



## Earth Day

Earth Day came from a Senator Gaylord Nelson and Denis Hayes, a young activist. Nelson and Hayes wanted to infuse the energy of student anti-war protests with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution. Earth Day originally began as teach-ins on American University campuses and April 22 was chosen because it landed between Spring Break and final exams in the hope of maximizing student participation.

The first Earth Day occurred in 1970 and today it is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, with more than a billion people every year participating in this day of action to change human behavior and create global, national, and local environmental policy changes.

### Library Resources

Try these subject headings, electronic resources, or check with reference staff for more materials:

- Earth Day
- Environmentalism
- Environmental protection
- Human beings — Effect of environment on.

And check out these online resources:

- Get an overview of Earth Day from [Britannica Library](#)
- Need green design ideas for your outdoor living spaces? Visit [Home Improvement Reference Center](#) and click the Outdoor button to check out the projects.
- Check out Fine Gardening magazine from our [Flipster collection](#). Also in the collection, the April editions of OWL and ChickaDEE Magazines are all about Earth Day, featuring eco-hacks and going green.
- Get green tips all year long from OverDrive Magazines, check out [Mother Earth News](#), [Pip](#), [ABC Organic Gardener](#), & [Bloom](#).
- Bring the serenity of the outside world indoors with [Nature Sounds](#), from Naxos Music Library.

- Educate yourself about the state of the natural world with documentaries from [Kanopy Streaming Films](#), suggested topics include: [Environmental Sciences](#), [Agriculture & Geology](#), [Zoology](#).
- Also check out [Kanopy's curated collection](#) of films focused on the environment.

## Booklists

Check out this [ORL Booklist](#) for Earth Day 2022:

## Additional External Resources

- Official site: <https://www.earthday.org/>
- [earthday.ca](#) - Canadian arm of earthday.org. With Canadian specific events and activities
- [EcoKids](#) – In 2019 earthday.ca formed an alliance with EcoKids to expand the reach of Earth Day environmental programs in Quebec and nationally with the hope of inspiring children to be lifelong environmental stewards.
- Other Environmental Organizations, worldwide and Canadian
- [Environment and Climate Change Canada](#) – Government of Canada's department responsible for coordinating environmental policies and programs, as well as preserving and enhancing the natural environment and renewable resources.
- [Friends of the Earth International](#) - the world's largest grassroots environmental federation with 73 national member groups and millions of members and supporters around the world. Its vision is of a peaceful and sustainable world based on societies living in harmony with nature.
- [Greenpeace](#) – an independent organization that uses peaceful protest to work towards a greener, more peaceful world, and to confront the systems that threaten our environment.
- [\(LOC\) Earth Day – Selected Resources](#) – Science Reference Services research guides & other resources from the Library of Congress
- [The Nature Conservancy](#) - a global environmental non-profit working to create a world where people and nature can thrive.

## Local Environmental groups in the Okanagan

These groups focus on aspects such as trail maintenance, watersheds, parklands, wilderness conservation and education. They also look for volunteers.

- [Alan Brooks Nature Center](#)
- [Central Okanagan Land Trust](#)
- [Central Okanagan Naturalists Club](#)
- [Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan \(EECO\)](#)
- [Okanagan Basin Water Board](#)
- [Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship Society](#)