



GREEN LIBRARIES



The United Nations have set 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) that will create a better world, now and in the future. To reach the goals, every institution, including libraries, should prioritize sustainability. The project "Green Libraries - Middle East and North Africa (MENA)" does exactly that, it aims to include libraries in promoting sustainability. "Green Libraries - MENA" has set up a platform to highlight concrete contributions of libraries to achieve the SDG's. To determine the baseline knowledge and experience of the various library types, a survey has been sent to libraries in Israel, Morocco, Egypt, and Sudan.

حددت الأمم المتحدة 17 هدفاً للتنمية المستدامة (SDG's) من شأنها أن تخلق عالماً أفضل، الآن وفي المستقبل. من أجل تحقيق هذه الأهداف، يجب على كل مؤسسة، بما في ذلك المكتبات، جعل الاستدامة في سبيل أولوياتها. يقوم مشروع "المكتبات الخضراء - الشرق الأوسط وشمال إفريقيا (MENA)" بذلك بالضبط، فهو يهدف إلى ضم المكتبات في تعزيز الاستدامة. أنشأ مشروع "المكتبات الخضراء - الشرق الأوسط وشمال إفريقيا" منصة رقمية لتسليط الضوء على المساهمات الملموسة التي بإمكان المكتبات القيام بها لتحقيق أهداف التنمية المستدامة. من أجل تحديد مدى المعرفة الأساسية والخبرة لدى المكتبات المختلفة، تم إرسال استبيان إلى مكتبات في إسرائيل، المغرب، مصر والسودان.

האום הגדיר 17 יעדי פיתוח בר קיימא (SDG's) שייצרו עולם טוב יותר, עכשיו ובעתיד. כדי להגיע ליעדים, כל מוסד, כולל ספרייה, צריך לתת עדיפות לקיימות. הפרויקט "ספרייה ירוקה - המזרח התיכון וצפון אפריקה (MENA)" עושה בדיוק את זה, הוא שואף לכלול ספרייה בקידום קיימות. "ספרייה ירוקה - MENA" הקימה פלטפורמה דיגיטלית להדגשת תרומות קונקרטיביות של ספרייה כדי להשיג את ה-SDG כדי לקבוע את הידע והניסיון הבסיסיים של סוגי הספרייה השונים, נשלח סקר לספרייה בישראל, מרוקו, מצרים וסודאן.



Sinsila

High-density construction, no open public green space, and few resources made East Jerusalem look up to the sky and rediscover their roofs. Sinsila library and community center is the first and so far the only one focusing on sustainability issues in East Jerusalem. Green Library Project team peeked into to learn more.



Bostan4All

Treelion wants to plant trees, not one, not ten, not a 100, a trillion trees! One Bostan at a time, one Bostan for everyone. We joined Treelion on a community planting workshop in Jerusalem and learned about their work.



ReUse @ Goethe

In the hierarchy of solid waste treatment, up high is Reducing consumption, second comes Reuse, third is Recycling. We at Green Library Goethe thought about a reuse project from leftovers of a previous project. Together with our partners came up with new use to lighten our space in the library.

Green Library Project Goals are:

1st year:

Understanding the baseline: Development of a questionnaire for an online survey among the target groups in order to find out what previous knowledge and experience are already available and what activities and collaborations have already taken place.

Conduct an online workshop to introduce the topic to libraries in the region and highlighting local initiatives that are already implementing sustainable practices.

2nd year:

Development of a multilingual website with a well-animated introduction to the topic "Green libraries" and enrichment with content based on the results of our survey from 2021 (articles, best practice examples, handouts, guidelines, etc.)

Conducting a hybrid workshops locally and regionally to increase connectiveness between Green Libraries in the region



Green Library
Israel



Green Library
Morocco



Green Library
Sudan



Green Library
Egypt