that by encouraging citizens to show that they were ready for change, leaders and lawmakers on the national and state levels would realize that they needed to act as well. Looking back, Gov. Nelson wrote that more than 20 million Americans participated in the 1970 observance.

Lawmakers took note, and by the end of the year, the U.S. EPA was created.

Various local, state and national issues and events led to the creation of Earth Day in 1970. Issues such as an off-shore California oil rig spill, extensive whale hunting, and the effect of the chemical DDT on bald eagle populations were causing a public outcry. In Ohio, the infamous Cuyahoga River fire in 1969 was an event with a more local impact. By 1970, scientists warned that Lake Erie was dying. The first Earth Day helped to focus the nation on being better stewards of our natural resources.

www.earthday.org/2015

Books and eBooks about the environment available through the State Library



Websites



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Activities

Earth Day is celebrated throughout Ohio. Here are just a few of the Earth Day activities planned for Ohio:

Cedar Bog Earth Day Art Show and Bike Tour

Cedar Bog Nature Preserve
Experience free tours of Cedar Bog Nature Preserve with a naturalist.
Urbana, Ohio

Saturday, April 25, 10 AM–4 PM, Bike Tour 8:30–10 AM

<https://www.ohiohistory.org/participate/event-calendar/events/earth-day-art-and-bike>

Earth Day Right Right Now Now!

Columbus, Ohio, Columbus Commons

Right now is the time to look ahead to the 45th anniversary of Earth Day when a record number of central Ohioans will take on hundreds of service projects and once again claim the title of the largest Earth Day volunteer event in the nation. Right Right Now Now!

Saturday, April 25, 1 PM-10 PM

<http://www.earthdaycolumbus.org/home.php#celebration>

Earth Gathering Festival

Pump House Center for the Arts in Yoctangee Park, Chillicothe, Ohio
Earth Gathering is a juried art festival with an Earth Day theme, held annually on the lawn of the Pump House Center for the Arts in Yoctangee Park (historic downtown Chillicothe).
Saturday, April 18, 11 AM-4 PM
<http://visitchillicotheohio.com/event/earth-gathering-festival/>

EarthFest 2015

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
EarthFest will feature 270 exhibits in 10 sustainability exhibit areas
10 AM-5 PM
<http://www.earthdaycoalition.org/>

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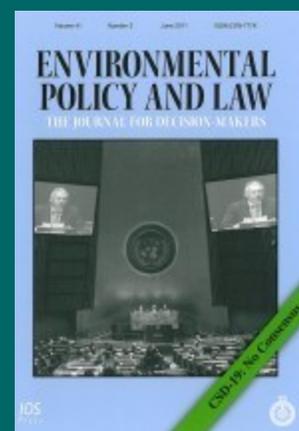
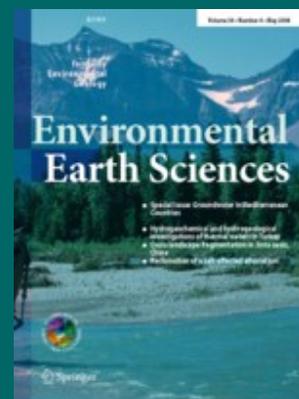
Sawyer Point, Cincinnati, Ohio
Earth Day is a celebration of our natural community. Our exhibiting members lead the efforts to educate the families of Greater Cincinnati on Earth Day.
12 PM-5 PM
<http://www.cincinnatiearthday.com/>

Ask a Librarian

I'm planning a program for seniors and need to find how many live within specific areas of Ohio. I get overwhelmed when I try to find information on the Census Bureau website. Can you suggest an easy way to get started?

Answer: The Census Bureau has created an easy-to-use search called **Community Facts**. Simply enter the name of the community and choose from a number of frequently requested tables.
http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml

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