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Suzette Brumleve Memorial Effingham Public Library Moves Away from Plastic Bags

Beginning Wednesday, August 2, 2017, the Suzette Brumleve Memorial Effingham Public Library will begin checking out reusable Effingham Public Library bags to patrons who need a bag for their items at Check Out. The Library has also made the decision not to restock its promotional plastic bag when the current stocks run low but instead look at ecofriendly alternatives.

Sarah Ruholl Sehy of Effingham Recycles said: "We are excited to see the library taking a leadership role in modeling good environmental stewardship practices for the Effingham community, and we would challenge other businesses and organizations to step up and consider how they also can recycle and conserve for coming generations."

Polyethylene the plastic used in the production of plastic bags comes from petroleum, a non-renewable resource and instead of biodegrading, plastic bags undergo a process known as photodegradation. Photodegradation involves the slow chemical breakdown of the plastic. Unfortunately, bags must decompose for at least hundreds of years, eventually contaminating our soil and water.

With more than one billion single-use plastic bags handed to consumers each day in the U.S., it's obvious that reusing shopping bags significantly reduces both emissions and waste.

Like all library items, the reusable Effingham Public Library bags can be checked out for two weeks.

For further information, go the Library's website at www.effinghamlibrary.org or call the library at 217-342-2464 x1, email info@effinghamlibrary.org

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