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# Ambassadors for Sustainable Development – Making Green Libraries Visible

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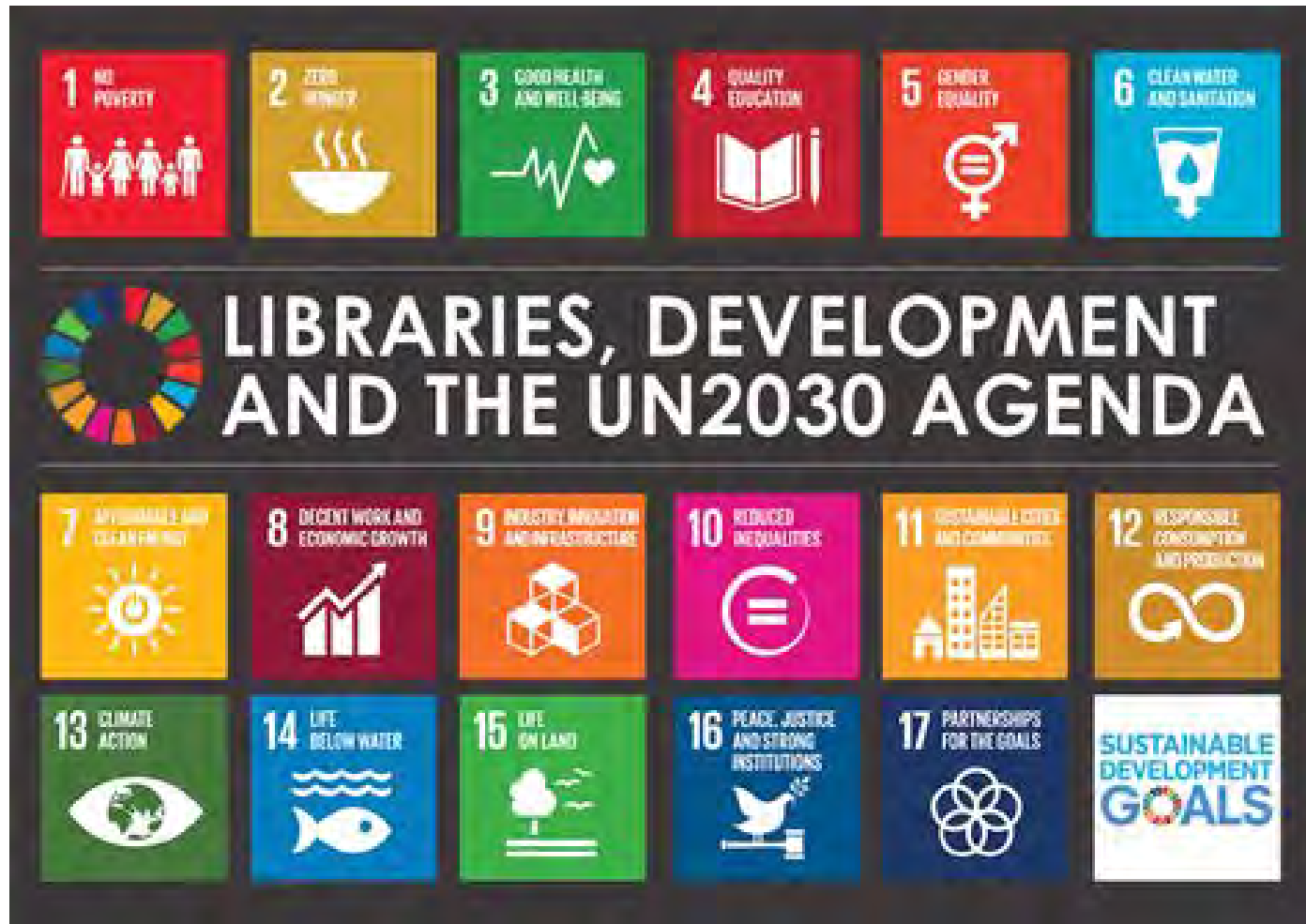


# Schedule



- Libraries – essential partners for the 2030 Agenda
- What is a Green Library?
- Commitment to general environmental goals and programmes
- SDG Stories with example from Ukraine
- Biblio 2030
- Are green and sustainable libraries recognized as ambassadors of the Agenda 2030?!
- Government publications
- Conclusion

# Libraries – essential partners for the 2030 Agenda



- Libraries – key institutions
- Libraries are well positioned to contribute to the SDGs
- Network of at least 2.3 million institutions
- Global reach and the ability to understand and respond to local needs and priorities







# Libraries and the UN Agenda 2030



- Guarantor for access to reliable information
- Prerequisite for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
- IFLA/Libraries as advocates for the UN Agenda 2030
- “Sustainability is Libraries’ Business!”
  - Exemplars, Educators, Enablers
- More than “information”!

