

2021-01-18 - Sustainability and libraries - agenda 2030

I just wish, but it's not Alkmaar Library but Haarlem Library that have gained the Green Key. (Note: Alkmaar is in the Netherlands)

Alkmaar Library had a big program on sustainability for 3-4 years with lectures and 'hands-on' projects.

Is there any kind of certification for CDG in German libraries already?

- "Projekt Nachhaltigkeit" von RENN, aber das bezieht sich nicht speziell auf Bibliotheken: <https://www.renn-netzwerk.de/news/detail/news/projekt-nachhaltigkeit-2020-die-preistraegerinnen>

The University Salzburg has a program on sustainability "PLUS Green Campus", since 2013. This program also includes the University Library.

The concept of "Library of things" contributes to the SDG as well.

Can also libraries from outside Germany contribute to www.blbio2030.de?

- All contributions in German are welcome on the website www.biblio2030.de. We do also have several examples from Switzerland and Austria.

Have you thought about digital solutions for libraries that can help reduce print and deliveries and increase the sustainability? We as a company provide digital newspapers and magazines, available at the libraries as well as at the member's homes (relevant for closed libraries).

Digitalisation has not really been mentioned so far

- Libraries do already offer a wide number of digital resources, such as e-books and digital newspapers and magazines. During the pandemic, the demand for online resources went up and many libraries increased both their digital resources as well as their digital services. For example, many of the projects supported by the programme "Total Digital. Lesen und erzählen mit digitalin Medien", which aims at fostering digital and creative skills in children, were moved to the digital world. Such digital projects can help reduce carbon footprint and may be an example for future projects. It should however not be forgotten that a library in the future will also remain a place where people meet, interact, discuss and come together physically as well.

IFLA has the Map of Library and there you can contribute.

Nice presentation Jacqueline. I like the examples. And nice to hear libraries are green from origin.

Any recommendations from the participants for sustainable robots floorings?

- I have no idea what robots means...

In terms of visibility sustainability is very important to address young people.

In this context, I would like to draw your attention to a survey conducted by the OCLC Global Council on the subject of Sustainable Development goals

Rise together around sustainability

Libraries can bring unique strengths and collective muscle to global sustainability challenges. To inspire more conversations, expanded engagement, and action that leads to impact, OCLC's Global Council has set its FY21 area of focus on sustainability.

<https://www.oclc.org/go/en/sustainable-development-goals.html>

When is it tentatively planned to fill in the library indicators section?

- EBLIDA has worked last year with the ELSA workgroup on an inventory of methodologies and approaches on impact indicators. Now, a new workgroup has been started to elaborate further on this work and collect and construct indicators. The first results are expected to be available at the end of the year. Indicators are part of the EBLIDA-matrix as can be found on the EBLIDA website at <http://www.eblida.org/activities/the-eblida-matrix.html>

How do you think about Streaming-Services by libraries concerning sustainability?

- Streaming services have several advantages from the perspective of SDG's. By registering and streaming services unnecessary traffic movements can be avoided, the conservation of streamed services and re-use is simple and probably most important, the outreach is in potential unlimited.
- As mentioned above, libraries offer many digital resources and services. Some libraries for example offer webinars with lectures and debates, readings for school children or classes on how to deal with fake news. Through such services, people continue to get access to knowledge, information and education, as well as possibilities for some (digital) social interaction during the pandemic. Many of these services will surely remain in place after the pandemic as well.

Wondering if any libraries have had any programs connected to UN SDG book club?

- We know about the UN SDG Book club. We are currently not aware of public libraries in Europe being involved in this. Concerning Youth IBBY might have information: <https://www.ibby.org/awards-activities/activities/sustainable-development-goals-book-club>

Thank you for mentioning the Survey. !!

(How) do you promote eLibraries?

- eLibraries tend to be still under construction. Most often they contain ebooks and databases, sometimes Tedtalks, Mooc's, registrations of events and lectures, tutorials and online courses and sometimes also have 'digital meeting places' where users can share and interact on specific topics.

Most promotional activities are on websites of libraries, special membership offerings and more traditional way of communication. Some libraries make a special "theme collection" of these types of media connected to program activities or events. In the end however we have to adjust our library information systems so that searching not only leads to physical books in the catalogue but also to (recommendations of) these eLibrary media.

For more information about The Library Map of the Worlds and the SDG Stories there have a look at <https://www.facebook.com/IFLA.org/videos/244770957010095/>

Glad to share the very recent news with the German school librarians that finally the school libraries are included in the National Library Statistics and so would be visible on the IFLA Library Map of the World in the future. Dear colleagues, please take the chance and participate in this statistics.

Any inter library loan facilities of ebooks available?

- To our knowledge there are no examples of this. One of the reasons being that in (many) contracts for ebooks it is forbidden.

We advertise streaming services - but they are also harmful to the climate.

Do we need a more e-bookfriendly EU-legislation?

- Copyright is still an issue to be settled more completely in the EU. Free access for all, fair use, respecting rights and a fair remuneration for (individual) intellectual and creative work are a few aspects of the discussion. If a legislation and appropriate policies were created that do justice to these and would lead to feasible ways of operation in libraries, that would be helpful

Libraries and sustainable development is one area of my PhD, you can see why I needed the webinar.