



Conserving our natural resources through education, demonstration, and collaboration.

Cumberland County West Regional Branch Library

The [West Regional Branch Library](#), located on Century Circle, is the newest addition to the Cumberland County Library System. This 14,000 square foot facility opened its doors in October of 2010, and was designed from the outset to be sustainable. Now the Library has been certified by the [Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Program](#).



The facility's restrooms are equipped with water conserving automatic sinks and toilets, as well as electric hand dryers that eliminate use of paper towels. They also purchase and stock recycled content toilet paper. Other standard sustainable practices include recycling, utilizing duplex printing, teleconferencing, and using and properly storing eco-friendly cleaners and chemicals. The building also has solar film on the windows to reduce solar heat gain.

The West Regional Library stands out by having several non-standard sustainability features. The Library is in the process of having solar panels installed on its roof, which will soon generate most of Library's power. This will make West Regional Library the first in the Cumberland County system to utilize solar panels. The West Regional Library, which is attached to the New Century International Elementary School, is also the first and only library in the entire nation to have a co-op with the media center of an elementary school. After hours, glass doors slide up to allow the public access to the school's media center.



These practices show that West Regional Library is clearly dedicated to conserving our natural resources. Since this is West Regional Library's initial time being certified as a Sustainable Sandhills Green Business, their certification lasts for one year. Keep up the good work and thank you for being a community leader by having such a sustainable business!

*Green businesses reduce waste, promote recycling, become energy and water efficient, purchase eco-friendly products, and educate their employees and customers about the multiple benefits of a sustainable community. For more information about how your business can become a **Sustainable Sandhills Certified Green Business** today, please contact our Green Business Coordinators: In Moore, Montgomery, Richmond, and Scotland Counties - **Kea Meacham** (910.639.3983); In Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett, and Lee Counties - **Celestine Raineri** (910.484.9098).*