<https://www.ifla.org/publications/sustainability-is-libraries-business-libraries-and-sustainable-development>

<https://www.ifla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/assets/hq/topics/libraries-development/documents/sustainability-is-libraries-business-de.pdf>

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## The Green Library Website



## IFLA Section Environment, Sustainability and Libraries

### What is a Green Library?

*A green and sustainable library is a library which takes into account environmental, economic and social sustainability. Green and sustainable libraries may be of any size, but they should have a clear sustainability agenda.*

[See the project page](#)

<https://www.ifla.org/the-green-library-website/>

# Green Libraries – Sustainable Libraries

*A green and sustainable library is a library which takes into account environmental, economic and social sustainability.*

Green and sustainable libraries may be of any size, but they should have a clear sustainability agenda which includes:

- *Commitment to general environmental goals and programmes*
  - UN Sustainable Development Goals
  - Environmental certificates & programmes
  - Paris climate agreement etc.

**COMMUNICATE!**



# Commitment to environmental goals and programmes

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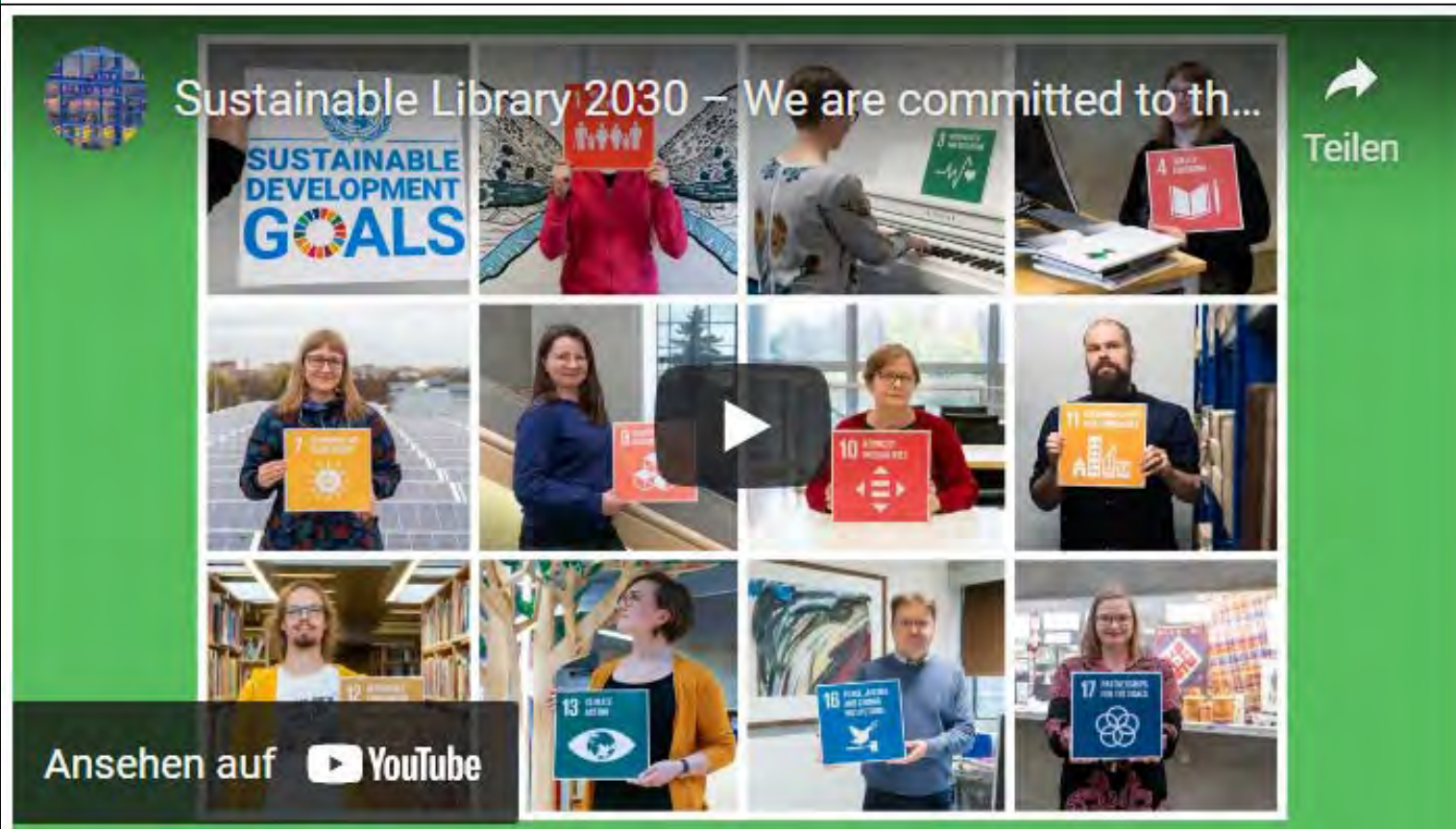
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# Commitment to environmental goals and programmes



