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- Library with its skills and resources promotes and provides the local community free access to information and services for sustainable development. This supports citizens in making decisions that will positively affect the quality of their lives or their community (Animal shelter *Spas*, Association *Plant a tree, don't be a stump!*, Croatian Leukemia and Lymphoma Society)



- The Library organizes educational programs for the first-year students of all studies on library services and resources, ways of using certain resources and ways of finding reliable information
- The Library users are provided with remote access to digital and digitized materials
- Book collection actions were organized in the local community. The collected material was sorted and donated to institutions that take care of their wards, such as Retirement home, The Women's Safe House, and a homeless association.

- The Library has a special library collection on environmental protection
- An exhibition has been set up on the occasion of the UN proclamation of the "Red Alert for Humanity" on August 9, 2021



The Sustainable Development Goals are a universal call to action to end the poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives and prospects of everyone and everywhere. The 17 Goals were adopted by all UN Member States in 2015, as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which set out a 15-year plan to achieve the Goals. The Library of the Faculty of Organization and Informatics of the University of Zagreb has joined the initiative for the preservation of the planet and the global UN Sustainable Development Program by organizing various programs and activities related to green topics. The activities presented in the paper are divided within several goals of the Agenda, which we as a higher education library with its specifics attempt to achieve.



- The Library through collections of library materials offers the wider community free access to information on water, energy and sustainable development

- The Library has become involved in the fight against climate change through various activities that provide the wider community access to information and knowledge, and promotes actions that protect the environment and preserve the planet Earth. Some of them are:
 - A new website - The Green Library
 - Plastic, paper, organic waste and alkaline batteries recycling
 - Reuse leftover paper
 - A library collection "Free time corner" - created from the written-off material of other libraries
 - Creating installations from written-off books - armchair, Christmas tree

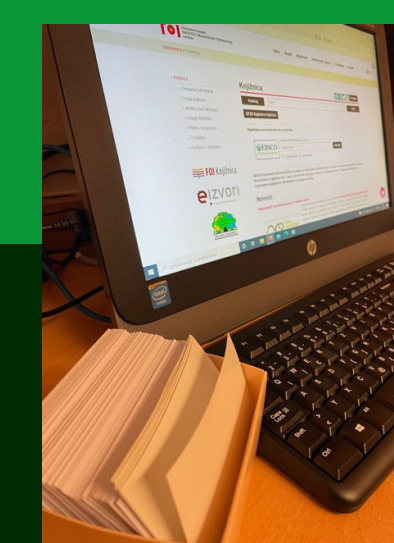


- All areas of the Library are illuminated by LED lighting
- The dark mode option is possible through the library web pages, catalog web pages as well as through the mobile application

- The Library has been partner for six years with the Association „Zamislji“. The project provides blind and partially sighted students equal study opportunities through adaptation and access to all necessary literature.
- Remote access to materials during the COVID-19 disease, earthquakes or other disasters were provided to all students



- In order to allow the wider community free access to information, digital collections of scientific publications and research data were collected and built as well as the web pages with reliable data sources in open or temporary access
- Access to ICT like high-speed internet



Libraries through their activities and programs, can have a strong impact on behaviour change and environmental awareness not only among their users but also the wider community and thus contribute achieving the goals of sustainable development. The Library of the Faculty of Organization and Informatics of the University of Zagreb continuously designs programs and services based on the concept of "green libraries" and sustainability. Permanent engagement to satisfy environmental requirements, such as developing innovative library services and encouragement partnerships and collaborations with local community associations, ensures the long-term development of sustainable library services.