

DREAMING THE FUTURE!

The **Forbes, Jones, and Lilly Libraries** invite all elementary through high school-aged earth dwellers to submit to a zine produced in collaboration with the **2020-21 UMass Amherst History Department Feinberg Lecture Series, Planet on a Precipice**. What do you appreciate about the Earth? What could the future be like on a healthy planet? Where do you want to live when you're older? Write, draw, or otherwise create a response to one of the following prompts!



TOUR GUIDE ... Take a walk around the block, and describe your neighborhood for folks of the future who can't see it as it is now. What forms of life are there? What else do you notice?



NATURE'S GIFTS ... The oxygen in the air we breathe is the result of an exchange between trees and humans, who each produce something the other needs (in trees' case, CO₂). What are some other ways in which nature & humans work together to make things we all (plants, animals, humans) need to survive, or some ways they could in the future?



THE FUTURE OF FLORA AND FAUNA ... Dream up and draw a new plant or animal. You don't have to write it out, but while you're drawing think about how its features influence its lifestyle - for example, does it have webbed fingers or claws? Feathers or scales?



CRV: 2200 ... Write a super-short story (~500 words max) from the perspective of someone living in the Connecticut River Valley in the year 2200. What is life like?



SEEING THE MAZE ... Show us how we can arrive at a more climate just world. In the future, where will energy come from? What will the relationship between humans and the land look like? Humans and animals? Plants and humans? Choose one of the above, and write/draw your vision, thinking about what steps are needed to get there from where we are now. Get creative! For instance, your submission might take the form of a maze, timeline, or comic strip.



DO THE RIGHT THING ... Doing the right thing isn't always easy, and when it comes to things like fragile habitat, it can be especially hard to protect organisms that can't stand up for themselves. What is a way you imagine standing up for yourself or someone or thing with less power than you? Think of times in your own life you've exercised courage, or research young climate activists from around the world. Write a story or draw a picture.

All submissions can be submitted online, emailed, or mailed to:

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