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THE SDGs STORIES: PERSPECTIVES AND EXPERIENCES *from* LIBRARIES IN MALAYSIA

SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS



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Overview of NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MALAYSIA

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Established **1966**

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Vision Statement

The leader of National Information and Library Services

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Mission Statement

To excel Library Services Delivery and Preserving the Nation's Intellectual Heritage Holistically and Comprehensively towards shaping a knowledgeable society

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Main Services

- Reference Services;
- Lending Services;
- Children's Library;
- u-Pustaka; and
- Publisher Service.

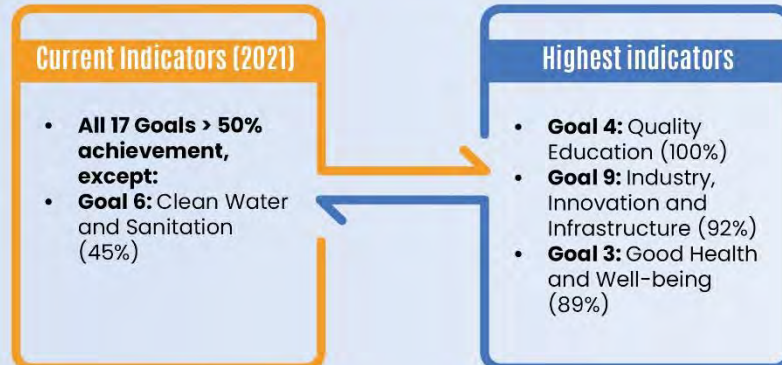
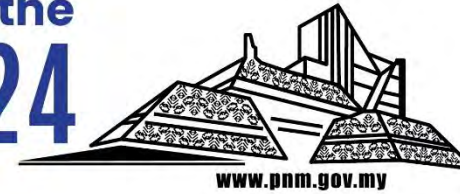
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Notable Achievements

- Recognition of Malay Manuscripts in the PNM Collection
- Marrakesh Treaty Members (as entities authorized under the Copyright Order (Authorized Entities) 2022
- Hosted the 84th IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) in 2018



Introduction to Libraries and the SDGs 2023 & 2024



Enthusiasm Towards Implementing SDGs in MALAYSIAN LIBRARIES



IMPLEMENTING SDGs

CONTRIBUTIONS OF LIBRARIES

Growing Enthusiasm:
Increasing commitment to SDGs in Malaysian libraries.

Role of Libraries:
Vital community hubs promoting lifelong learning, well-being, and development.

Economic Activities:
Supporting local economies through reading, learning, and social interactions.

Advocacy & Education:
Providing informal education to support SDG goals.

Strategic Criteria for Implementation

- 1 Awareness and Education
- 2 Stakeholder Engagement
- 3 Community Needs Identification
- 4 Integrating SDG Principles into Library Initiatives
- 5 Training and Resources for Community Development
- 6 Monitoring and Evaluation of Library Initiatives



Community Involvement

Localization of SDGs is achievable with active participation from people and local authorities.

The Contribution of Libraries and Realigning Library with THE SDGs



Realigning Library Services with the SDGs: Strategies and Best Practices in Malaysia

THE CONTRIBUTION OF LIBRARIES IN SUPPORTING SDGS IN MALAYSIA



ONGOING COMMITMENT
Libraries enhanced services and access to information



ROLES OF LIBRARIES

- Community Engagement
- Inclusivity



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES
Uplifting Well-being



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MALAYSIA (NLM)
NLM plays a vital role as a national unity agent, promoting understanding and respect among Malaysia's multiracial citizens

Active Engagement of Government-Linked Companies (GLCs)



Support for Library Initiatives
Examples:
Petronas, ExxonMobil, Shell Malaysia, Telekom Malaysia Berhad

Collaborative Partnerships



- Local NGOs
- Schools
- Community organizations
- Government and private sectors

Role of Public Libraries

Enhancing Quality of Life

Rural Libraries

Centers for Development

Realignment of Services

Services and programs to align with SDG goals, focusing on:

- Education
- Equality
- Sustainable Communities

Multi-Stakeholder Involvement

Collaborative Efforts from Public and private sectors, Civil society

Libraries as Catalysts for SDGs: CURRENT INITIATIVES IN MALAYSIA

INTRODUCTION

STEP 01 SDG AWARENESS PROMOTION

- Workshops on environmental sustainability
- Literacy programs for marginalized groups
- Improved access to information