IFLA GREEN LIBRARY AWARD

Winner 2021  
Finland, Oulu City Library

Oulu City Library's  
Sustainable Library 2030  
Roadmap

# UCC Library Sustainability: Welcome

Information on UCC Library's Sustainability Campaign.

- Welcome
- Recycling & Waste Management
- Energy Saving
- Ditch the Disposable
- Transport
- Projects
- How are we doing?

## LOL Love Our Library

UCC Library's new Electric Van.



IFLA GREEN LIBRARY AWARD

Runner-up 2019

Ireland, Cork:  
University College  
Cork Library – “Love  
Our Library”



## Greening Libraries



### **Greening Libraries**

Climate change and its effects pose an increasing threat to libraries and the communities they serve. ALIA is working towards a sustainable future, and supports libraries and library and information professionals to lead through promoting awareness, providing evidence-based information, supporting adaptation and helping to mitigate the impact on the most vulnerable in our society.

### **ALIA's work to support sustainability**


### **The Sustainable Development Goals**



Australia



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## Working Group for Green Libraries

### Introduction

Working Group for Green Libraries was established in Split in 2014 with the aim of establishing a network of libraries according to the existing form of the "Green Library Project" of the Association of Istria librarians, which exists since 2011 ([www.zk.dbi.hr](http://www.zk.dbi.hr)), with purpose to take part in education of general public and raise awareness about importance of sustainable society as well as to advocate for environmental protection through libraries and library associations. In addition to this segment, the working group is dealing with issues of energy efficiency in libraries.

Croatia



# Green Libraries Manifesto

#GreenLibraries

The impact of the climate and environmental crisis is already being felt globally and locally, affects us all, but those who are least responsible for the crisis – the most disadvantaged in communities – are likely to suffer the most.

As libraries we occupy a place at the heart of the communities we serve. Through this manifesto we want to come together towards a shared vision: to lead by example through our own environmental actions and use our power and reach to inform and inspire people to take positive action and build resilience in the diverse communities we serve.

We recognise the diversity of our sector which is why this is an inclusive initiative for all libraries to help them make the changes they can, with the resources they have. In signing this manifesto, we agree to:

1

## Bring environmental sustainability to the heart of decision-making

We pledge to work towards making environmental thinking and values central to what we do. We will work with decision-makers in our organisations to push for ambitious, credible and publicly communicated environmental commitment and action, aligned with local environmental and climate change ambitions, targets and plans where relevant. Where possible, we will work with others to learn from and share best environmental practice.

2

## Innovate and evolve

We will work to evolve environmental practice across core library functions and practice to test and explore new and innovative approaches and solutions for positive environmental change.

3

## Work with our communities

We will learn from and support local green initiatives, and work with them and others to empower our local communities to take positive environmental action. We will provide a safe and open environment for learning, sharing ideas and discussing the climate and environmental crisis and how we can work towards a better future for planet and people. In doing so, we will use creative and innovative approaches to connect with diverse and under-represented communities.

4

## Use our voice for more impact

We will use our unique reach and position of trust to share and help people find verified information, to combat climate disinformation, improve climate and environmental literacy and understanding and help develop critical thinking for all ages. By providing up-to-date and accurate information, we will help people navigate the often-complex language and confusion surrounding the climate and environmental crisis.



