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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND LIBRARIES: LATVIAN EXPERIENCE

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SDG IN LATVIAN LIBRARIES: THE BEGINNING

Since 2017; Collaboration between the National Library of Latvia and the Library Association of Latvia

» Informing / educating

- Events
- Translation of publications and other information resources

» Awareness raising through experience stories

- Series of seminars «Libraries and sustainable development: we are building this world ourselves»

» Awareness of the place and role of libraries



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SDG IN LATVIAN LIBRARIES: SERIES OF SEMINARS

Libraries and sustainable development: we are building this world ourselves

PROJECT TIME: 2019-2021

PROJECT PARTNERS: National Library of Latvia, Library Association of Latvia, Latvian National Commission for UNESCO

PROJECT ACTIVITIES: introductory seminar, four regional seminars, closing event;

PROJECT AIM: to actualize the role and involvement of libraries in achieving the SDGs, to discuss the possibilities of libraries to improve the life of their communities, to share experience stories about activities that are already being implemented



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OTHER ACTIVITIES

- » SDGs section in the annual reports of Latvian libraries;
- » Compilation and analysis of Latvian library experience;
- » Participation in activities of the Cross-sectoral national coalition for the implementation of sustainable development goals;
- » Presentations / publications / articles;

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LIBRARIES CONTRIBUTE



Lifelong learning
Reading promotion
activities



Preservation and
protection of cultural
heritage
Local history



Access to information
on public
administration, civil
society
Assistance in receiving
public services

INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Libraries as
implementers of
sustainable
development goals

*Examples from Latvian
libraries*

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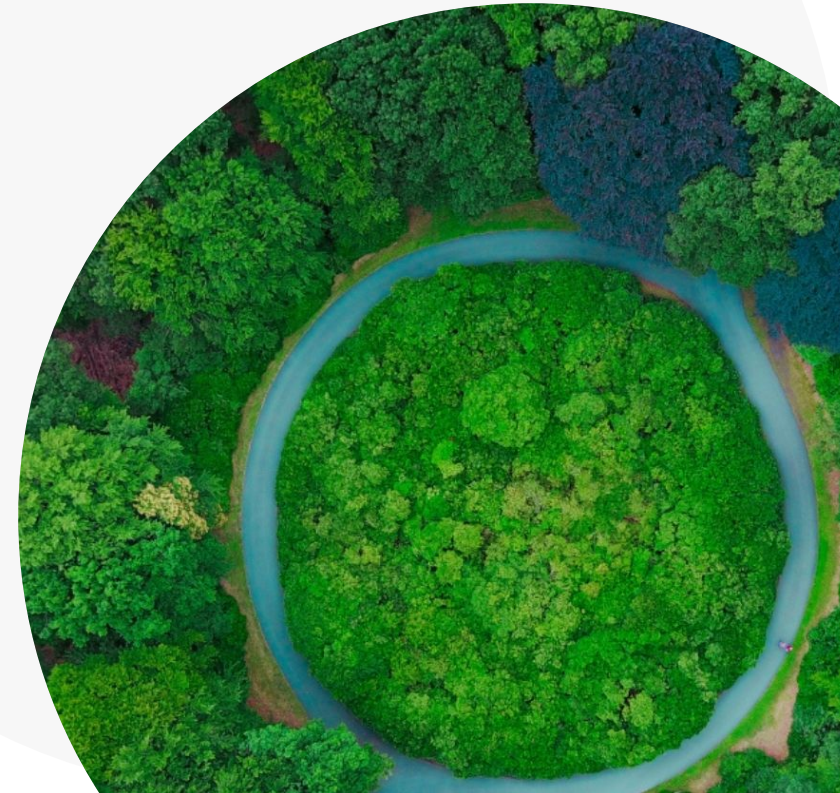
EXAMPLE: VALMIERA LIBRARY

Licensed non-formal education programs for adults
"Balanced life: Environment, Man, Society" (2018–2019)
and "Balanced life 2: Environment, Man, Society" (2019–2020);

Project “My Green Identity” (2018-2020):

- Project aim: to fight against climate change and support sustainable development;
- Stresses the role of libraries in initiating and supporting various activities to change public thinking and promote environmentally friendly living habits in line with the Sustainable Development Goals;

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EXAMPLE: GULBENE LIBRARY

Project “Global goals in the local community”

Collection of global resources and materials “Global Library” - collected materials on sustainable lifestyle, methodological materials for teachers, green guides for families, students' scientific research works, games, etc.



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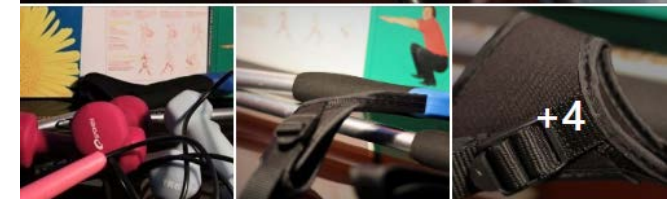
EXAMPLE: ANYONE CAN!

Ambeli Village Library:

- » Establishment of the interest club «Creative Laboratory». The club especially attracts groups of readers such as job seekers and housewives with children, providing an opportunity to spend time usefully and socialize;
- » Project «Bibliosports» - organization of sports activities, for example, Nordic walking lessons (7 pairs of Nordic walking sticks were purchased in the library and appropriate informative materials were prepared);
- » "Flowerbed on the windowsill from A to Z" - an agronomic exhibition that operates in real time. The whole chain of activities from planting to harvesting and further use;

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Atgādinām! Bibliotēkā ir pieejams viss par skaistumu, sportu un veselību. Taču svarīgākais ir tas, ka kopā ar grāmatu ir pieejams arī sporta inventārs. Nūjošanas nūjas, hanteles un lecamauklas varat aizlienēt, paņemot bibliotēkā grāmatu!



MAIN DIRECTIONS OF LIBRARY WORK

- » Raising public awareness about the SDGs and sustainable development in general (seminars, exhibitions, discussions, etc.);
- » Organization of thematic activities to promote the progress of SDG goals;
- » Conformity of library services, the environment and buildings with the concept of sustainability;



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ACTIVITIES FOR 2021

- » Constant SDG page on the Latvian Library Portal;
- » SDG story for the IFLA Library Map of the World;
- » Closing event of the seminar series «Libraries and sustainable development: we are building this world ourselves»;
 - Conference «Localising the Sustainable Development Goals through Baltic museums and libraries»
<https://baltic-museums-libraries-sdg.lnb.lv/>

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Localising
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THE DEFINITION OF AN EXTENDED CONCEPT OF LIBRARY



«By making available a wide offer of cultural and educational products in a continuum going from collection to connection, European libraries are providing services to citizens aiming at social inclusion; they are also key players in lifelong learning, citizen science, research, innovation and the promotion of an active citizenry for a democratic and sustainable society.»

/The Report "Think the unthinkable", EBLIDA/

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Thank You



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