Library Publishing: Inclusive and Open Scholarly Communication that Supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals
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The Impact of Library Publishing through the Lens of the UN’s Sustainable Goal

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IFLA Strategy 2019-2024

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1
STRENGTHEN THE GLOBAL VOICE OF LIBRARIES

We listen to and understand the priorities of the whole field, and amplify the message through advocating for libraries and their values on a global and regional level. We speak with insight, confidence and authority on relevant policies, ensuring that libraries are recognised and supported as critical community assets essential to achieving development agendas. We build a strong presence in international organisations and meetings as a valued partner.

KEY INITIATIVES

1.1 Show the power of libraries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
As a basis for effective library advocacy, we will produce high quality, high impact tools that demonstrate to external audiences the contribution of libraries to development in all of its dimensions.

https://repository.ifla.org/handle/123456789/25

The Evolution of Library Publishing
Definition - Values - Platforms - Standards - Workflows - Communities of Practice - Curriculum - Directories and Maps of Programs

https://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub166
https://librarypublishing.org/lp-directory/
https://librarypublishing.org/lp-directory/
https://educopia.org/next-generation-library-publishing/
https://educopia.org/library-publishing-curriculum/
https://www.ifla.org/units/library-publishing/
https://librarymap.ifla.org/

IFLA Library Publishing Section
Next Frontier: Broadening the conversation on Library Publishing Impact.

Excellent resources on impact in the Library Publishing Curriculum.

How do we also capture the impact of library publishing in relation to the

- **Open access publishing** agendas nationally? (Metadata from DOAJ?)
- **Equality, diversity and inclusion** agendas in research institutionally and nationally
- The contribution of library publishing to the **SDGs at an institutional, community and national level**. Library published journals are being published in relation to gender, poverty, education etc. as we will see in this session.
- Other impact areas?

More impact tools/case studies needed in relation to library publishing impact at a national and international level.
Mapping Scholarly Publications to the SDGs

https://www.ucc.ie/en/research/sdgs/

Bergin method
Signatories to the SDG Publishers Compact commit to:

1. **Committing to the SDGs:** Stating sustainability policies and targets on our website, including adherence to this Compact; incorporating SDGs and their targets as appropriate.

2. **Actively promoting and acquiring content** that advocates for themes represented by the SDGs, such as equality, sustainability, justice and safeguarding and strengthening the environment.

3. **Annually reporting on progress towards achieving SDGs,** sharing data and contribute to benchmarking activities, helping to share best practices and identify gaps that still need to be addressed.

4. **Nominating a person who will promote SDG progress,** acting as a point of contact and coordinating the SDG themes throughout the organization.

5. **Raising awareness and promoting the SDGs among staff** to increase awareness of SDG-related policies and goals and encouraging projects that will help achieve the SDGs by 2030.

6. **Raising awareness and promoting the SDGs among suppliers,** to advocate for SDGs and to collaborate on areas that need innovative actions and solutions.

7. **Becoming an advocate to customers and stakeholders** by promoting and actively communicating about the SDG agenda through marketing, websites, promotions and projects.

8. **Collaborating across cities, countries, and continents** with other signatories and organizations to develop, localize and scale projects that will advance progress on the SDGs individually or through their Publishing Association.

9. **Dedicating budget and other resources towards accelerating progress** for SDG-dedicated projects and promoting SDG principles.

10. **Taking action on at least one SDG goal,** either as an individual publisher or through your national publishing association and sharing progress annually.

**If you would like to join the compact, please click here to sign.**
What next?

✓ SDG metadata added to the Library Publishing Coalition’s Annual Library Publishing Directory?
✓ Tools and guidance for library publishers on promoting and measuring SDG alignment
✓ Quantitative measures but also qualitative studies
Thank you