5

## Work in partnership

We will form partnerships with other like-minded organisations in the private, public and voluntary sectors to enhance the positive impact of green programmes and initiatives. We will use our spaces and networks to convene groups to discuss and take meaningful action for planet and people.

6

## Grow and share our knowledge

We will continually expand our environmental understanding, as individuals, teams and organisations. We will prioritise training and professional development that empowers library staff to take positive action and develop environmentally sustainable practices in their own sphere of work. We will support collective, sector-wide environmental action, including promoting the role of libraries in supporting positive change.

7

## Support young people

We will support children and young people to be leaders in a green and just transition and to take action at home, at school, in communities, and in the workplace. We will assist children and young people in advancing environmental debate and ensuring that their voice is heard.

### This Manifesto can be used:

- As a set of principles underpinning any local strategies, plans and programmes
- As a development tool in identifying the areas of action and improvement
- To enable conversations with local communities, library staff and key partners, including setting further detail in line with local needs
- To promote library values and aspirations
- As an advocacy document
- To identify likeminded partners and collaborators
- To underpin staff development plans

To sign the Green Libraries Manifesto, visit [www.cilip.org.uk/GreenLibrariesManifesto](http://www.cilip.org.uk/GreenLibrariesManifesto)

The Green Libraries Manifesto is hosted by CILIP in partnership with Arts Council England, British Library, Libraries Connected and Julie's Bicycle. All UK libraries are warmly invited to sign and share the Green Libraries Manifesto.



# CILIP

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ynwd4L-bRCGC1w83hSgZIkRlqOuKKJDI/view?ts=62c565d3>

## Bibliothèques et changement climatique: Introduction

**Introduction**

Pauvreté

Alimentation

Santé

Éducation

Égalité entre les sexes

Eau et assainissement

Énergie

Travail

Industrie et innovation

Inégalités

Villes et communautés

Consommation et production

Changement climatique

Vie aquatique

Vie terrestre

Paix, justice et institutions

Partenariats

Lexiques

Le rôle des bibliothèques en contexte de changement climatique est important. Les bibliothèques, académiques, territoriales, scolaires, jouent un rôle fondamental dans la sensibilisation des publics aux enjeux de ce qu'on appelle communément le développement durable. Plus encore, ces institutions ont une exemplarité dans leurs actions à montrer. Enfin, elles ont à convaincre les élus et décideurs locaux qu'elles sont des partenaires essentiels pour la mise en œuvre de politiques publiques locales efficaces sur les différents champs du changement climatique. Or celui-ci touche aussi bien les questions sociales, économiques et écologiques.

Ce site de ressources, créé par la bibliothèque de l'Enssib et le groupe de travail Développement durable de l'Enssib, vise à vous donner accès à une sélection de documents sur les 17 champs du changement global que connaissent aujourd'hui nos sociétés, afin que vous puissiez y puiser de l'information et de l'inspiration pour mettre en place la stratégie développement durable de votre établissement.

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bibliothèque  
soutient  
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<https://ilsa.org/libraries-development/>

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[Comment votre bibliothèque contribue-t-elle au développement durable ?](#) Librarianscience.de

### Journées d'étude

[Responsabilité sociétale et environnementale : quelles compétences pour les professionnels des](#)

# France

# SDG Stories

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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS & LIBRARIES**  
The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a framework of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) spanning economic, environmental and social development. SGD stories demonstrate how libraries and access to information contribute to improved outcomes across all SDGs. Select a country to see relevant stories. [SUBMIT YOUR STORY](#)

**SDG STORIES**

Search

**34 Countries**  
56 Stories

Select a country to view stories.

**GOAL 1. No Poverty**  
4 Stories

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4 Stories

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10 Stories

**GOAL 4. Quality Education**  
40 Stories

**LEGEND**

- Countries with SDG Stories
- Selected Country
- No Data Available

- IFLA's “Library Map of the World”
- “SDG Stories”:
  - worldwide examples
- How libraries contribute to the implementation of the SDGs in their communities
- 34 countries
- 56 stories
- > Marketing instrument?

