



Sustainable Thinking for the Future of Libraries

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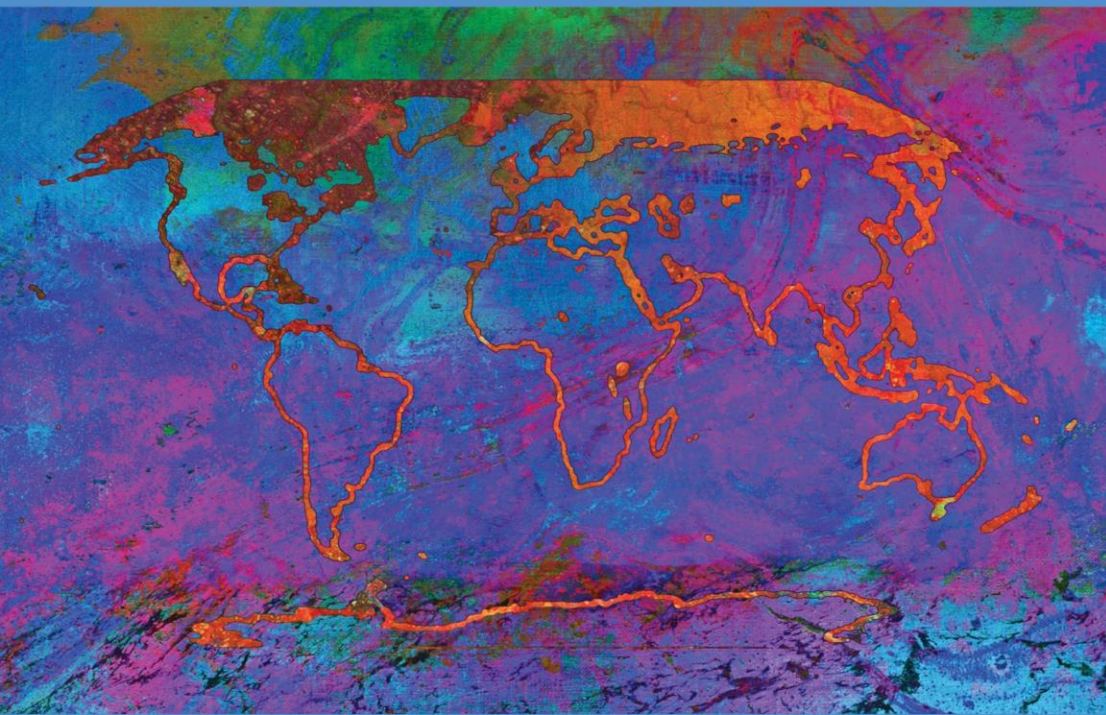
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change

Climate Change 2021

The Physical Science Basis

Summary for Policymakers



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Working Group I contribution to the
Sixth Assessment Report of the
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



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CODE RED

FOR HUMANITY

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António Guterres

United Nations Secretary-General, 9 August 2021



What the world needs now...

- Local matters.
- Working together.
- Recognize and value diversity.
- Help all to be heard.



