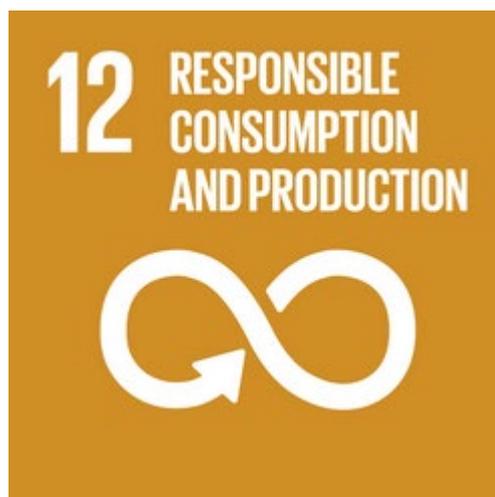


SDG 12 - oriented projects

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CZECH REPUBLIC

Libraries lend books, but you can have fun and learn (SDG 3, 4, 11, 12, 16, 17)

Libraries offer breakfasts, leisure universities, community gardens, folklore and local traditions. Within library premises you can create, realise a project, learn how to program, play chessboard, meet new people or just sit with a book or a magazine. Through their activities, libraries develop all of the eight key competences for lifelong learning defined by the European Reference Framework.

“What the library can do” is a website offering a map of specific community and educational activities throughout the Czech Republic and all types and sizes of libraries. Originated by the programme Social Innovations in Libraries funded by the ESF for the years 2017-2020, the project was supported by the European Union under the Employment Program. Its continuation and development is funded by the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic under the VISK1 program for 2021 in the project Library Development Strategy: from methodology to practice (16033/2021 OULK-OLK).

Library Development Strategy 2021-2027 (with a view to 2030) – national strategic plan (adopted by the government in July 2020), prepared under the Ministry of Culture (SDGs 3, 4, 11, 12, 16, 17)

Libraries are designated as:

- pillars of civil society development and natural centres of communities,
- educational and education-based institutions,
- guardians of cultural and knowledge based wealth.

Activities for librarians consist of:

- year-round educational cycle for libraries on SDGs, officially supported by UN Information Centre Prague, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Environment and Czech Commission for UNESCO,
- developing a knowledge base in [Trello notice board](#) and a [website](#),
- networking libraries which are interested in the SDG topic: map of libraries, [Facebook page](#) and [group](#),
- networking with other organisations and stakeholders: [KUMU map of topics, initiatives and inspiration](#),
- sharing know-how and [examples of good practice](#).

Several libraries offer breakfasts, leisure universities, community gardens, folklore and local traditions. Within library premises you can do something you like, you can realise a studio project, learn how to program, play chessboard, know new people or just sit with a book or a magazine.

DENMARK

**Project Title: 2030 Certification of Svendborg Public Library (Certificering af Svendborg Bibliotek)¹
SDG 17, 3, 4, 12**

Content: Through the help of the company Green Network, Svendborg Bibliotek has become certified Sustainable Business Partner. This means, that Svendborg Bibliotek has completed a CSR capacity measurement, which confirmed the required knowledge about sustainability and CSR tools.

Methodology: Because of this certification, Svendborg Library has created a strategy for sustainability with the following focus points:

- To be a sustainable workplace,
- To be a house of knowledge and development of sustainability,
- To have healthy, competent and creative employees.

A strategy where librarians commit themselves to undertake specific actions. Working with sustainability is a conversion, for which good timing is crucial. Therefore, all librarians have to take part in working with sustainability to attain the 17 goals. As an example we are currently working on the transformation of the green areas surrounding the library into a giant buffet for insects, and an outdoor space for contemplation, mental health, well-being and much more.

Outcome (expected): Enlighten about, and contribute to, a shared responsibility; success criteria for our actions - i.e. how, and what, measuring the attainment of SDGs; support all employees in the implementation of SDGs.

ESTONIA

Raamatud liikuma / Books on the move² (SDG 1, 4, 10, 11, 12)

The innovation project *Books on the Move* has set out to modernise the lending service and bring it into the 21st century. The project is driven by the wish to encourage better use of the physical book collections, and to render this body of knowledge relevant and conveniently accessible to the contemporary user. The idea behind the project is as simple as it is ambitious: to make the physical book collections of Estonian libraries universally available and discoverable in a one-stop search, so as to enable quick delivery of the desired book to the user.

After having found the required book, the user simply clicks "order", without having to consider the location of the book. An algorithm picks the most fitting, most expedient copy across all participating library holdings. With the help of our logistics partner, the book is then delivered to the user, either to a parcel locker, local store or directly to an address indicated. Library lending becomes conveniently integrated into the users' daily routines. Remote loans will no longer be interlibrary transactions – the physical book becomes mobile in Estonia, and the broader library network will serve as the home library for the user.

