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## STRETCH TARGETS BASELINE REPORT



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## Current status against SDG stretch targets – January 2022

Target	Activities	Date and success rating	Current status
1. Libraries' contribution to literacy in all its forms is recognised and libraries are embedded in national strategies for early language and literacy, digital inclusion and media literacy.  <u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association Australian Public Library Alliance National and State Libraries Australasia	Early language and literacy, through active membership of the National Early Language and Literacy Coalition, with a target date of December 2021 for a draft strategy, endorsed by the early childhood sector.	Achieved September 2021	ALIA and NSLA are active members of the National Early Language and Literacy Coalition, which has produced a draft strategy, with input from peak bodies and government representatives. The <a href="#">Proposed National Early Language and Literacy Strategy</a> was launched in September 2021.  Further advocacy will be undertaken to encourage adoption by federal, state and territory governments.
	Media literacy, through active membership of the Australian Media Literacy Alliance (AMLA), with a target date of December 2022 for a strategy to be in place with the endorsement of the Australian Government.	December 2022	The Department of Communications Online Content Branch has expressed some commitment to developing this strategy.  AMLA ran workshops around the country in September 2021 to progress the process of industry/ stakeholder consultation and published <a href="#">Towards a National Strategy for Media Literacy</a> in October 2021 for Media Literacy Week.
	A digital inclusion strategy adopted by the Australian Government.	Baseline 2021, then 2025, 2030	ALIA has endorsed the ADIA's <a href="#">National Digital Inclusion Roadmap</a> , which has formed the basis of submissions to government to progress this work.
	Advocacy for the role and value of school libraries, in partnership with state-based associations and other stakeholders, resulting in increased investment in well resourced school libraries, staffed by qualified professionals.	Baseline 2021, then 2025, 2030	ALIA Schools has led the Association's contribution to the <a href="#">Students Need School Libraries</a> campaign.

	Well underway or complete		Underway and on track		Not yet started
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<p>2. Adoption of open access practices and principles enables Australians to benefit from scientific knowledge, by informing further research in the area, or benefitting as the end user.</p> <p><u>Lead agency</u> Council of Australian University Librarians</p>	CAUL negotiates with publishers to achieve Publish and Read (PAR) transformative agreements that provide increased open access.	Baseline 2021, then 2025, 2030	CAUL signed its first transformative agreements Q4 2019 and and further agreements have followed. By 17 January 2022, CAUL had Read and Publish agreements with 13 publishers, representing 4574 scholarly journals.
<p>3. Achieve copyright reform to enable Australians to have certainty and flexibility to access library collections.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Libraries and Archives Copyright Coalition Australian Library and Information Association</p>	Advocacy leads to reforms to copyright to increase equitable access to knowledge.	Baseline 2021, then 2025, 2030	<a href="#">ALIA's infographic</a> shows the achievements of recent years: Marrakesh Treaty in 2014, through Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and other Measures) giving the same terms of copyright for published and unpublished works, to Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) confirming safe harbour protection in 2018.
	Industry agreements support increased access to stories and knowledge.	Baseline 2021, then 2025, 2030	<p>The infographic also shows the achievements of recent years: book covers 2016, jolly postman 2019, storytime outside the library 2019 and Online Storytime in 2020.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Online Storytime</a> pilot in 2021 became a standalone program for 2022.</p>

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<p>4. All Australians have access to public library services online and 90% have access to a physical public library service point.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association Australian Public Library Alliance</p>	Map public library physical service points relative to population centres.	Baseline 2021, then 2025, 2030	Mapping underway across states and territories. Confirmation that NSW met standard, NT at 89% populations with access to physical library service point.
	Report on the provision of online access to public library services.	COVID-19 response in 2021, then 2025, 2030	How libraries have adopted a digital-first/digital-by-design approach during the COVID-19 pandemic, ALIA APLA <a href="#">report</a> April 2020, NSW COVID-19 response <a href="#">survey results</a> , Victorian libraries in COVID-19 <a href="#">showcase</a> .
<p>5. In collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, libraries have adopted practices to ensure management and access to collections and services is culturally informed and respectful.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association National and State Libraries Australasia</p>	Generate greater awareness among library staff of culturally informed and respectful practise through cultural competency and other forms of training.	2025 and 2030	Surveys of ALIA institutional members to be carried out in 2025 and 2030. <a href="#">NSLA Indigenous Cultural Capability Audit 2021</a> provides a baseline for state, territory and the national libraries.
	Cultural competency becomes a mandatory requirement for professional status as part of the ALIA Professional Pathways initiative.	December 2024	The fact that cultural competency is integral to the development of the Professional Pathways initiative was confirmed at the first Professional Pathways Board meeting on 5/7/21.
	All libraries acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which they are located and there are 'welcomes' in local Indigenous languages where appropriate.	2025 and 2030	Surveys of ALIA institutional members to be carried out in 2025 and 2030.
	Case studies document activities undertaken to ensure collections and services are made accessible in culturally informed and respectful ways, e.g. cataloguing/ metadata, exhibitions and programming.	2025 and 2030	ALIA reports <a href="#">Improving library services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples</a> (2019) and <a href="#">2019: A year in libraries</a> for the UN International Year of Indigenous Languages features case studies.

