

# EARTH DAY 2022



The Earth is the only one we have let us take care of it by reducing greenhouse gas reductions needed by 2030 to meet the Paris Agreement. The time is now to preserve and protect our health, our families and livelihoods.

People, organizations, and institutions around the world are doing their utmost best to implement climate change policies, encourage people to make better decisions in their lives that will impact the environment.

Environmental advocates, volunteers are also doing their part to save the environment.

Earth Day started in 1970 through a collaborative effort between US Senators Gaylord Nelson and Pete McCloskey and environmental advocate activist Denis Hayes who organized various environmental activities to promote events nationally.

The first Earth Day motivated over 20 million Americans to demonstrate against the harmful impacts of industrial development/pollution on both the planet and human health.

Protest in support of Earth Day include thousands of students from colleges and universities across different cities in the US.

Earth Day became a global event in 1990, with 200 million people in 141 countries fighting for environmental issues, climate change, and policy issues and other change agents.

Source: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2022/04/21/what-is-earth-day-2022-holiday/7380226001/>

You can watch the history of how it all started :

Source: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-50-years-on-qa-with-denis-hayes-coordinator-of-the-first-earth-day/>

As part of the efforts to celebrate Earth Day 2022, members of The US Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica engaged students of the New Providence Primary School, Saint Andrew by planting flowers and other beautification shrubs at the school entrance. The initiative was lead by the Embassy's Public Affairs Officer, Bobby Adelson.

Adelson reiterated the sentiments of US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken that “The US Government is determined to help preserve the planet’s natural beauty and will do all it can to encourage future generations to do the same, one project at a time.”

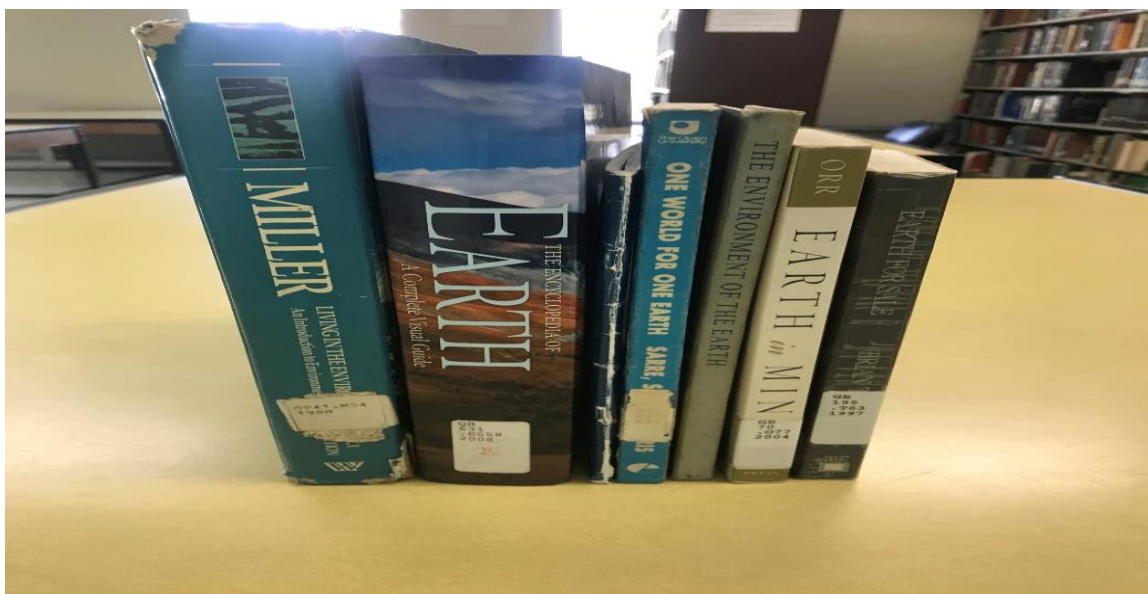
Support for Earth Day 2022 saw several artists coming out in support of the initiative.

Singer and climate change advocate, Aaron Silk participated in the Climate Change Adaptation Exposition hosted by the Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation (CCAM) in collaboration with the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO held in Salt River, Clarendon, April 22, 2022 as a tribute for Earth Day 2020.

Other performers at the event include Pam Hall, Tafina and Rebellion. Silk, Tafina, and Rebellion are advocates for Voices for Climate Change Education Project which is organized by Panos Caribbean; Panos Caribbean is a Caribbean non-profit organisation, amplifying the voices of the poor and marginalized, using the media as an advocacy tool.

Source: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20220428/earth-today-singer-aaron-silk-gives-earth-day-tribute>

In honour of Earth Day 2022, the picture below highlights a few of the environmental resources in our collection that can be accessed by students, staff and faculty member. Other resources on environmental issues are available via our OPAC, UWILinC, full-text online, databases, e-journals and e-books.





“There’s no Planet B.”

Children in support of Earth Day!

Source: [www.https://jamaica.loopnews.com/content/earth-day-2020-all-you-need](https://jamaica.loopnews.com/content/earth-day-2020-all-you-need)