



Sustainable Choices in Library Prizes and Promotional Materials

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Office Supply Grab Bag

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Why summer prizes were an issue

What was our solution

How it was received

The Issue

- Little funding
- Unknown scale
- Plastic is wasteful







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The Solution



- Customized, reuseable pouch
- Info / Services bookmark
- Popular supplies (“green” options)

The Reception



Why summer prizes were an issue: wasteful items

What was our solution: give out office supplies

How it was received: students loved it!

Thank you!

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Resources

- Canvas pouches: <https://www.4imprint.com/product/141254-57/Chroma-Zip-Cotton-Pouch-5-x-7-14>
- Office Depot GreenerOffice: <https://www.officedepot.com/cm/marketing/greener-office>
- TerraCycle: <https://shop.terracycle.com/products/pens-pencils-and-markers-zero-waste-box>