Sustainability = Core Value

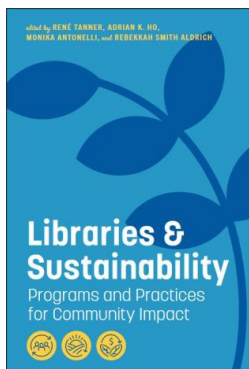
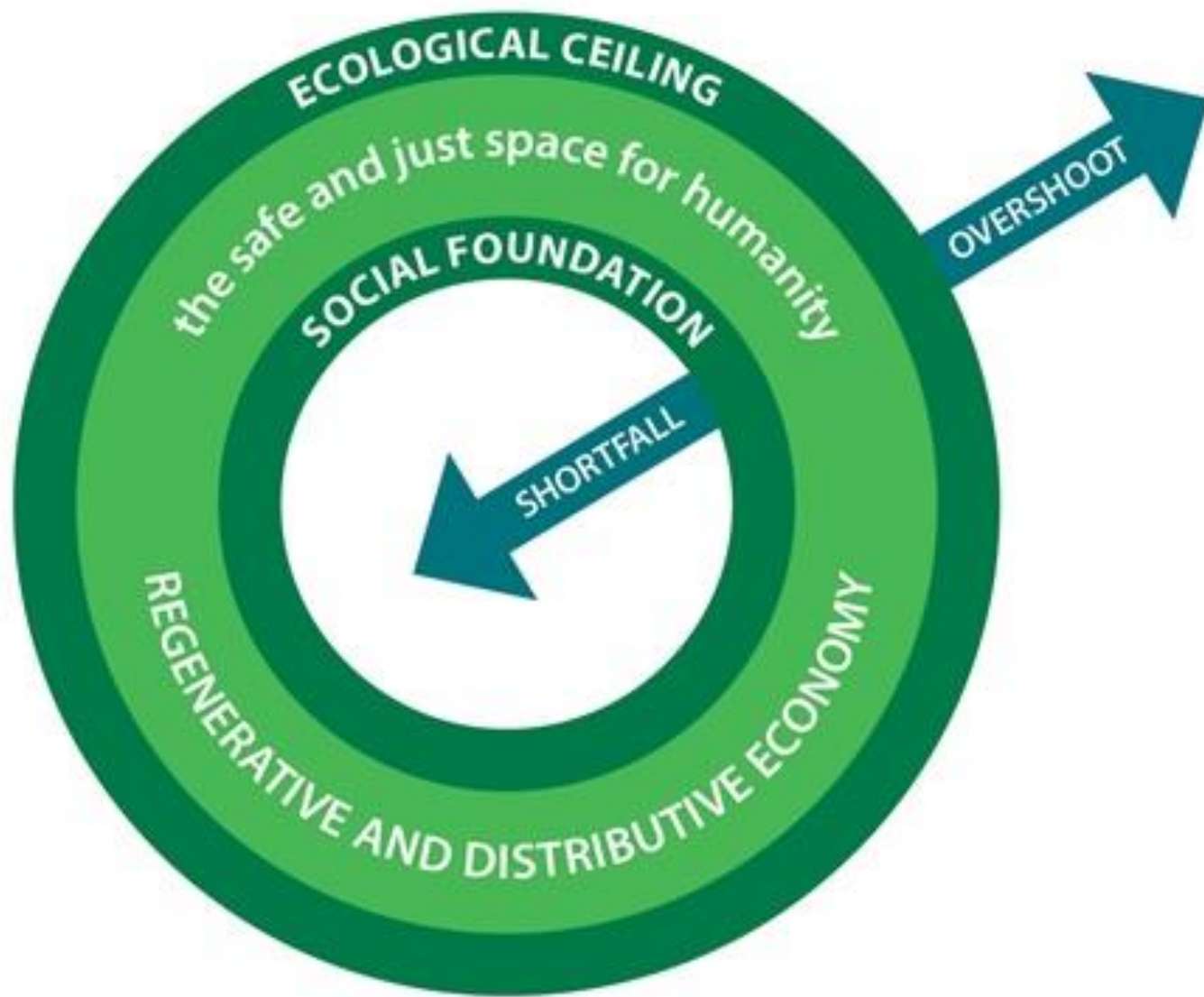
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VENN DIAGRAM DEPICTING THE DEFINITION OF THE TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE

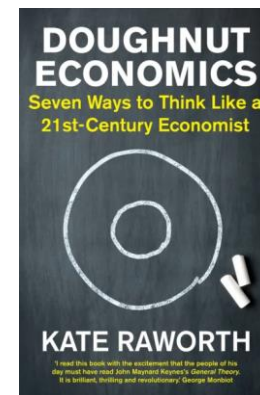




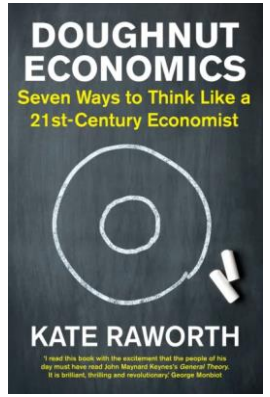
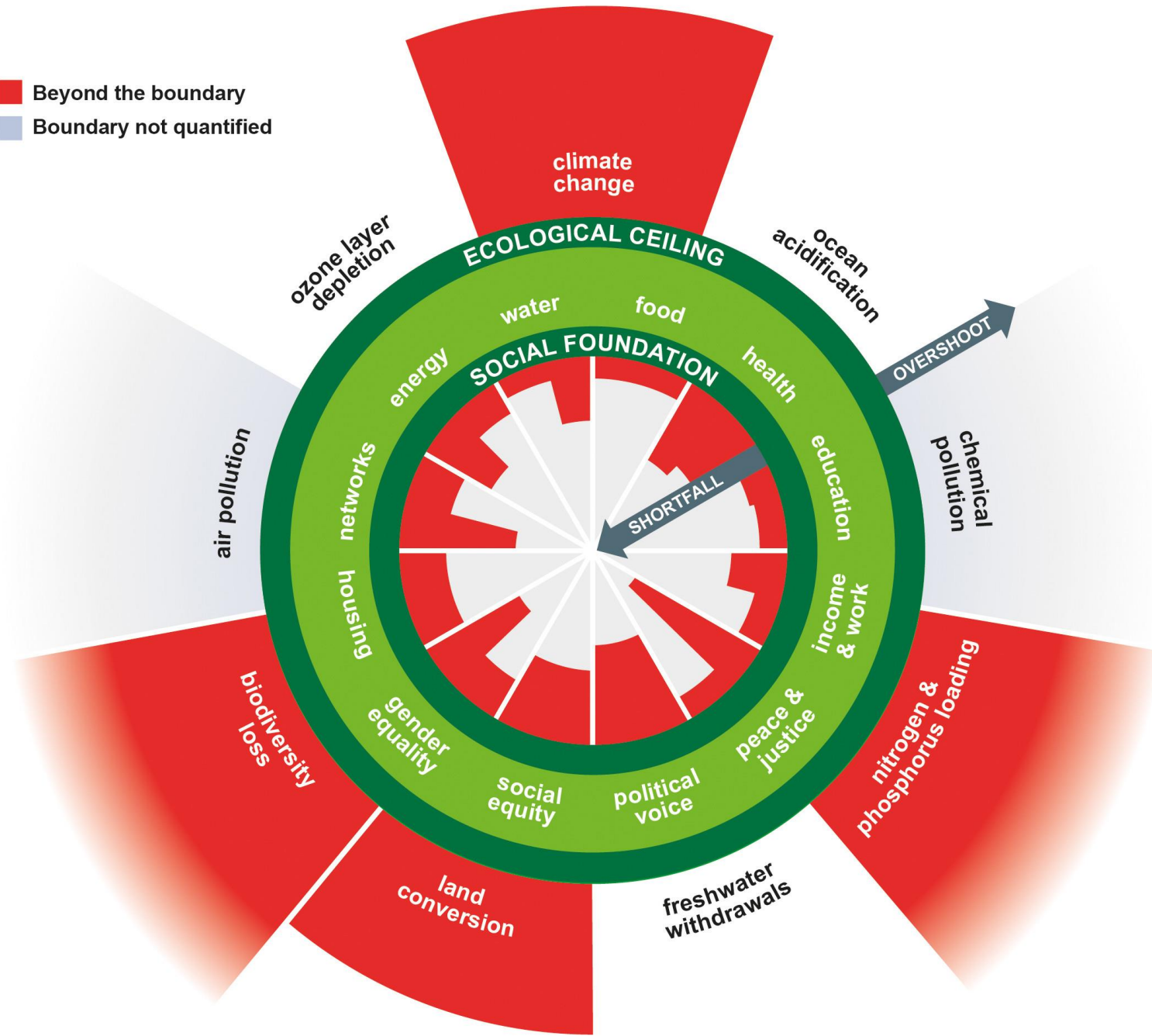
Social Cohesion



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■ Beyond the boundary
■ Boundary not quantified



