

Sustainability - the example of the German National Library

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Sustainability is a mindset

Isabel Rimanoczy, The Sustainability Mindset Principles, Routledge 2020

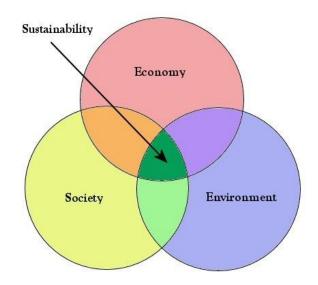


- Sustainability is about quality
- Sustainability is about paying now, as opposed to later
- Sustainability is about living within our means
- Sustainability is about evaluating value and impact over a lifetime and beyond

Lloyd Lee, Green is a Trend Sustainability is a Mindset



Dimensions of Sustainability



https://sites.google.com/site/cornells ustain ability hub/about-us/Sustain ability % 20 Venn % 20 Diagram.jpg



"Libraries Practicing Sustainable Development as a Force for Good in the World."



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Agenda 2030: Sustainable Development Goals and libraries



























Active Memory of the Nation





German National Library in Leipzig (left) and Frankfurt (right) Photo: Eric Kemnitz, Erik-Kemnitz.com/Alexander Paul Englert, CC-BY-SA 3.0 DE

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Sustainable spaces

Annual review of energy consumption; procurement of green electricity; Block power station at the Frankfurt site; Geothermal energy at the Leipzig site

TARGET 11-4

PROTECT THE WORLD'S CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

Ecological construction measures (insulation, greening, energy optimization, LED lighting, reduction of water consumption through automated fittings)

Products with ecological label; green IT; thin clients; multifunction devices

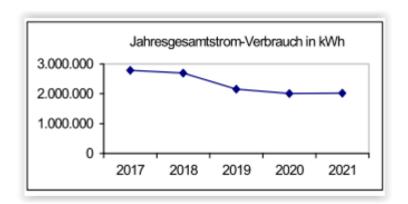
Reduce business trips; climatecompensation; job ticket for public transport Waste avoidance and separation; abolish disposable tableware



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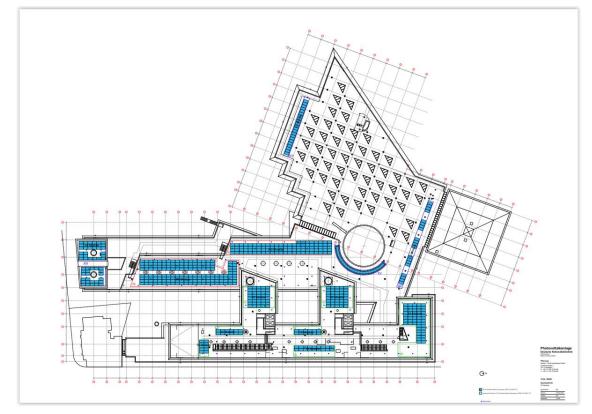


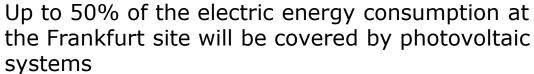
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The consumption of energy at the Frankfurt site was reduced by more than 27 % by switching to LED lighting within 5 years











Preservation and Sustainability

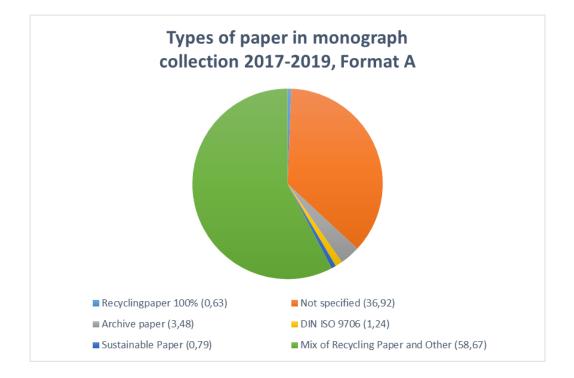






Acidic media works their archival storage (Photos: Stephan Jockel, German National Library)









Future strategies in preservation



Storage room in the German National Library Leipzig Photo: Maix Mayer

Focus on:

- Sustainable storage solutions
- Using archival boxes
- Collecting and sharing data on natural ageing of media works
- Minimal invasive preservation treatment
- Preservation and digitization strategy

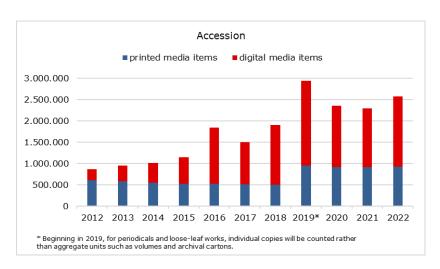


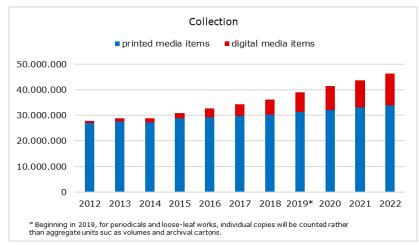






Digitization











Cooperations and projects



























German National library for not (yet) users











Dimensions in Testimony

Learning from the Past for the Present and the Future – interactive 3D interviews with Eyewitnesses of the Historical Exile











Photo: USC Shoah Foundation/Keith Putnam; DNB/Theresia Biehl



- Sustainability is a mindset
- Sustainability is about values
- National Libraries are the living and active memory of the societies they serve
- Without their memory these societies would suffer from dementia and amnesia



Thank you very much