STEP 02 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS

Green Library Initiative



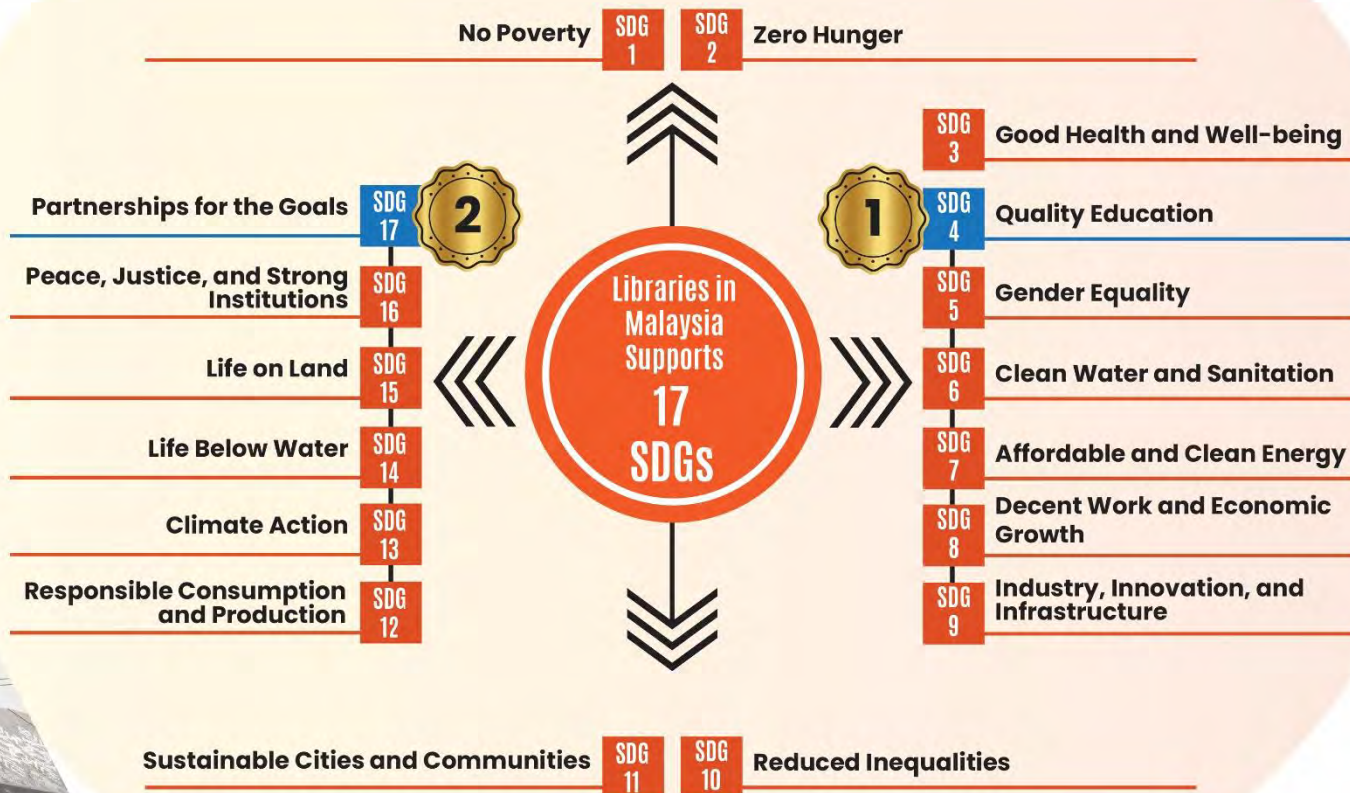
STEP 04 TOTAL PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED

432 Programs (2023-2024) involving NLM, 8 university libraries and 6 public state libraries



STEP 03 COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

Involvement of local governments, NGOs, and educational institutions



Library Contributions to Specific SDGs

SDG 1

No Poverty

Food Bank Program by UTHM, redistribute surplus food to low-income families

SDG 2

Zero Hunger

Free Breakfast Program by UTM ensure adequate nutrition for children

SDG 3

Good Health and Well-being

- Program Lestari Outdoor (Fun Walk) by UTM ensure healthy lives
- 48 library programs related to SDG 3

349 PROGRAMS

SDG 4

Quality Education

- School Community Service Program by UTM
- Mobile libraries and digital literacy workshops bridge the educational gap

Average of 24 books / year

SDG 5

Gender Equality

- Workshops for women on digital skills, financial literacy, and entrepreneur
- Crochet Workshop & Decorative Flower Demo

SDG 6

Clean Water and Sanitation

Engineering Library Sustainability Week 2024 by USM focus on water conservation

SDG 7

Affordable and Clean Energy

Let's Clean Up the Office by UTHM to raise awareness about energy efficiency

SDG 8

Decent Work and Economic Growth

eUsahawan Hub Program Collaboration between MDEC and National Library of Malaysia

SDG 9

Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

- Digital Library Services
- Innovation in Library Services

SDG 10

Reduced Inequalities

Student Talent Day for Special Education by the Terengganu State Public Library

SDG 11

Sustainable Cities and Communities

National Family Month 2023 by Perak State Public

SDG 12

Responsible Consumption and Production

The Recycle and Low Carbon Program organized by LPSI

SDG 13

Climate Action

The Recycling Awareness program by e-Idaman Sdn. Bhd., organized by USM

SDG 14

Life Below Water

The Singgah Santai @ PNM 2024 program, themed "Sustainable Biodiversity towards a Harmonious Society"

SDG 15

Life on Land

The Environmental Day Program 2024 by the Penang State Public Library

SDG 16

Peace, Justice, & Strong Institution

The Malay Manuscript Exhibition by the National Library of Malaysia

174 PROGRAMS

SDG 17

Partnership for the Goal

Baca@Paddy's Coffee House by the Perlis State Public Library

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Challenges Faced

Limited Funding



Need for Partnerships



Opportunities Ahead

Digital Transformation



Lifelong Learning Focus



The Way Forward

Innovate and Adapt



Impact on Society



Embracing Challenges as Opportunities

Libraries are crucial players in achieving sustainable development goals through strategic innovation and partnerships



Conclusions



Malaysia library are playing a crucial role in advancing the SDGs through education, community engagement, and environmental awareness. By fostering literacy, reducing inequalities, and promoting sustainable practices, these libraries are pivotal in shaping a more sustainable future. Their ongoing efforts contribute significantly to achieving the SDGs by 2030.

