



Book to Action 2021 Case Study

Library: San Leandro Public Library

Book to Action 2021 Summary & Impact Reflection

Please summarize your Book to Action 2021 public programming series. Write for an audience that has never heard of your library, your community, or the Book to Action concept. Start by introducing your library and community. Be sure to show how the Book to Action topic and titles met a specific community need or aspiration. Be sure to highlight your community partners, explain significant, innovative, or new models for public programs, and show how this program impacted your community. Limit 2-3 paragraphs.

The San Leandro Public Library partnered with the San Leandro Public Works Office of Sustainability for their Book to Action program in a community read of Paul Hawken's non-fiction book, *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*. The Library received its second Book to Action initiative in Winter 2020 and kicked off its series of events in March-April 2021. The Library distributed free copies of *Drawdown* to the public and made audio and e-books available for circulation. The city of San Leandro is developing its Climate Action Plan and we want the community as a whole to come together and implement the climate goals and strategies, as we will need all hands-on deck to solve this problem.

To complement the community read, the Library and Office of Sustainability designed and coordinated a number of community programs, including a kickoff book talk centering Indigenous voices on Tuesday, March 9 with California State University East Bay's Head of American Indian Studies Program, Professor Enrique Salmón, on his book on ethnobotany, *Iwigara: The Kinship of Plants and People*. Enrique spoke on the importance of documenting Indigenous knowledge of plants and their cultural uses. The presentation was followed by a deep dive into local Ohlone history and a sustainable cooking demonstration with culinary institution Café Ohlone – mak' amham, presented by Vincent Medina and Louis Trevino.

Other events included *Drawdown* book discussions, a panel about the local Buy Nothing group, a global virtual Fix-It Clinic, a presentation about the Climate Action Plan, a BikeMobile Bike Talk with youth, a Go Green STEAM Storytime for kids, a volunteer gardening workday with Dig Deep Farms in San Leandro, and a California-wide virtual screening of *Kiss the Ground*, a documentary about regenerative agriculture and discussion with the award-winning author and director Joshua Tickell.

Community Member Quotes

Please enter 1-2 community member quotes from surveys or public comments that may be anonymized and used in future grant applications and program model sharing.

"I purchased and read *Drawdown* a couple of years ago. Your library program on this book was so great! I hope there will be many more similar programs in the future that continue the discussion on the transition towards long-term sustainability for San Leandro and the world beyond."

"Thanks to the fixers who helped with troubleshooting, it helped me think of one more thing to try. I was successful in fixing my pencil sharpener after the event ended."

Impact on Professional Development

Please summarize how participating in the Book to Action 2021 initiative impacted you and your team's professional development. As a result of participating in this program, what skills did you or your team learn? What professional takeaways would you share with others looking to improve community engagement with adults & intergenerational groups?

Being in the times of COVID collaboration is very important. Slack was a tool that was very helpful and that I got to work and get better at. Being comfortable with the technology that allows teams to work more cohesive is a very good skill to have. We got more comfortable with Zoom and OneDrive. We got input from multiple staff members from different divisions about our project and being able to include more staff, to listen to their opinions was also a great professional takeaway. This was my first time partnering with another city department for a project and it's important to look at your larger organization to find potential partners so that you can have a bigger impact in your community.

Final Words of Advice

What brief bit of advice (1-2 sentences) would you give to library staff members interested in coordinating a Book to Action or similar community engagement series for adults and intergenerational groups in their community?

Look at your yearly calendar and look for any conflicts with other projects, big events, grants, etc. that may use up a lot of your time. Be flexible.

Total # Programs: 10

Total Attendance at Programs: 154

Book to Action Images:

Please attach 1-2 images (.jpg or .png files only) that best represent your Book to Action 2021 series *Sample File Name: BTA 2021 San Leandro Library Image 1.jpg*

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Image 1 Caption: Book To Action 2021 San Leandro Library Promo

Image 2 File Name: BTA 2021 San Leandro Library image 2

Image 2 Caption: Book To Action 2021 San Leandro Library volunteer event

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May others contact you with questions? Yes No

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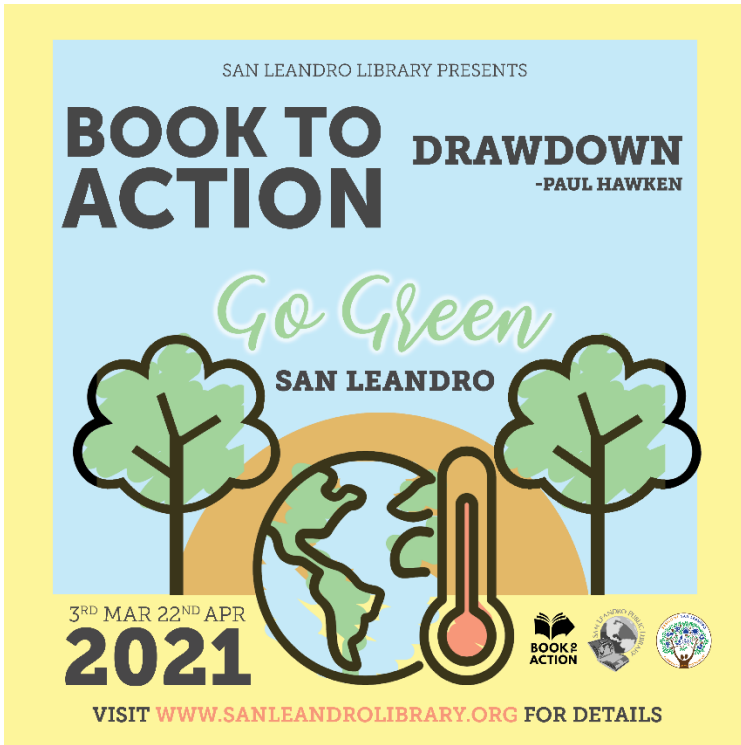


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