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<p>6. ALIA has an open and transparent position on climate change.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association Blue Shield Australia</p>	Research commissioned to gain an international perspective on greening libraries.	January 2022	Following a call for expressions of interest, a research team from Charles Sturt University was commissioned by ALIA to carry out this project. The first output – <a href="#">a literature review</a> – was published in October 2021.
	Consultation with ALIA Members and other stakeholders leading to the publication of a position paper in 2022, with further updates as required.	September 2022	Part of ALIA Greening Libraries project plan 2021-2023
	ALIA Board statement on climate change published 2022.	March 2022	<a href="#">Statement</a> published 13 October 2021 to coincide with the International Day for Disaster Reduction.
	International Day for Disaster Reduction replaces MayDay as an annual prompt for disaster preparedness in libraries.	13 October annually	ALIA communications team worked with Blue Shield Australia on the 2021 campaign.
	Guidelines for Australian libraries' environmental sustainability are developed and published.	June 2023	Part of ALIA Greening Libraries project plan 2021-2023
	New initiatives are created and improvements in use, reuse and recycling are made and publicised widely.	2025 and 2030	Part of ALIA Greening Libraries project plan 2021-2023
<p>7. Public libraries are acknowledged as centres for personal development and wellbeing.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association Australian Public Library Alliance National and State Libraries Australasia</p>	Case studies document how libraries have supported personal health and wellbeing, including partnerships with government agencies and in response to times of significant community stress.	2022, 2024, 2026, 2028 and 2030	Case studies included in the new Public Libraries Statistical Survey reports on number of library program sessions by program type, including personal development and wellbeing.



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8. Library workforce, collections and services reflect the diversity of Australia's population and local communities. Asylum seekers and refugees have access to library collections and services which recognise their needs.  <u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association Australian Public Library Alliance National and State Libraries Australasia	Tracking the diversity of the LIS workforce to see how it reflects the diversity of the population.	2025	Use release of 2021 Census Data to update the <a href="#">ALIA Workforce Diversity Trend Report 2019</a> .
	Case studies of libraries and their services to diverse communities, including asylum seekers and refugees.	2025 and 2030	Case study-based report published by ALIA in 2019, <a href="#">Services for Migrants and Refugees</a> .
	Future iteration of Public Libraries Statistical Survey to include the number of LOTE collection items, which will allow collection diversity to be tracked over time.	Baseline in 2022, then 2025 and 2030	Report on increases in the number of LOTE collection items.
	Passing of amendments to the Classification Act to facilitate supply of LOTE DVDs and streaming content to public libraries.	2022	Advocacy with the Minister and the Classifications Branch has been hampered by other government priorities taking precedence during COVID. The 2022 federal election provides an opportunity to reinvigorate the discussion.

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9. As a sector we commit to lifelong learning for our own workforce and we provide opportunities for all Australians to pursue lifelong learning.  <u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association Australian Public Library Alliance National and State Libraries Australasia	The ALIA Professional Pathways initiative sees a significant increase in the number of people seeking professional status with ALIA.	December 2024	Part of the Professional Pathways initiative roll out plan 2021-2024.
	Number of people participating in the ALIA PD Scheme.	July annually	ALIA data shows a steady increase in participation: 30 June 2019 1297 = 46% of eligible members 30 June 2020 1389 = 49% of eligible members 30 June 2021 1604 = 61% of eligible members
	Reporting on libraries' contribution to lifelong learning for all Australians.	2022, 2024, 2026, 2028 and 2030	<i>Australian Public Libraries Statistical Survey</i> will report on the number of library program sessions by program type (Literacy and lifelong learning, Informed and connected citizens, Digital inclusion, Personal development and wellbeing, Stronger and more creative communities, Economic and workforce development).



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<p>10. Australian Library and Information Sector professionals are actively engaged with libraries and library associations in the region and internationally.</p> <p><u>Lead agency</u> ALIA International Relations Advisory Committee</p>	Colleagues from the region attend conferences and events in Australia, and Australians attend conferences and events in other parts of the region – both physical and online – to develop greater shared understanding and to exchange information and insights.	2022	Engagement reported through and by the ALIA International Relations Advisory Committee.
	A continued strong Australian presence at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress – monitor attendance (physical and online) at the Australian caucus.	2022	IFLA WLIC online in 2021, with no option for an Australian caucus.
	Australia is represented on IFLA committees and in other aspects of the governance structure – monitor the number and level of representatives in the IFLA governance structure.	September annually	<p>In September 2021:</p> <p>22 IFLA committees had 29 places occupied by Australians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 as chair or convenor</li> <li>• 2 as secretary</li> <li>• 1 as information coordinator</li> <li>• 18 as committee members</li> </ul> <p>30 international committees outside IFLA had 41 places occupied by Australians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 from NSLA libraries</li> <li>• 12 from university libraries</li> <li>• 4 from school libraries</li> <li>• 1 from special libraries</li> <li>• 1 retired LIS professional</li> </ul>
	Examples of active collaboration within the Asia-Pacific region with case studies of engagement by associations, institutions and library and information professionals. These examples could include ALIA MoUs, participation in IFLA regional activities and accreditation of LIS courses outside Australia.	2025 and 2030	Current ALIA collaboration includes: accreditation of <a href="#">Pacific TAFE</a> at the University of the South Pacific, MoU with <a href="#">LIANZA</a> , contributions to the IFLA Asia and Oceania <a href="#">Regional Quarterly News</a> .

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