Libraries

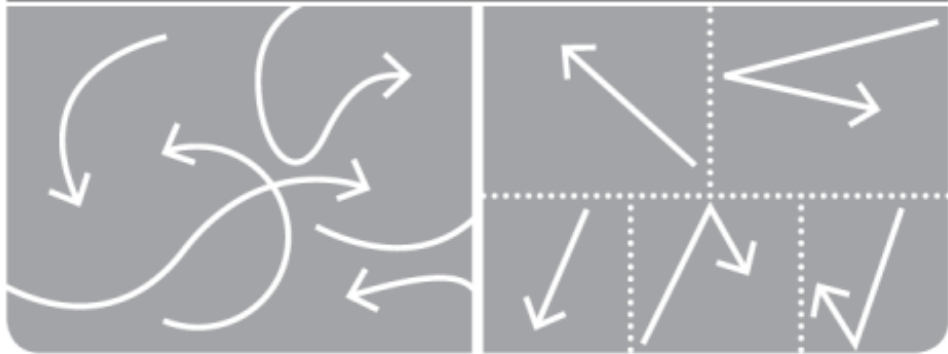
as Sustainability Leaders



CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES

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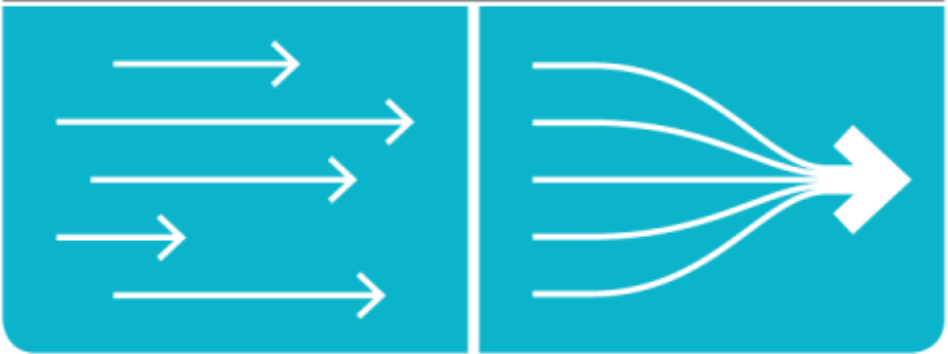
OLD / CURRENT BEHAVIOR



DISORDER & CONFUSION

ISOLATION

NEW BEHAVIOR



ALIGNMENT

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

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Catalyst &

Convener



Sustainable Library Certification Program



**Sustainable
Libraries
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<https://sustainablelibrariesinitiative.org/>

Sustainable Library Certification Program

Public & Academic Libraries

- Organizational Commitment
- Energy
- Materials Management (Waste, Recycling & Purchasing)
- Transportation
- Land Use
- Water
- Partnerships
- Community Involvement
- Social Equity & Resiliency
- Financial Sustainability
- Collections

School Librarians

- Partnerships & Community Involvement
- Leading Beyond the Library
- Social Equity & Resilience
- Standards & Curriculum
- Collections



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THE LIBRARY OF LOCAL

- **Build** on the traditional platform of public libraries to advance a **just transition**
- **Engage** with local expertise
- **Empower** neighbors to learn from one another
- **Energize** leaders to work with one another



Libraries of Local Kiosk

Morton Memorial Library & Community House, Rhinecliff (NY)

LibraryofLocal.org/

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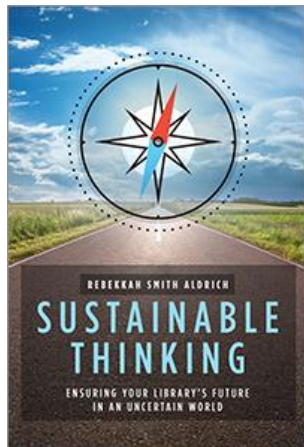
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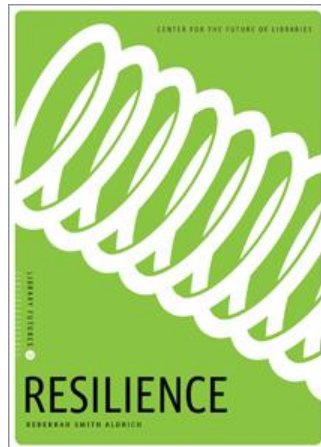
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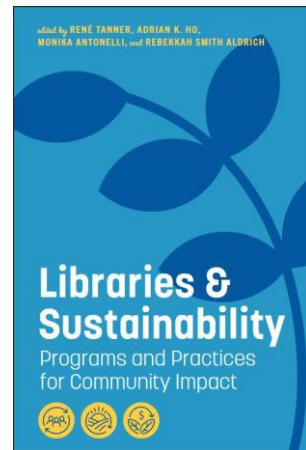
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