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Sustainable Development Goals Stretch Targets baseline report

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Current status against SDG stretch targets – March 2023

	Well underway or complete
	Underway and on track
	Not yet started

Target	Activities	Status	Current status
<p>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.</p> <p>SDG 4.6 Ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association Australian Public Library Alliance National and State Libraries Australasia</p>	<p>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.</p>		<p>ALIA and NSLA are active members of the National Early Language and Literacy Coalition, which launched the Proposed National Early Language and Literacy Strategy in September 2021.</p> <p>Further advocacy is being undertaken to encourage adoption by federal, state and territory governments.</p> <p>Members of the National Early Language and Literacy Coalition were represented at the Early Years Summit in Canberra on Friday 17 February 2023. The National Early Language and Literacy Coalition Forum was held in Canberra on 21 March 2023.</p>
	<p>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.</p>		<p>ALIA and NSLA are active members of the Australian Media Literacy Alliance and supported the development of the Media Literacy Strategy.</p> <p>With AMLA, ALIA and NSLA have progressed advocacy including participation in a Departmental roundtable in Canberra in April 2022 (led by Pauline Sullivan) to progress the strategy. Collaborative work was paused with the government then in caretaker mode, but a project officer was appointed.</p> <p>ALIA is partner on a successful Australian Research Council grant exploring a National Approach for Cultural Institutions (including libraries) to Address Misinformation.</p>

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			AMLA will be hosting a Media Literacy Summit in Sydney in March 2023 – sponsored by Meta. NSLA has been represented on the working party for this event and ALIA has a speaking spot.
	A digital inclusion strategy adopted by the Australian Government.	Baseline 2021, then 2025, 2030	ALIA has endorsed the ADIA's National Digital Inclusion Roadmap. The Australian government has adopted a number of key strategies in support of digital inclusion
	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 has worked with the school library coalition and the Students Need School Libraries campaign to progress advocacy efforts including the establishment of Australian School Library Day and submissions to the National School Reform Agreement. The ACT has introduced funds for additional teacher librarian positions and scholarships for Teacher librarians.
<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>SDG 16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.</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	<p>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> <p>CAUL have negotiated Read & Publish (R&P) agreements with 21 publishers.</p>
3. Achieve copyright reform to enable Australians to have certainty and flexibility to access library collections.	Advocacy leads to reforms to copyright to increase equitable access to knowledge.	Baseline 2021, then 2025, 2030	ALIA's infographic 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. With the ALACC, ALIA and NSLA advocated for the draft access copyright reforms including orphan works. Submissions were also

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<p>SDG 16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Libraries and Archives Copyright Coalition Australian Library and Information Association</p>			<p>made to the Productivity Commission and IP Australia regarding recognition of Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property.</p> <p>ALACC, NSLA and ALIA will all be contributing submissions to the copyright enforcement review in March 2023. ALACC and ALIA will be represented in ministerial roundtables throughout 2023.</p>
	<p>Industry agreements support increased access to stories and knowledge.</p>	<p>Baseline 2021, then 2025, 2030</p>	<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 Online Storytime program ran successfully during the COVID-impacted years of 2021 and 2022, including securing Australia Council and Australian Government RISE funding which allowed greater community building, support for local artists, capacity building, accessibility improvements and a partnership with Magabala books to include First Nations works.</p>
<p>4. All Australians have access to public library services online and 90% have access to a physical public library service point.</p> <p>SDG 16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association Australian Public Library Alliance</p>	<p>Map public library physical service points relative to population centres.</p>	<p>Baseline 2021, then 2025, 2030</p>	<p>Mapping underway across states and territories. Confirmation that NSW met standard, NT at 89% populations with access to physical library service point.</p>
	<p>Report on the provision of online access to public library services.</p>	<p>COVID-19 response in 2021, then 2025, 2030</p>	<p>How libraries have adopted a digital-first/digital-by design approach during the COVID-19 pandemic, ALIA APLA report April 2020, NSW COVID-19 response survey results, Victorian libraries in COVID-19 showcase and Queensland survey report.</p>