# SDG Stories: Lviv, Ukraine

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Ukraine

Relevant SDGs

Share this story:



**LIBRARY'S GARBAGE HERO EDUCATES CHILDREN IN ECO-THINKING AND RECYCLING**



“Children ready to recycle batteries at the Library” by Kateryna Sukhorebska is licensed under CC BY 4.0

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„Garbage Hero“ - educates children in eco-thinking and recycling.



# SDG Stories: Lviv, Ukraine



- ECOcorner
  - Planting greenery
  - Designing the winter garden
  - Drawing competitions
- Promotional activities
  - Organizing eco-excursions
  - Producing marketing materials
  - Updating the library blog with relevant eco-friendly articles

# SDG Stories: Lviv, Ukraine - 2022

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Hallo! Was können wir für dich tun?

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# SDG Stories: Lviv, Ukraine - 2022



ЕкоЛеотека, 27. Mai um 12:57 ·

Що таке компост? Це добриво (додаткове підживлення рослин), яке ми отримуємо від розкладання органічних продуктів без жодної хімії. Тобто воно не шкодить ґрунту, не шкодить природі, не шкодить людині, яка споживатиме урожай.

Зараз , коли питання врожаю в Україні важливе насправді для усього світу як ніколи, ми присвячуємо цьому дню наше Леочитання цієї неділі - о 15:00. На цей раз - екологічне.

automatic translation

What is compost? This is fertilizer (additional top dressing of plants), which we get from the decomposition of organic products without any chemistry. That is, it does not harm the soil, does not harm nature, does not harm the person who will consume the crop.

Now, when the issue of harvest in Ukraine is really more important for the whole world than ever, we dedicate this day to our Leo reading this Sunday - at 15:00. This time it's environmentally friendly.

<https://www.facebook.com/ecobiblioteka/>

# Biblio 2030 (German-speaking)

ZIELE FÜR NACHHALTIGE ENTWICKLUNG

Agenda 2030 Materialien Beispielsammlung Eigenes Beispiel einreichen

## Bibliotheken und ihr Beitrag zur Agenda 2030 der UN

Als Kultur- und Bildungseinrichtungen, in denen Information, Wissen und digitale Infrastruktur langfristig, niederschwellig und konsumfrei für alle Bürger\*innen zur Verfügung gestellt und geteilt werden, leisten Bibliotheken einen unverzichtbaren Beitrag zu jedem einzelnen der 17 Ziele für nachhaltige Entwicklung.

Wie aber können sie dies sichtbar machen? Welche Materialien stehen ihnen zur Verfügung? Und welche praktischen Beispiele aus der Bibliotheksarbeit gibt es bereits?

Diese Webseite bietet für Bibliotheken einen Einstieg in die Agenda 2030, indem sie Informationsmaterial und eine stetig wachsende Beispielsammlung bereitstellt.

ZIELE FÜR NACHHALTIGE ENTWICKLUNG  
17 ZIELE, DIE UNSERE WELT VERÄNDERN



1 KEINE ARMUT	2 KEIN HUNGER	3 GESUNDHEIT UND WOHLERGEHEN	4 HOCHWERTIGE BILDUNG	5 GESCHLECHTER-GLEICHHEIT	6 SAUBERES WASSER UND SANITÄR-EINRICHTUNGEN
7 BEZAHLBARE UND SAUBERE ENERGIE	8 MENSCHENWÜRDIGE ARBEIT UND WIRTSCHAFTS-WACHSTUM	9 INDUSTRIE, INNOVATION UND INFRASTRUKTUR	10 WENIGER UNGLEICHHEITEN	11 NACHHALTIGE STÄDTE UND GEMEINDEN	12 NACHHALTIGE/R KONSUM UND PRODUKTION
13 MASSNAHMEN ZUM KLIMASCHUTZ	14 LEBEN UNTER WASSER	15 LEBEN AN LAND	16 FRIEDEN, GERECHTIGKEIT UND STARKE INSTITUTIONEN	17 PARTNER-SCHAFTEN ZUR ERREICHUNG DER ZIELE	ZIELE FÜR NACHHALTIGE ENTWICKLUNG

<https://www.biblio2030.de/>

## DACHS project

German-speaking countries:

- D – Germany
- A – Austria
- CH – Switzerland
- S – South Tyrol (North Italy)

Aim: “This website provides libraries with an introduction to the 2030 Agenda by providing information material and an ever-growing collection of examples.”

