

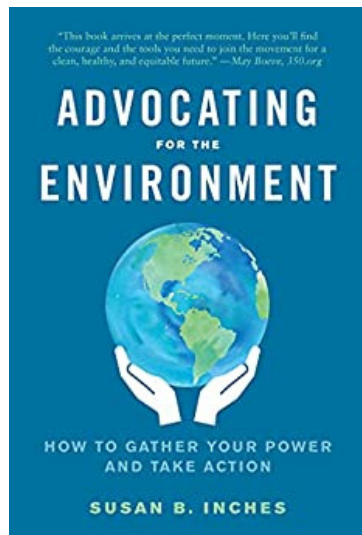
## What are you doing to make your holidays more climate-friendly?

All of Belfast: Climate Dialogues, a project of the Belfast Free Library, invites you to share your personal story or reflection on making this holiday season more climate-friendly. What does "climate-friendly" mean to you, especially during this season? Are you considering changing anything about your gift-giving and holiday celebration habits? Perhaps more local buying, hand-made gifts, less online shipping? Have you found some favorite delicious Belfast-area food and beverages that everyone should try?



Belfast's menorah lighting and Christmas tree.  
Photo courtesy of Our Town Belfast.

## ABCD Holiday Book Giveaway



**Share your personal climate change story** (or photo, or video) ~ and be entered into our drawing to win Susan B. Inches' new book, "*Advocating for the Environment: How to Gather Your Power and Take Action.*"

Check out the ABCD website for stories from other local Belfast area residents, and share your story online - OR email us and we'll help you submit your story. Website: <https://abcdbelfast.omeka.net/>  
Email: [abcd@belfastlibrary.org](mailto:abcd@belfastlibrary.org)

The **deadline is Tuesday, December 21st**, and the winner will be announced on Wednesday 12/22. **Also, be sure to check out Sue's recent inspirational ABCD presentation on the Library's YouTube channel.**

## Are your holiday habits different now because of climate change?

Take the 2-question survey on our website: <https://belfastlibrary.org/abcd-surveys/>  
or fill one out at the Library.



## Shop Belfast for Climate-friendly Gifts, Food, & More!

*We are excited to feature offerings from local Belfast businesses who have shared their climate-friendly holiday ideas with ABCD.*

### **AMBIANCE**

In addition to our inventory of antiques and vintage home furnishings (buying an object that has a previous life is a wonderful and interesting way to recycle!), AMBIANCE offers restoration and repair of lamps. This is another terrific way of keeping useful items out of the landfill that, with a little effort and care, can be brought back to perfect working condition and last for many more years to come. ~ Brenda B., Owner

### **Belfast Clay Studio**

Belfast Clay Studio is focused on keeping our practices environmentally sound— luckily, making pottery doesn't make much waste. Focusing on what can be made from clay as opposed to other materials, like plastic for example, is a goal of ours. One good example is making your own coffee mug to bring to the local coffee shops or the Co-op. Billions of disposable cups are thrown away every year across the globe, and only 1 in 400 gets recycled properly. Come take a class at the studio and learn how to make your own reusable mug! ~ Cory U., Owner

### **Belfast Co-op**

The Belfast Co-op offers local products including fruit, veggies, cheese, meat, herbs, and maple syrup. One of the most important ways buying local food helps the environment is by reducing the miles that food travels (which cuts back on fuel consumption, air pollution, refrigeration and packing facilities). You might consider gifting a re-usable plastic water bottle, to help cut back on single-use plastics. And Co-op gift cards are a wonderful gift to support local buying!  
~ Alessandra M., Outreach Coordinator

### **Belfast Fiberarts**

Belfast Fiberarts represents 28 Maine Fiber Artists, most live and work in Waldo County. Many of our artists up-cycle materials, keeping them out of the waste stream. Our basket maker collects invasive plant materials growing on the rail trail to use as ribs for her baskets. Other artists use wool fiber grown on small farms in Maine. Belfast Fiberarts Weaving Studio and Maker Space provides shared space, equipment, and education for Community members to mend, or create their own clothing instead of buying it from corporations using international sources of petroleum products. Our weavers use only natural and organic fibers; no micro plastic pollution will ever enter the bay from our products. ~ Alice S., owner



