

Sustainability Checklist

Instructions: To help determine whether a new or existing program, service, or technique is sustainable, rate it against each of the criteria listed below.

Service/program/technique under consideration _____

Will it show?				
	Highly Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Likely	Comments
Will people out in the community see direct results of your doing this?				
Does it match/support documented priorities of the community?				
Does it foster community connections?				
Is it clearly green/environmentally friendly?				
Does it relate directly to the library's mission?				

Can it grow?				
	Highly Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Likely	Comments
Can we increase this service in response to demand without a significant increase in staff costs?				
Can we increase the service if needed without a significant increase in space/facilities costs?				
Does it target a growing clientele?				
Does it focus on routine occurrences rather than exceptions?				
Will it encourage repeat visits?				

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Does it flow?				
	Highly Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Likely	Comments
Is it equitable (not necessarily identical) across the entire community?				
Can most members of the community use it without extended training or assistance?				
Is it compatible with tools and/or processes that members of the community already know and use?				
Is the service based on community tradition rather than library tradition?				
Does it value "yes" over "no"?				
Is it conveniently accessible?				

What outcome(s) are we trying to achieve by implementing this service, program, or technique? _____

What other approach(es) might we consider to achieve the same outcome(s)? _____