- 58 examples / 4 countries

## Beispiele für nachhaltige Bibliotheksarbeit

Bibliotheken leisten einen wichtigen Beitrag zur Erfüllung der 17 Nachhaltigkeitsziele der UN-Agenda 2030. In dieser Beispielsammlung finden Sie Projekte und Angebote aus Bibliotheken in den deutschsprachigen Ländern, die für nachhaltige Bibliotheksarbeit stehen und somit zur Erfüllung der Ziele beitragen.

Schicken Sie uns auch Ihre Beispiele aus Ihren Bibliotheken, damit diese Sammlung wächst und einen Eindruck vermittelt von der Vielfalt an Angeboten und Projekten, mit denen Bibliotheken bereits heute zur Sicherung unserer gemeinsamen Zukunft beitragen.

Für weitere Informationen zu den einzelnen Projekten klicken Sie bitte auf die entsprechenden Bilder.

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„Bücher pflanzen Bäume“  
Stadtbücherei Schorndorf



Tonies im schicken  
Gewand  
Stadtbücherei Schorndorf



Nachhaltige  
Veranstaltungen  
Stadtbücherei Waldorf



Ernte deine Stadt  
Stadtbibliothek Bad Oldesloe



Vom Mittelalter in die  
Gegenwart  
SLUB Dresden / Thüringer  
Schulportal



Treffpunkt Deutsch  
Heilbronner Stadtbibliothek

# Biblio 2030

- Libraries' important role in meeting the 17 Sustainable Development Goals
- Examples that stand for sustainable library work and thus contribute to the achievement of the goals
- Libraries are invited to submit examples
- Give an impression of the variety of services and projects

<https://www.biblio2030.de/>

# Questions

When starting the research for this paper I asked colleagues from the Green Library community:

- Is there any national sustainability strategy and/or national education strategy for sustainable development in your country?
- If so: is it officially published and online available?
- Does it say anything about the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs?
- Does your national library association foster the role of libraries as ambassadors for the SDGs?

# Answers

The answers received were few and of course not representative. But most answers showed:

- Yes, there is a national sustainability strategy.
- Yes, it is officially published and online available.
- No, nothing is said about the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs.
- Only few national library associations seem to foster the role of libraries as ambassadors/mediators for the SDGs.

**Green and sustainable libraries –  
recognized as ambassadors of the Agenda 2030?!**



# “Voluntary National Reviews” (VNR)

The screenshot shows the website for the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, specifically the section for Voluntary National Reviews (VNR). The header includes the United Nations logo and the text "United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development". A navigation menu is visible in the top right corner. The main content area features a colorful grid of icons representing various Sustainable Development Goals. Below the grid, the text "HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" and "VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS" is prominently displayed. A navigation bar at the bottom of the grid includes links for "VNRS", "VNRS Countries", "Lessons Learned and Best Practices", "Tools", "Inputs", "Major Groups & Other Stakeholders", and "HLPF". Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb "HLPF > Voluntary National Reviews" is shown, followed by the heading "Voluntary National Reviews". The introductory text states: "As part of its follow-up and review mechanisms, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages member states to 'conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels, which are country-led and country-driven' (paragraph 79). These national reviews

