



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