¹ <https://svendborgbibliotek.dk/fnsverdensmaal>

² <https://www.nlib.ee/en/node/8181>

As a result of the project, we are creating a digital platform together with a mobile application for the end user, to be navigated seamlessly in its features of discovery and delivery: “find and order” books, “manage and monitor” orders, set delivery preferences, retrieve information on due dates, pay for delivery and settle overdue fines, and recommend books to friends.

The project runs from 2020 to 2022. All relevant parties to the new lending service (libraries, users, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education and Research, local municipalities) are included in the project through various advisory bodies. Books on the Move is funded by Enterprise Estonia and their Innovation Procurement Program in the amount of EUR 333,332.50.

MUIS2 15 (SDG 4, 9,10,11,12,16)

The National Heritage Board is developing a new information system for museum collections, the aim of which is to provide better and more user-friendly access to Estonian museum collections and to create a modern solution for museums that supports the preservation and management of museum collections.

Massive digitalisation of Estonian cultural heritage, including printed material (books, newspapers etc) 16 (SDG 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16)

The Ministry of Culture prepared an action plan for the digitisation of cultural heritage. Its objective is to make one third of the cultural heritage stored in our memory institutions digitally accessible by 2023 and to upgrade the infrastructure for storing information in the memory institutions.

The action plan largely focuses on the heritage from 1900 to 1940. Documents, publications, photographs, films and objects are being digitised. The objective is to make key choices in terms of cultural heritage, and not to digitise the entire cultural heritage.

The objective of the action plan is to make the following digitally accessible by 2023: 3% of the documentary heritage, 32% of artefacts; 60% of both film and photographic heritage and 28% of printed heritage; i.e. about 33% of our entire cultural heritage. The total cost of the project is €9.02 million, of which €8.19 million will come from the planned European Union structural fund investments. The action plan was prepared in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, and the Ministry of Education and Research.

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FINLAND

Sustainable Library 2030 road map (SDGs 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17)

During the spring of 2020, the Oulu City Library prepared an action plan for sustainable development, the Sustainable Library 2030 roadmap. The plan is based on the objectives of the UN Agenda 2030 and the eco-promises prepared by the City Library in 2015. When preparing the roadmap, it was also ensured that it was in line with the objectives of the City of Oulu's environmental program, Towards a Carbon-Neutral Oulu 2026, which entered into force in autumn 2019.

The Sustainable Library 2030 roadmap recorded the most important areas for development in the near future (2020-22) and prepared a detailed implementation plan for them, as follows:

- a) Promoting environmental awareness. The aim is to increase the environmental awareness of both customers and staff through the various means of environmental communication available. The aim is also to increase library's visibility as an ecological actor by communicating externally about the library's own responsible activities;
- b) Reducing the environmental impact. The aim is to review the library's energy use, logistics, recycling and collection practices and to reduce the environmental impact of their activities, as well as to reduce the use of unnecessary plastic;
- c) Responsible construction. In order to reduce the ecological footprint of library properties, the aim is to take ecology into account in connection with renovations and new construction, in the entire construction process - from design to the building. The aim is to design and implement the most energy-efficient facilities possible and to pay attention to environmental friendliness in all solutions related to practical equipment and interior design. Responsibility in construction is also reflected in e.g. involving customers and staff in the planning of future facilities.³

Vihreä kirjasto (SDGs 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13)

The Public Libraries' Environmental Awareness for the 2020s is a platform intending to share environmental information from the entire library field and to promote environmental work in libraries project, as well as environmental tools and training materials.

SDG 3: Reading promotes well-being and library card holders live longer.

SDG 4: Libraries support the reading and lifelong learning of children, young people, and adults alike. The environmental aspects are included in all library activities, from story time to art exhibition and events.

SDG 10: Public libraries provide free of charge basic services that are available to all. Libraries do not tolerate any form of bullying or discrimination. Libraries are responsible employers.

SDG 11: Libraries follow municipal environmental guidelines and many libraries have their own environmental programme, certificate or ecological subsidy system.

SDG 12: Libraries are pioneers in the circular economy and act as sharing economic platforms. Libraries offer premises and tools for sharing, reducing the need for consumption.

SDG 13: Libraries recycle and save energy. Libraries provide up-to-date and reliable information on environmental issues and help find information.

FRANCE

ENSSIB guide to implementing SDG's in libraries (SDGs 9,10, 11, 12)

The role of research, public and school libraries in the context of climate change is important, not only for the activities they can promote, but also in the advocacy they can raise with local elected officials and decision-makers. Climate change affects social, economic and ecological issues. This resource site, created by the Enssib library and the Enssib Sustainable Development working group, aims to give you access to a selection of documents on the 17 fields of global change that our societies are experiencing today, so that readers can draw on them for information and inspiration to implement their institutional sustainable development strategy.⁴

³ <https://www.ouka.fi/documents/78400/596635/Kest%C3%A4v%C3%A4+kirjasto+2030+-+tiekartan-tiivistelm%C3%A4.pdf/542f3a4b-737e-4147-b3ad-3865a96dd074>

⁴ <https://enssib.libguides.com/c.php?g=682683>