
Guidance notes – delete from your report

Introduction

The Australian Library and Information Association, through the Australian Public Library Alliance, has identified the need for an easy way for library services to identify, collate and report on the activities which contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Increasingly, councils are becoming interested in the SDGs as a strategic framework. Where this has already happened, completing this report will provide libraries with a contribution to the council's body of evidence. Where it hasn't yet happened, completing this report will put libraries ahead.

Content

We have identified the 10 goals that are most appropriate to Australian libraries and we have provided ideas for the kinds of content under each goal. We suggest you include statistics, stories and pictures wherever possible. If there is a goal you don't feel is a good fit for you, just delete that page.

Timeline

The timeline is completely up to you, but if you would like your stories to appear in the next national report on how libraries support the SDGs, you will need to send the Word version of your document through to advocacy@alia.org.au no later than 1 March, 2019.

Contact

If we can be of any help, email advocacy@alia.org.au and we will be pleased to assist.

How Mytown Libraries support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Contents

	Page
Introduction	2
About the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals	3
How libraries contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals	3
Goal 1 No poverty	4
Goal 3 Good health and well-being	5
Goal 4 Quality education	6
Goal 5 Gender equality	7
Goal 8 Decent work and economic growth	8
Goal 9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure	9
Goal 10 Reduced inequalities	10
Goal 11 Sustainable cities and communities	11
Goal 16 Peace and justice strong institutions	12
Goal 17 Partnerships for the goals	13

Insert the report date, any attributions and credits.

Introduction

Mytown Libraries

Write something about your library service – the number of locations, including any mobile or pop up libraries; the size of the population served; the number of library members; the number of visits each year; use of public access terminals; size of the collection; number of items borrowed, etc.

Mytown and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

If your council has adopted the UN Sustainable Development Goals, include something about this here. If not, delete this section.

About this report

As the peak body for library and information professionals in Australia, the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), through its Australian Public Library Alliance division, has led the library response to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mytown Libraries' report will contribute to the national report on how Australian libraries are supporting the Sustainable Development Goals, which ALIA will publish in time for Library and Information Week in May 2019.

About the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was agreed by the United Nation's 193 member states, including Australia, on 25 September 2015 in New York.

The 2030 Agenda has 17 Sustainable Development Goals and within these, there are 169 targets.



How libraries contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Libraries support the Sustainable Development Goals by:

- Promoting universal literacy, including digital, media and information literacy and skills, with the support of dedicated staff.
- Closing gaps in access to information and helping government, civil society and business to understand local information needs better.
- Providing a network of delivery sites for government programs and services.
- Advancing digital inclusion through access to ICT.
- Serving as the heart of the research and academic community.
- Preserving and providing access to the world's culture and heritage.



Reading and writing are critical skills for people trying to break the cycle of poverty and disadvantage. The Australian Early Development Census has consistently shown that approximately 1 in 7 children arrive at school with developmental vulnerabilities regarding their language and cognitive skills. These difficulties are three times more likely in children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Mytown Libraries are well placed to support children and families.

- We run [number] storytime and rhymetime sessions each year, with [number] participants. These sessions are free for everyone.
- We have a collection of [number] children's picture books for families to borrow.

For adults with low literacy or whose first language isn't English, Mytown Libraries can also help.

- We work with adult literacy service providers to run programs in the library.
- We host English conversation groups.
- We have books and other learning resources.

Insert a short case study here, it could be about reading programs for children or adults, for people with low literacy or for whom English is not their first language.



Libraries aim to provide people with the education, information and understanding they need to stay healthy. In the case of Mytown Libraries:

- Our collection includes books and other resources to help people access health and wellness information.
- We hold classes to help older members of the community remain fit and active.

Insert a short case study here. Perhaps there is a therapist who has given a talk to library users. Do you have a community kitchen where people have been shown how to prepare healthier meals, or a crossword club to keep older minds active?



Libraries provide informal, self-directed lifelong learning opportunities, from baby rhymetime through to digital literacy for older Australians classes.

Mytown Libraries classes include:

- Program 1
- Program 2
- Program 3

This is where you can briefly describe one or two of the innovative learning programs you run in your libraries.

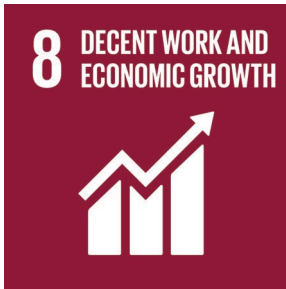


Libraries support gender equality by providing safe meeting spaces, programs for women and girls on rights and health, and ICT and literacy programs supporting women to build their entrepreneurial skills.

Mytown Libraries help women and girls and build their confidence and develop workplace skills.

- Program 1
- Program 2
- Program 3

Insert a short case study here. It could be about a job seeking program, coding for girls, or something that addresses the isolation felt by new migrants.



Unemployed people use public libraries to search and apply for jobs online. They also use library classes to improve their skills. Mytown Libraries provides a range of services that contribute to work and economic growth.

This is the place to talk about your digital inclusion initiatives and services for small businesses.



Libraries support the Australian Government Smart Cities agenda, not least through the introduction of digital literacy programs, and coding and robotics classes.

Mytown Libraries' collection includes books, databases and other resources which small businesses find useful, and business people often use our libraries as quiet work spaces.

This is the opportunity to talk about relationships with local business organisations, such as the Chamber of Commerce, or to mention your support for social enterprises.



Public libraries provide welcoming places and supportive outreach services that make learning possible for everyone.

- Mytown Libraries runs a home library service for some [number] users who are unable to travel to one of our branches.
- We have a large collection of books for people with print disabilities.
- We provide digital literacy sessions for people who don't have the digital skills they need to keep pace with new technologies.

Insert a case study here of a program that supports disadvantaged groups in your community.



Libraries collect and preserve the nation's cultural heritage for future generations. Mytown Libraries provide a home for our local newspaper archive, council records and a rich local history collection.

Briefly describe your libraries' contribution to arts, culture and heritage in the local area.



Within this goal lies the target for public access to information. Through our print and electronic resources, public access terminals and free Wi-Fi, libraries clearly support this target. We are also centres for cybersafe training and resources to ensure that people's experiences online are safe and secure.

- Mytown Libraries handles [number] of reference and information inquiries each year.
- We arranged [number] of interlibrary loans.
- We ran [number] of cysbersafety training sessions

This is where you can talk about the expertise of your qualified staff, who help people find the information they need.



Libraries in Australia are working with libraries around the world, through IFLA, to support the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals. Libraries partner with governments, businesses, civil society, educators, charities and not-for-profit organisations to progress our shared interest in achieving a better future for all humankind.

Talk about partnerships for your library service here. Examples might include the Alannah and Madeline Foundation for eSmart Libraries; Telstra for Tech Savvy Seniors, the Australian Government's Be Connected program.