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<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>SDG 4.7 By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association National and State Libraries Australasia</p>	<p>Generate greater awareness among library staff of culturally informed and respectful practise through cultural competency and other forms of training.</p>	<p>2025 and 2030</p>	<p>Surveys of ALIA institutional members to be carried out in 2025 and 2030. NSLA Indigenous Cultural Capability Audits for 2021 and 2022 provide a baseline for the national, state and territory libraries.</p> <p>Following rollout of CORE cultural training to 1800 staff across all nine Australian NSLA libraries (2019-2021), NSLA has continued with a consortium subscription to CORE so that all new staff in NSLA libraries have access to the training.</p>
	<p>Cultural competency becomes a mandatory requirement for professional status as part of the ALIA Professional Pathways initiative.</p>		<p>Draft framework released in first half 2023 includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges, cultures and country in foundation domains, and professional knowledge domain of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contexts.</p>
	<p>All libraries acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which they are located and there are 'welcomes' in local Indigenous languages where appropriate.</p>	<p>2025 and 2030</p>	<p>Surveys of ALIA institutional members to be carried out in 2025 and 2030.</p> <p>This is current practice across all NSLA libraries.</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>2025 and 2030</p>	<p>ALIA reports Improving library services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (2019) and 2019: A year in libraries for the UN International Year of Indigenous Languages features case studies.</p> <p>2023 CAUL Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Survey is now open for responses.</p> <p>Case studies regarding the ATSLIRN protocols, including videos, articles and activities, were produced by NSLA as part of its Culturally Safe Libraries Program and have been made available for public access since 2020.</p> <p>A full report from NSLA's contemporary Indigenous collections audit has been available for public access since 2021. The audit was carried out across four member libraries, analysing over 18,000 collection items, and resulting in over 30 recommendations for collections teams relating to metadata and acquisition.</p> <p>ALIA/NSLA/CAUL/CAVAL/AIATSIS joint project to produce guidelines for First Nations collection description is underway, including an</p>

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			<p>examination of current practice. Survey results have been collected and an Indigenous consultant appointed.</p> <p>NSLA hosted a masterclass on ICIP for staff in December 2022, with internal workshops following in all member libraries. NSLA members are considering jointly commissioning ICIP policy templates and checklists from the Arts Law Centre in Australia in 2023.</p>
<p>6. ALIA has an open and transparent position on climate change.</p> <p>SDG 13 Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.</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.		Greening Libraries report from research team at CSU launched in January 2022. The report includes six national and international case studies.
	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.		Statement 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, 2022 campaigns.
	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

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<p>7. Public libraries are acknowledged as centres for personal development and wellbeing.</p> <p>SDG 3 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.</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	<p>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.</p> <p>Full report on responses to Covid-19 in NSLA libraries – with a focus on HR response to support staff and community wellbeing – completed in 2020.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>SDG 4.7 By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and nonviolence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association</p>	Tracking the diversity of the LIS workforce to see how it reflects the diversity of the population.	2025	<p>Use release of 2021 Census Data to update the ALIA Workforce Diversity Trend Report 2019.</p> <p>NSLA libraries collect and share workforce data by request of the NSLA Board. Annual Indigenous cultural capability audit (running 2021-2025) tracks proportion of workforce identifying as Indigenous.</p>
	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, Services for Migrants and Refugees .
	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. Full review of public libraries statistics measures completed in 2021 and new measures adopted, including this metric.
	Passing of amendments to the Classification Act to facilitate supply of LOTE DVDs and streaming content to public libraries.		Ongoing advocacy efforts have suggested alternative routes to achieve this aim which are being pursued.

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<p>9. As a sector we commit to lifelong learning for our own workforce and we provide opportunities for all Australians to pursue lifelong learning.</p> <p>SDG 4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.</p> <p><u>Lead agencies</u> Australian Library and Information Association Australian Public Library Alliance National and State Libraries Australasia</p>	The ALIA Professional Pathways initiative sees a significant increase in the number of people seeking professional status with ALIA.		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	<p><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).</p> <p>Rolling program of webinars and PD opportunities hosted by ALIA and NSLA for the LIS workforce.</p>
<p>10. Australian Library and Information Sector professionals are actively engaged with libraries and library associations in the region and internationally.</p> <p>SDG 17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.</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.		<p>Engagement reported through and by the ALIA International Relations Advisory Committee.</p> <p>In 2022 ALIA members presented at the IFLA WLIC in Dublin, 3 IFLA ARL events and contributed blogs on culturally safe libraries collaboration in Australia and Evolving academic library research support services.</p>
	A continued strong Australian presence at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress – monitor attendance (physical and online) at the Australian caucus.		<p>IFLA WLIC online in 2021, with no option for an Australian caucus. IFLA WLIC in Dublin 2022 had strong Australian representation, considering the impact of COVID.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dublin (2022) 38 • Athens (2019) 49 • Kuala Lumpur (2018) 86 • Wroclaw (2017) 59 • Columbus (2016) 49 • Singapore (2013) 158

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>September annually</p>	<p>In September 2021:</p> <p>22 IFLA committees had 29 places occupied by Australians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 as chair or convenor • 2 as secretary • 1 as information coordinator • 18 as committee members <p>30 international committees outside IFLA had 41 places occupied by Australians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 from NSLA libraries • 12 from university libraries • 4 from school libraries • 1 from special libraries • 1 retired LIS professional
	<p>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.</p>	<p>2025 and 2030</p>	<p>Current ALIA collaboration includes: accreditation of Pacific TAFE at the University of the South Pacific, MoU with LIANZA, contributions to the IFLA Asia and Oceania Regional Quarterly News.</p>

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