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2029-2021 Area of focus

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2021 Area of focus
SDG Activities

Global Library Survey
November 2020 – January 2021
1,722 Respondents 99 Countries

Global Council webinars
November 2020 – May 2021
2,752 registrations
1,353 live attendees

Membership Report
Coming June 2021
Key findings will be made available to membership

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OCLC Global Council Area of Focus:
U.N. Sustainable Development Goals Global Survey Results

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1,722 Respondents

- Americas (65%): 1,125 respondents from 16 countries
- EMEA (26%): 448 respondents from 63 countries
- Asia Pacific (9%): 148 respondents from 20 countries

- 50% Academic Library
- 43% Other
  - 4-year
  - 2-year
  - School or other education
- 31% Public Library
- 19% Other
Key Findings
“Libraries model sustainability. We are inclusive, shared infrastructure that reduce need for individual/broader consumption.”
~U.S. Academic Librarian

“Libraries are places of tolerance, openness and diversity. They have all the assets to go forward in this direction and to be an active actor of change.”
~French Academic Librarian

“It [library] is in a unique position to coordinate services and build networks across the community through information distribution, community partnerships and community leadership.”
~U.S. Public Librarian

“Libraries can play a role in providing the infrastructure to facilitate innovation (for example, research data stores, institutional repositories, archives, etc.)”
~Australian Academic Librarian

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Poll Question

When you think of libraries and sustainability, which of the following words most resonates with you?

Please go to pollev.com/oclc
More than a quarter of respondents first learned about SDGs from OCLC and IFLA

Key Findings

How did you first learn about the SDGs?

- OCLC: 28%
- IFLA: 27%
- Colleague: 20%
- News source: 18%
- Conference/event: 17%
- United Nations: 16%
- ALA: 8%
- Partner Institution: 6%
- Friend: 3%
- ASIS&T: 1%

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More than a third have at least considered the SDGs in their strategic planning

To what degree, if any, has your library incorporated the SDGs into your strategic planning?

- We have explicitly referenced the SDGs in our strategic plans: 6%
- We have considered the SDGs but do not explicitly reference them: 30%
- We have not incorporated the SDGs into our strategic planning: 41%
- Not sure: 23%

n=1,023

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Average Number of SDG Activities by Level of Integration in Strategic Planning

### Key Findings

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## Impact on quality education (SDG 4)

### Ranking of SDGs where libraries could have the most impact

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“The public library is the cornerstone of equal access to education and learning in any community. We work with our communities to offer free and relevant programming and collections that meet our community needs.”

~Canadian Public Librarian
Average number of SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) activities

AMER
- Academic Libraries: 2.52 (n=364)
- Public Libraries: 2.57 (n=350)

APAC
- Academic Libraries: 2.57 (n=61)
- Public Libraries: 1.58 (n=26)

EMEA
- Academic Libraries: 1.56 (n=116)
- Public Libraries: 1.56 (n=128)
Poll Question

My library plans to address Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10) through:

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Respondants by EMEA Country
(Minimum 10 Respondants)

- Italy: 69
- Germany: 46
- Latvia: 31
- Serbia: 25
- Greece: 24
- Spain: 24
- Netherlands: 22
- Egypt: 14
- Nigeria: 14
- South Africa: 14
- France: 13
- UAE: 13
- Poland: 11
- Switzerland: 10
- UK: 10
Collaborate with other community agencies to provide instruction/classes/courses, etc. for the community

All Other Academic Libraries (n=437)

- Do Regularly: 39%
- Do on Occasion: 40%
- Used to Do: 5%
- Never Done: 15%

Italian Academic Libraries (n=23)

- Do Regularly: 39%
- Do on Occasion: 52%
- Used to Do: 9%
- Never Done: 9%
Implement policies to ensure diverse staffing and leadership

- **Do Regularly**: 28% (Germany) and 26% (All other Public Libraries)
- **Do on Occasion**: 42% (Germany) and 4% (All other Public Libraries)
- **Used to Do**: 4% (Germany) and 42% (All other Public Libraries)
- **Never Done**: 60% (Germany) and 27% (All other Public Libraries)

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“We have library points all around the town, also in shops, malls and other public spaces, where people can ‘meet’ the library without visiting it.”

