

Farm to Gov Docs: Cross Campus Collaboration for Earth Day Celebration

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Who We Are

The KFL Gov Docs team consists of three people: our FDLP Coordinator, a Gov Docs Subject Librarian, and a staff member who receives and catalogs.

As a team, we're able to do more with government documents. And it's this teamwork that led to this collaboration.

Our Collaborators

Through Julia's connection to the library sustainability team, we brought Team Green on board and through that relationship we brought on the UCCS Farm. This cross-campus coalition brought together a range of expertises for this program.

What We Did

Preparation:

The three teams - Gov Docs, Green, and Farm - met over winter 21/22 to plan ways to highlight all the ways we relate to and celebrate Earth Day.

Plan:

This event was in three parts: crafting, screening, and a book display.

Crafting centered on the seeds from the UCCS Farm. We offered seed potting and pot and gourd decoration.

Our film was Earth Days: The Seeds of A Revolution. The emphasis in the documentary was on the policy and legislation supporting Earth Day.

The book display highlighted Dept. of Agriculture and other sustainability focused government documents.

How It Went

Turnout:

Overall, turnout wasn't what we wanted it to be. Spring 2022 was still partially remote and publicity efforts could have been stronger. But we still saw a turnout of students and faculty for the crafts and screening.

Future Plans:

We'd like to revise and revisit and further develop this relationship. UCCS celebrates sustainability, so in the future we want to expand this kind of event to outside the library. We may reconfigure this collab for a different holiday. Finally, the Office of Sustainability was between leadership during our planning phase and we would like to bring them onboard.

