Waste At The Library

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DVD Cases

• The library obtains around 600 DVDs a year

• Last year the library switched to the Red Tag system

• Required the disposal of 2400 DVDs

• DVDs are made of plastic #7

• Suggestions/Alternatives
Packaging Materials

• The library recycles about 20 cardboard boxes per week
• Any packaging material is discarded
• 2000 pieces of plastic wrapping are throw away each year
• Paper in boxes is recycled
• Reuse the packaging materials
• Donate the material to packaging companies who will reuse them
Book Waste

• The library discards about 2000 books a year

• Last year the library discarded close to 10,000 books

• Paperback books are recycled

• Hardcovers must be discarded

• Donate books to charities

• Have a book sale
Cans And Bottles

• Trash bins
  1st Floor - 28
  2nd Floor - 17
  3rd Floor - 6

• Recycling Bins
  1st Floor - 8
  2nd Floor - 0
  3rd Floor - 0
  Basement - 1

• Dumpster dive

• Improper recycling

• Solutions
Ink Cartridges

- The library spends on average $10,000 per year on ink cartridges
- Discards old cartridges in the trash
- Refill ink cartridges as an alternative
- Cut back on flyers and handouts printer at the library
Conclusion And Suggestions