~Italian Public Librarian
“The institution has staff such as counselors, nurses who work in collaboration with other agencies of the public and private community. They use the library facilities to carry them out.”
~Puerto Rican Academic Librarian

“My library is a 'jack of all trades'. If we can find a way to help, we will.”
~U.S. Academic Librarian
“We have a mobile library going to refugee camps.”

~Greek Public Librarian
“We have formed an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion task force that is taking a close look at our collections, buildings, programs, services, policies and hiring practices through an EDI lens and making changes where necessary to ensure our materials, programs and services are representative and equitable.”

~U.S. Public Librarian
Libraries support SDGs through services and partnerships

“The library serves as an amplifier and connector in the community it serves”

(U.S. Public Library Respondent)
What we’ve learned

GLOBAL COUNCIL

In late 2019 OCLC Global Council, in conjunction with OCLC Research and Market Research teams, surveyed librarians around the world on their discovery and fulfillment efforts. The key takeaways from more than 1,300 respondents in 68 countries: Librarians believe users employ search engines most frequently to discover resources. Budget constraints were reported as the biggest challenge. And respondents believe “the next big things” that will impact libraries include open access, artificial intelligence, and smart technologies.
Libraries are part of a larger ecosystem - social, economic, and information
Think The Unthinkable

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Director at EBLIDA (European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations)
Think The Unthinkable (TTU)

A post-Covid 19 Library Agenda meeting
Sustainable Development Goals to be funded through European Structural and Investment Funds 2021-2027

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Covid 19: were European libraries in lockdown?

Fast and impetuous development of the digital library and the socially inclusive library

Libraries were more open than ever!

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Covid 19: How were European libraries in lockdown?

Libraries were more open than ever!

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Sustainable Development Goals – The European approach
• A European approach

• Not calling for stories to tell (450 SDG stories in France), but for stories linked to policies and assessed through indicators

• The EBLIDA Sustainable Development House which enables administrators (library and not, at national / local level) to advocate for libraries from below (EBLIDA Matrix)
SDG-oriented library projects:

• do not fall within the library’s core mission, no stories to tell, but stories linked to policies and assessed through indicators

• are of an environmental nature,

• concern mainly fiscal and legislative macro-policies and

• fit small-scale, locally based projects of demonstrative nature.
SDG-or
What does EBLIDA Offer?

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EBLIDA SDG European House

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ELSIDA Expert Group

ELSIDA Community increased by 10% in the last four months

Join ELSIDA as Associate Member (€ 590 / year)
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European House

THINK THE UNTHINKABLE

A post Covid-19 European Library Agenda meeting Sustainable Development Goals and funded through the European Structural and Investment Funds (2021-2027)

(Sepetember 2020)

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EBLIDA Offer

EBLIDA SDG European House

A consultancy service reserved to our Members

- Think The Unthinkable Workshops, so far:
  - France, Netherlands, Latvia, Greece, Bulgaria
  - Italy (26 April)
  - Spain (June)
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- Transfer of competence about SDGs and ESIF
- Exchange of best practices (Conference, 11 June, 3pm)
- Internationalisation of national projects.
Section One: A selection of EU programmes for SDGs;
Section Two: Library policies covering each SDG;
Section Three: Funding opportunities for Libraries
Section Four: Main Eurostat SDG indicators;
Section Five: Library Indicators societal impact of libraries and how it can match SDG indicators.
EBLIDA SDG
European House

http://www.eblida.org/activities/sdg-kic/
EBLIDA SDG European House

European Structural and Investment Funds 2021-2027 – A Guide for Library Applicants

(In preparation)

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EBLIDA selected ESIF 2021-2027 for the following reasons:

a) the R&D requirement in ESIF projects is not essential; there is room for small as well as big libraries;

b) programmes are administered at national level; no complex networks at European level;

c) libraries, and in particular public libraries, are strongly connected with local communities, and so do ESI Funds;

d) ESIF normally accounts for one third of the whole EU budget.
How structurally important are libraries for Europe?

Ratio EU/national investment on libraries
€1:2,438 (1998)

Ratio EU/national investment on culture
€ 1:334.5 (2016)

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Thank you for your attention!

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QUESTIONS?

Because what is known must be shared.

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