



Youth Climate Action Grants

Project Template: Climate Book Club

This template can help you get started. Feel free to change it and add your own ideas!

Project Overview

Start a Climate Book Club at your school. Learn about climate change, inspire hope, share ideas, and take action to help the environment.

Students will read books, watch videos, listen to podcasts, and have group discussions about climate change. They will learn how climate change affects communities and the environment, and explore actions they can take at home, at school, and in their community.

Students will track what they learn and share their ideas with others to encourage people to take climate action.

Why This Project Matters

Climate change is changing the world around us. Hotter weather, storms, floods, and other changes can affect people, animals and nature. Learning about climate change helps students understand these changes and discover ways to help the environment.

Project Goals

Students will:

- Learn about climate change and how it affects people and communities.
- Learn how people and communities can take climate action.
- Feel confident that they can make a difference.
- Build reading, thinking and communication skills.
- Encourage others at school to take action.

Project Results

By the end of the project, students will:

- Hold a series of Climate Book Club meetings.
- Lead discussions and talk about what they learned.
- Create a Climate Action Wall to share ideas and actions.
- Track what they learn and the actions they take.
- Create learning materials about climate change to share with the school.
- Help more people learn about climate change and ways to help.



Data Collection

Students may collect and track:

- The number of students, staff, and community members who take part.
- What students know about climate change before and after the project.
- The number and types of climate action pledges made by participants.
- The number of climate actions completed.
- Student ideas, notes, quotes, and journal entries.
- Photos of project activities, learning materials, and events

What You'll Do

Get Organized

- Create a project team and choose a staff supervisor.
- Give each team member a role.
- Decide what you want the project to achieve.
- Create a project timeline.

Plan Your Book Club

- Research and choose books, articles, podcasts, films, or documentaries.
- Create a schedule for readings, meetings, and project activities.
- Create discussion questions and writing activities for each session.
- Choose discussion leaders for each session.

Launch Your Climate Conversations

- Read, watch or listen to climate resources together.
- Share ideas, questions and thoughts.
- Talk about how climate change affects daily life.
- Invite authors, climate experts, or other guests to join discussions.

Reflect and Take Action

- Write down what you learned after each meeting.
- Identify actions students can take at home, at school, or in the community.
- Learn about climate projects that help people in your community and around the world.
- Encourage participants to make climate action pledges.
- Track actions taken throughout the project.

Create a Climate Action Wall

- Create a display in your school that inspires others to learn and take action.
- Update the action wall throughout the project with:
 - Climate action pledges

- Student reflections and discussions
- Favourite quotes from books, films, podcasts and guest speakers
- Climate facts and simple charts
- Climate solutions and success stories
- Artwork, photos, poems, and stories
- Tips for helping the environment
- Updates on actions students have completed
- Track and record the climate action pledges shared on the wall.

Share and Inspire

- Share project highlights and student reflections with the school community.
- Create posters, newsletters, displays or social media posts.
- Celebrate the climate actions students have taken.
- Reflect on what you learned, what worked well, and what you would do differently next time.

Suggested Project Timeline

Time	Activities
2-3 Weeks	Planning, choose resources, and invite participants
6-8 Weeks	Climate Book Club discussions, reflection activities, guest speakers and climate action pledges
6-8 Weeks	Create and update the Climate Action Wall throughout the project
1-2 Weeks	School wide climate learning activities and events.
1 Week	Reflect on the project and sharing results

Suggested Project Supplies

- Books, articles, podcasts, films and documentaries
- Poster boards or display materials
- Writing materials (markers, sticky notes, pens, journals, notebooks)
- Art supplies for drawings, writing, and Climate Action Wall displays
- Refreshments for meetings or discussion events
- Printing supplies for posters and Climate Action Wall displays

Sample Project Budget

Budget Item	Description	Amount
Materials/Tools Equipment	Books, documentary/film access etc.	\$300
Materials/Tools Equipment	Art supplies and display materials	\$150
Education/Awareness Materials	Materials for posters and displays	\$150
People/Labour	Guest speaker fees	\$250
Barrier Reduction	Accessibility supports, and refreshments for participants	\$100
Materials/Tools Equipment	Supplies for final presentation or celebration event	\$50
	Total Budget	\$1000

Project Team Roles

Project Coordinator – organizes meetings and keeps the team on track.

Discussion Leads – leads book club discussions and reflection activities.

Climate Action Wall Leads – updates wall content, creative submissions, and climate pledges.

Education & Outreach Lead – promotes activities and shares reflections with the school community.

Data & Reporting Lead – tracks who took part, survey results, student ideas, and project results.

Safety and Accessibility

- Offer both in-person and online ways to participate when possible.
- Provide materials in different ways, such as print, audio, video, and online resources.
- Make sure everyone can easily get to and use the meeting space.
- Create rules that help everyone listen and share ideas respectfully.
- Create a safe space where students can talk about their worries, ideas, and hopes.

Reflection Questions

- What did you learn about climate change?
- How did the discussions help you learn?
- Did this project inspire you to take action? What actions did you take?
- How can students help the environment at school and in their community?
- Do you feel more able to help make a difference?
- What leadership, communication, or teamwork skills did you learn?



- What book, video, discussion, or activity was most important to you?
- What would you do differently next time?

More Project Ideas

- Start or join an EcoClub to continue learning about climate change.
- Show a film about climate change with a guided discussion afterward.
- Invite climate experts, authors, or community leaders to speak.
- Create newsletters, podcasts, videos, social posts, or blogs about climate action.
- Organize a climate fair at school to help others learn and take action.
- Create a school-wide climate action challenge.

Project Resources

- [TransformTO Net Zero Strategy](#)
- [TDSB Youth Climate Action Guide](#)
- [Yale Climate Connections Radio Show](#) and [Question Bank](#)
- [Toronto Public Library – Getting Started with Book Clubs](#)
- [Toronto Public Library Book Club Sets](#)
- [Climate Action Pledge Wall](#)