WELCOME TO ALA CONNECT LIVE

PLEASE NOTE: We will be doing audio checks every few minutes, but between audio checks we will not be broadcasting. We will begin at 1:00 pm Central/2:00 pm Eastern.
United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
ALA Task Force on United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

The American Library Association (ALA) has created a Task Force on the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to develop a multi-year strategic plan in the coming year to increase participation by libraries in efforts to achieve the Goals.

The UN Sustainable Development Goals are a call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere. The 17 Goals were adopted by all UN members, including the United States.

The International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) has asked library associations around the world to join in a global effort to highlight how libraries contribute to the SDGs.

ALA’s Task Force will be chaired by ALA Immediate Past President Londa Garcia-Fedo and was initiated by ALA President-elect Julius C. Jefferson Jr. for his upcoming presidential year.

http://www.ala.org/aboutala/ala-task-force-united-nations-2030-sustainable-development-goals
Working Toward a Sustainable World

United Nations book club inspires students to make a difference

In 2019, Batesville (Ind.) Intermediate School began a book club using selections inspired by the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the organization’s blueprint for addressing global challenges like poverty and climate change by 2030. Batesville’s students use lessons they glean from the club to engage with their community and the world, earning the school the American Library Association’s 2020 Sard Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Excellence in Humanities Programming.

No poverty, zero hunger, good health and well-being, and quality education: These are some of the 17 SDGs the UN established in 2015. In May 2019, the UN launched the SDG Book Club; each month, it posts on the club website a selection of books for children ages 6–12 that illustrate a particular SDG to help young people interact with these principles.

Our school launched the Junior Ambassadors program in August 2019, using the SDG Book Club as a springboard to introduce students to a more global perspective on world issues. Twenty-four 4th- and 5th-graders met for 30 minutes four days a week to read, discuss, research, learn, plan, and execute the sharing of knowledge and solutions to these issues. Fellow teacher Angie Moster and I used the book club to initiate discussion, then offered additional opportunities for junior ambassadors to build knowledge of SDG topics such as poverty and hunger through research activities, special projects, and guest speakers. What began as a desire to help small-town children expand their views of the world grew into a broader program that affected our school, community, and beyond.

The UN’s recommendation of Serafina’s Promise by Ann E. Burg was perfect for our junior ambassadors to begin their study of the first SDG: no poverty. Its story demonstrates how poverty, hunger, health, and education are interwoven. The book is set in Haiti, so Angie and I invited members of local Haitian ministry groups to speak to the program participants. The speakers gave students new perspectives on activism and commitment. They shared how their groups try to meet immediate needs while creating long-term sustainable solutions to global problems.

SDG Book Club Blog

Welcome to the SDG Book Club Blog where we feature stories from book clubs from around the world!

Reading is a great way to better understand what people from across the globe struggle with in their everyday lives, and it helps us reflect on our own situation. But reading is just the first step: now it’s time to share your book club experiences and how you plan to take action. Each month, we will feature a couple of book clubs on our blog, so get ready to share your story through social media, by using #SDGBookClub and tagging @UNPublications.

We appreciate your participation, and admire you for taking the initiative to educate your communities about the Sustainable Development Goals. It is important that we all participate to help make this world a better place for everyone.

SDG Book Club Serbia at Pozega

As an initiative of Pozega Public Library, librarian Daniela Skokovic and Marija Jevercic, professor of Serbian language at Gymnasium “Sveti Sava”, started activities dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their newly established “SDG Book Club Serbia” for first year high school students. The goals of the Book Club are to promote the SDGs among teenagers, educate them, and improve their reading competencies. Together, they created a reading list of books dealing with topics of hunger and poverty. Students work in groups of four to five, give their recommendations, read books and write brief summaries which they then translate […]
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Example
Sustainable Development Goals

Libraries helping communities meet the
United Nations Sustainable Development
Goals in the times of COVID-19

created by the ALA Task Force on United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

1. No Poverty
   - Libraries providing resources and information to help communities understand the impacts of COVID-19 on poverty.

2. Zero Hunger
   - Libraries creating online platforms for food distribution and coordinating food drives.

3. Good Health and Well-Being
   - Libraries offering online resources and support for health and wellness during the pandemic.

4. Quality Education
   - Libraries providing resources and support for e-learning during school closures.

5. Gender Equality
   - Libraries offering online support and resources for gender equality and women's empowerment.

6. Clean Water and Sanitation
   - Libraries providing resources and support for water and sanitation needs during the pandemic.

7. Affordable and Clean Energy
   - Libraries promoting and providing resources for energy conservation and sustainability.

8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
   - Libraries offering job training and resources for economic recovery.

9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
   - Libraries providing resources and support for innovation and infrastructure development.

10. Reduced Inequalities
    - Libraries offering resources and support for reducing economic inequalities.

11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
    - Libraries supporting local initiatives for sustainable city development.

12. Responsible Consumption and Production
    - Libraries promoting and providing resources for sustainable consumption.

13. Climate Action
    - Libraries offering resources and support for climate action and adaptation.

14. Life Below Water
    - Libraries providing resources and support for ocean conservation.

15. Life on Land
    - Libraries offering resources and support for land conservation.

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
    - Libraries promoting and providing resources for peace, justice, and strong institutions.

17. Partnerships for the Goals
    - Libraries partnering with other organizations to achieve the sustainable development goals.
Create your own SDGs library chart!

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