- Reports
- 10 UN Member States
- Role of libraries

# “Voluntary National Reviews” (VNR)

## Report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development

German Voluntary National Review to the HLPF 2021



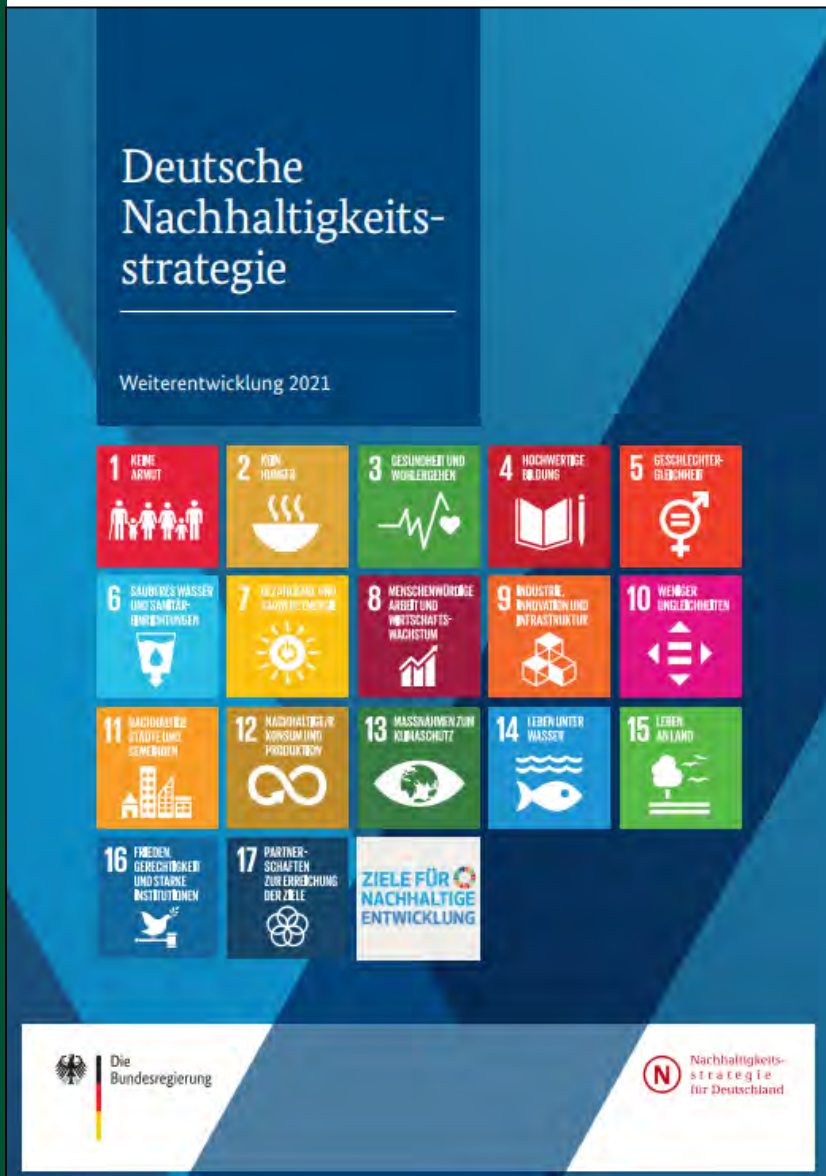
## SDG 11, Sustainable Cities and Communities

“Relevant indicators and exemplary trends:

...

Access to cultural heritage: Number of objects in the German Digital Library”

# German Sustainability Strategy



“7. Non-formal and informal education

...

The preservation of cultural heritage and access to evidence of the history and diversity of literary book production in archives and libraries is also an ongoing task and challenge for the Federal Government in order to preserve and preserve available knowledge in the long term.”

# Guidelines for Public Libraries

## Öffentliche Bibliothek 2025

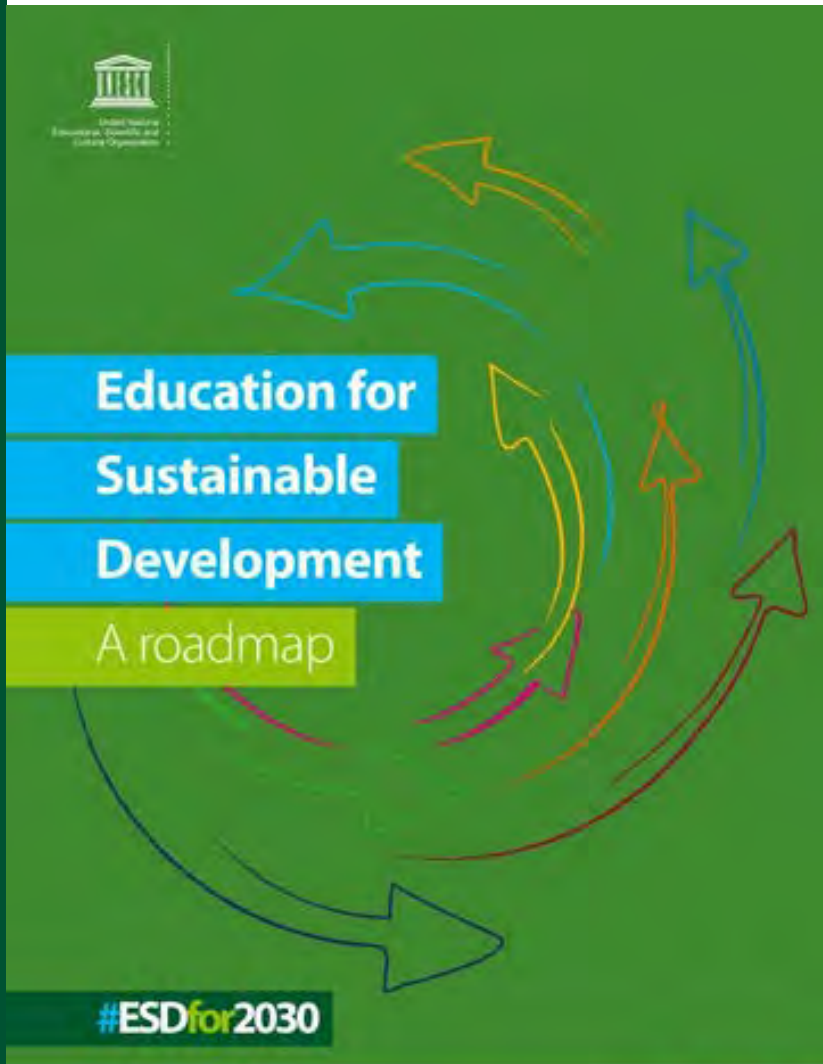
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German Library Association (dbv):

