

Farm to Gov Docs: Cross Campus Collaboration for Earth Day Celebration by Larry Eames, Julia Bullock, Wendy Kisicki, and Lynn Gates of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Kraemer Family Library.

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. 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 expertise for this program. What we did to prepare. 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. The 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. So, how did it go? 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 in a way that we wouldn't have without this collaboration. So, would we do this event again? Absolutely. We'd love to revise and revisit and further develop the relationship with the UCCS Farm. UCCS and the Kraemer Family Library both have core values of sustainability, and so we want to expand the event to reach more people. Since we did this event when there weren't a lot of people around on campus, we don't want to call this a total failure. We want to try it again and keep going. So what kinds of things might we do next time? Well, we might move outside; there's a really big plaza out in front of the library that a lot of people walk across, so maybe if we were outside there'd be more visibility. We could have different crafts. We could maybe look at different holiday. Was Earth Day too niche? Was it just the right one? So how else can we tie in the farm, sustainability, and the library in an event to gather more people? We would also like to add in the office of sustainability as they were between leadership during our planning phase this year. We think that having them as a partner could also really be beneficial to us. And hopefully we can do that as they are now in the process of hiring somebody. Thank you.