### **City Drawers & Man on Main**

City Drawers and Man on Main provide climate-minded services and lasting goods. Some of our climate-friendly offerings include eco-friendly dry-cleaning; warm fashions knit with natural and recycled materials; men's and women's basics spun from bamboo, which is renewable, fast-growing, and water-conserving; and fine lingerie-care made with plant-derived, sustainable ingredients. ~ Dee B., Owner

### **Colonial Theatre**

All the Colonial Theatre movies are recycled every day since we only use digitalized art! And gift certificates, which can be ordered online, are a great climate-friendly holiday gift. ~ Mike H., Owner

### **The Green Store**

The production of plastic releases hundreds of tons of carbon into the atmosphere, plus plastic doesn't ever go away! The Green Store offers so many alternatives, from Beeswrap instead of plastic wrap; shampoo and conditioner bars instead of a plastic bottle; silicone food storage bags; laundry detergent sheets that come in a cardboard envelope; lip balm and deodorant in a cardboard tube; and so many reusable water and lunch containers and bamboo utensils. ~ Ellie D., Owner

### **Heavenly Yarns**

At Heavenly Yarns, we offer a range of yarns for everyone's budget: although every yarn has some percentage of natural fibers, which eventually biodegrades. We sell - and are passionate about - the diversity of fleeces grown in Maine and processed into yarn in Maine, which is great for the carbon footprint. ~ Helen S., Owner

### **The Moody Dog**

I am the owner of The Moody Dog food truck, food cart and The Moody Dog Mercantile. I source all of my meats from within our state borders to cut down on our carbon footprint, as well as to support local farmers. We also use green packaging for our to go foods. We sell hand made condiments made from wild foraged and locally sourced produce which is canned and make excellent holiday gifts. We will be offering gift baskets that could include our goods and other locally produced items such as Nomad Pasta Company pasta, Graze Maine juice and smoothies, Maine Family Farms meats. And more. Gift Certificates as well, which make excellent stocking stuffers. ~ Raymelle M., Chef/Owner



### Nautilus Seafood & Grill

Nautilus works with many local purveyors to offer fresh Maine seafood, produce, and foraged foods like wild mushrooms. We get our crab meat and lobsters from Kirby's Lobster Shack and Young's Lobster Pound; rope-grown mussels from Pemaquid Mussel Farms; and produce from Cross Patch Farms and other local farmers. We are doing our best in small ways to be more climate-friendly, like using compostable straws and ditching single-use plastic ketchup bottles. Gift certificates are a great gift for your local friends and family - and beginning in December, you can buy them online! ~ Roz P., Owner

### Waterfall Arts

Waterfall Arts offers gift certificates all year round for experiences rather than items you need to package and ship. Try Handmade Holiday Card Printing with Gelatin Plates in our solvent-free printmaking studio, the Kennedy Press. In addition, we're delighted this year to be able to offer gift certificates for a glassblowing experience in the brand-new Waterfall Arts Glassworks, which is run almost entirely on electricity and vegetable oil rather than fossil fuels, so it's both climate friendly and a green experience! ~ Amy T., Program Director

### Yo Mamma's

Yo Mamma's offers several recycled gifts including: bags from plastic bottles (a part of those proceeds go towards Doctors Without Borders), beautiful handmade recycled metal animal figures and rugs woven from recycled plastic straws. ~ Beverly M., Owner



***Wishing you happy & healthy holidays  
from ABCD and the Belfast Free Library!***



*The All of Belfast: Climate Dialogues (ABCD) project is capturing community perspectives - photographs, written stories, videos and more - on the ABCD website. This collection will help increase our awareness of each others' experiences, create a point of reference for the future, and perhaps prompt us to take action now in preparation for the challenges ahead.*

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