



Chemnitz
Public
Library



Green Library by bike – mobile, social, sustainable

The Chemnitz Public Library's e-cargo bike contributes to the SDGs



1 No poverty
10 Reducing Inequalities

What we do: We provide access to information and library resources. This gives everyone the opportunity to improve their living conditions and gain skills for school and professional life. Bringing the world of the library closer - that is the mission of the cargo bike. Children from all cultures and social backgrounds are introduced to the world of books and media through this mobile library service.



11 Sustainable Cities and Communities
13 Climate action

What we do: The e-bike is a contribution to sustainable mobility and how libraries can move around the city in a climate-friendly way. Books and media are transported, as well as equipment for events: laptops, tablets, picnic blankets, multifunctional foldable cubes (stools or shelves), table, parasol, boxes (for media, information and handcraft materials).



4 Quality Education
16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

What we do: Ensuring and providing free access to information and knowledge. With reading hours and low-threshold educational offers, we promote the acquisition of reading and writing skills. Learning the cultural techniques of reading and writing is seen as a basic literacy for lifelong learning. The public library's e-bike makes an important contribution to this:

- all outreach events are accompanied by the lending of media, mediation of media literacy and new registration for the library
- participation in community activities: book picnics, theme-specific media boxes, information and handcraft stands, reading and seating facilities.
- participation in municipal projects, fairs and action days
- new places and events where the public library is not expected.
- events at schools and after-school care centres, reading sessions in the park with volunteers



12 Responsible Consumption and Production
17 Partnerships for the Goals

What we do: The lending of books, media and other objects is based on the sustainable strategy: using instead of owning. This principle of a public library is also vividly conveyed by the various information offers of the cargo bike. The outreach activities also provide many opportunities to maintain the existing cooperation network as well as to establish new cooperation and networks for the goals.

- The participation in community activities and the visual design by the Chemnitz artist Stephanie Brittnacher acts as advertising. This helps to convey information about the library's services and programme very well.
- The requests and the need for participation in events, e.g. from schools, are higher than the staff resources available.
- In the future, it is being considered to rent the bike to the cooperation network.

