Paper Waste In McKillop Library

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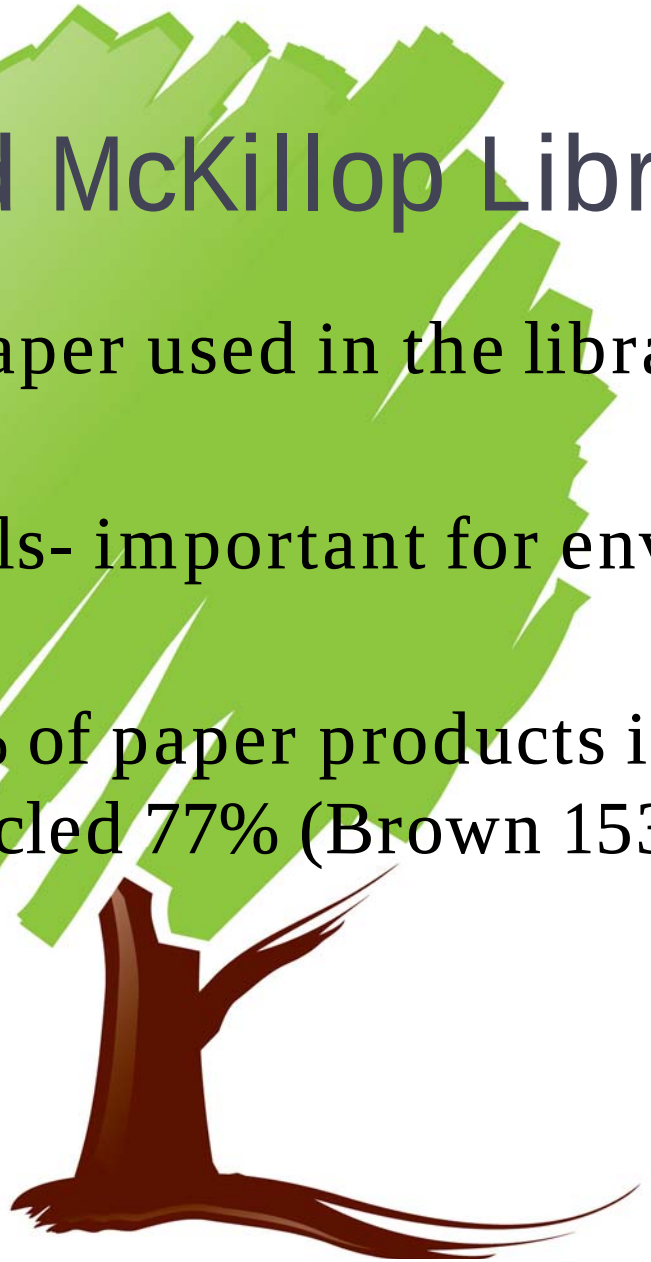
Paper and McKillop Library

- Project focus – paper used in the library
- Recycled materials- important for environment
- U.S. recycles 50% of paper products in 2005 but South Korea recycled 77% (Brown 153)



Methods Of Research

- Meeting with Dawn Emsellem – recycle contact
- Survey of students- objective questions
- Set up of recycling and trash bins
- Books that are discarded- how they are recycled

Results

- Last Academic Year- 435,000 sheets of paper used
- Equal amount of paper to 52.2 trees
- 24 cartridges used in three floors
- 26 garbage cans, 4 comingling recycle bins
- 4 paper recycle bins

Survey Results

- Results of student survey (59 students):
- 19 % DO NOT recycle
- 8% recycle OCCASSIONALLY
- 64 % of students make over 20 prints a week

Discussion/ Recommendations

- Use recycled paper in the printers
- Garbage/ Recycling Bin Issues
- More Recycle Bins, positioned next to garbage cans
- Informational flyers in recycle areas
- Recycling among library staff is very efficient
- Recycling plan for old books already in place