“Libraries have been involved from the outset in the development of measures to achieve the sustainability goals of the Federal Government, the countries, municipalities and the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations.”

# Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)

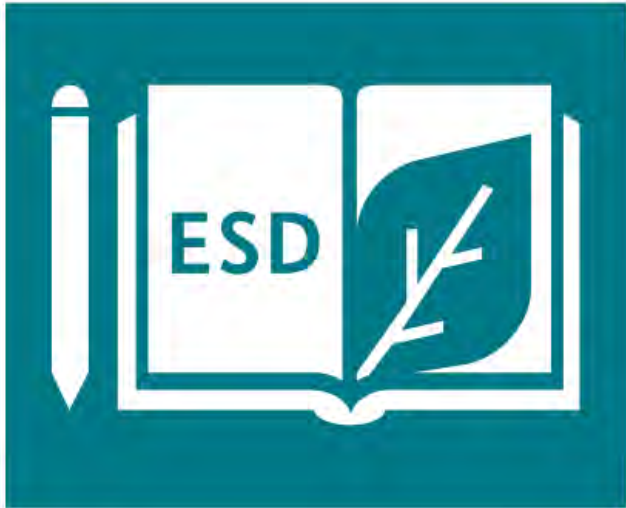


## Main actors

- Leaders of learning institutions, including school principals, presidents and rectors of universities and colleges, heads of TVET centres and of staff training centres in private companies.
- Educators, learners, as well as administrative staff in learning institutions.
- Local community leaders, families in the local community, as well as non-governmental and private sector actors working for sustainability.
- Education policy-makers.
- UNESCO and its partners.

Libraries?

# Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)



National Action Plan on  
Education for Sustainable  
Development

The German contribution to the UNESCO Global Action Programme



## Objective 2:

By the end of 2019, essential new stakeholders are to be engaged for ESD, primarily from the arts, culture and the media. [...]

## Measures:

Metaphors and narratives will be used as a bridge to other areas of non-formal and informal learning and to other policy areas

Places that operate at the interface between aesthetics, the media and participation in the arts and culture – such as **libraries** – are to be identified, brought on board and harnessed for ESD.

# Conclusion

# Making Green Libraries visible?!



## Inside the library community

- National library associations
- International platforms
- National platforms
- Regional efforts
- Local initiatives
- Articles in library journals
- Social Media

Free University Berlin: In front of some of the library buildings, there are recently unmistakable mini-beds along with zinc buds, small insect hotels and bird troughs.

<https://blogs.fu-berlin.de/bibliothek/en/>



# Let's go green – outside the library box!

## This library supports the SDGs



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Associations and Institutions

- Look for strong partnerships outside the library community!
- Invite politicians to your Green Library events!
- Invite local and regional press representatives to your Green Library events!
- Invite local and regional broadcast representatives to your Green Library events!
- Write and publish inspiring articles for the local and regional press!
- Present your Green Library prominently at local and regional cultural events!
- Support actively your politicians to popularize the SDGs!
- Establish your Green Library as an excellent event location!
- **Don't be shy!**

# Thank you!



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<https://www.ifla.org/publications/sustainability-is-libraries-business-libraries-and-sustainable-development>