

Green Magazines for Teens

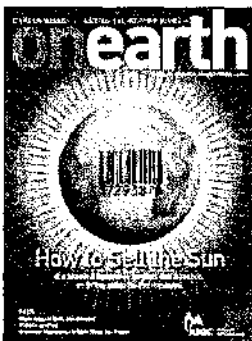
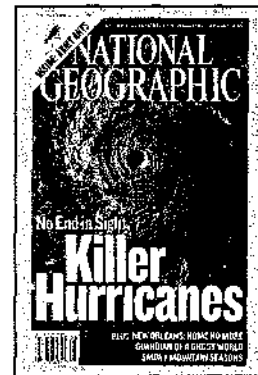
If you're looking to add some new titles to your library's magazine subscription list, why not consider some that focus on issues of sustainability?

These relatively niche publications aren't written for teens specifically, but rather can appeal to a broad readership. Moreover, subscriptions to the last three magazines are included with annual membership to the not-for-profit organizations that produce them, so your money is used to support much-needed environmental action. Alternatively, links to the following titles could be added to a web portal, where considerable, if not all, content is available online, thereby cutting down on paper use. Either way, it's a win-win sustainable situation!

National Geographic

National Geographic has been a big name in the magazine world for many years and your library may already carry a subscription. If so, consider including recent issues in displays and programs related to sustainability. If not, this is undoubtedly the new title to get this year. NG has been "supporting exploration, education, and conservation since 1888" and has garnered a reputation for high interest, scientifically accurate reporting. The weight this title carries puts it in an optimal position for bringing important environmental issues to a more general audience and therefore "inspiring people to care about the planet"

(www.nationalgeographic.com). Published monthly.



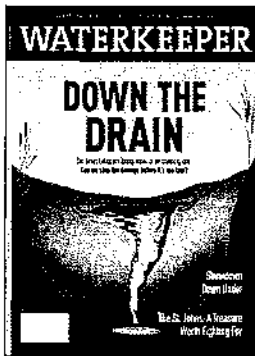
OnEarth

OnEarth is an independent publication of the Natural Resource Defense Council, an American not-for-profit action organization with a team of 350 lawyers and scientists that lobby government and policy makers on behalf of wildlife and natural systems. The magazine was founded in 1979 as The Amicus Journal and has won awards for its groundbreaking exploration of environmental problems and solutions from political, scientific, cultural and medical points of view (www.onearth.org). Membership is obtained through donating to the NRDC in any amount. Published quarterly.

Sierra

Published by the Sierra Club, the oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization in the US. For many, the name Sierra is practically synonymous with sustainable action. Currently circulating over a million copies in North America, the magazine is available online as well, including back issues and even some content not in the print version. Articles report on wild places and their protection, green living, community involvement and profiles of those who work on our planet's behalf (www.sierraclub.org/sierra). Memberships start at \$25 annually. Published bimonthly.

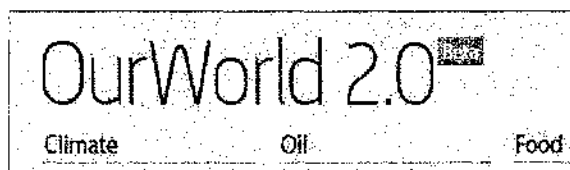




Waterkeeper

Waterkeepers are non-profit advocates who monitor and defend the watershed of a particular community against environmental threats. The Waterkeeper Alliance connects and supports local Waterkeeper programs worldwide, as well as approving and licensing new local chapters. The magazine features front-line reporting on a wide range of issues related to the sustainability of an extremely vital, yet highly threatened resource: our water (<http://switchstudio.com/waterkeeper/issues>). Subscriptions are included with membership at the \$50 level, but complete PDFs are also available for free download online. Published four times a year.

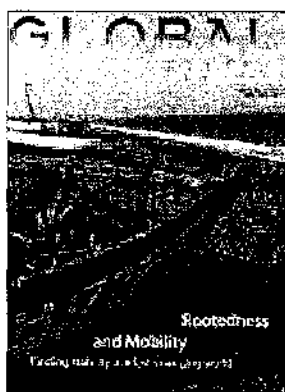
Green Webzines



Our World 2.0

This webzine asks the question: "What can we do when faced with complex, inter-connected and pressing problems like climate change, oil depletion and food security?" Writers from the United Nations University, a think tank for the UN proper, attempt to address that question through articles and commentary. As a part of the Web 2.0 "next generation" movement, it has a youthful and innovative attitude that may appeal to many young adults. The webzine would make an ideal addition to a teen portal or resource page devoted to sustainability issues. Our World 2.0 recently won Best Blog Design at the 2008 Weblog Awards.

(<http://ourworld.unu.edu>).



Global Express

Published from 1996 to 2003, this webzine featured global environmental issues, as well as a range of other humanitarian concerns, for young adults, by young adults. Unfortunately, its important and unique place has not been filled since it ceased publication. For libraries blessed with talented teen writers and the resources to self-publish, this gap may have your name on it! The article library is available online

(www.globalexpress.initiativesofchange.org/library.html)

Green Tip: Share a magazine subscription with a friend, not only will you share the cost but you will cut down on the amount of trees used!

