

BVÖ – Austrian Library Association & Sustainability

For over a decade, the BVÖ has focused specifically on the topic of sustainability. By 2015, **Büchereiperspektiven** (*professional journal for librarians of the BVÖ*) published a special issue on the subject—at a time when the term "Green Library" was far from commonplace in the Austrian library sector.

In the years that followed, the topic was continuously developed and linked to other areas of library practice: participation, the UN Agenda 2030 and the SDGs, education and STEM, as well as concrete projects from the field.

From 2021 to 2023, the "Green Library" was given a regular spot in **Büchereiperspektiven**. The focus was on ideas, projects, and practical examples—aiming to highlight what libraries were already doing and to inspire others to try things out and follow suit. Since then, the BVÖ has increasingly treated sustainability as a cross-cutting issue.

Sustainability has also been a topic in BVÖ training courses, conferences, and congresses beyond its publications. In 2019, Austrian "Go Green" initiatives were presented at the German Library Congress in Leipzig.

The BVÖ took up the topic early on, has continuously supported it, and has consistently provided a platform for the exchange of ideas and practical examples. What began as initial information and isolated projects has gradually evolved into a broader understanding of the contribution libraries can make to sustainable development—environmentally, socially, and as spaces for collective action.

Find some LINKS to special issues of the journal that focused on the topic:

- [BP_2_15.pdf](#) - Petra Hauke has written the intro
- [BP_1_19.pdf](#) – deals about sustainability combined with participation
- [Büchereiperspektiven 2/20: UN-Agenda 2030. Nachhaltigkeit in der Bibliothek](#)
- [Büchereiperspektiven 1/22: Wissen vermitteln. Bibliotheken als Bildungspartner](#) – here are STEM topic included
- [Büchereiperspektiven 1/24: Partizipation und Inspiration. Die Bibliothek als Ort der Beteiligung](#) – here are some Green Libraries presented

In some issues between 2021 bis 2023 you will find interesting initiatives to this topic

- <https://www.yumpu.com/de/embed/view/PuswR9elg3kr7qHZ> - S. 70/71
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