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Nature-Smart Libraries

As community hubs, libraries are the ideal partner to provide children with regular access to nature.

Research shows that spending time in nature makes kids healthier, happier, and smarter, and good environmental stewards.

Libraries can intentionally integrate nature into their services, programs, and outdoor spaces. Referred to as Nature-Smart Libraries, they aim to:

- Align with local goals to improve well-being, early literacy, and climate resiliency.
- Serve children and caregivers who lack access to nature.
- Create lasting nature connections through programs, outdoor spaces, and staff training.
- Build partnerships with local organizations to engage the community through nature.