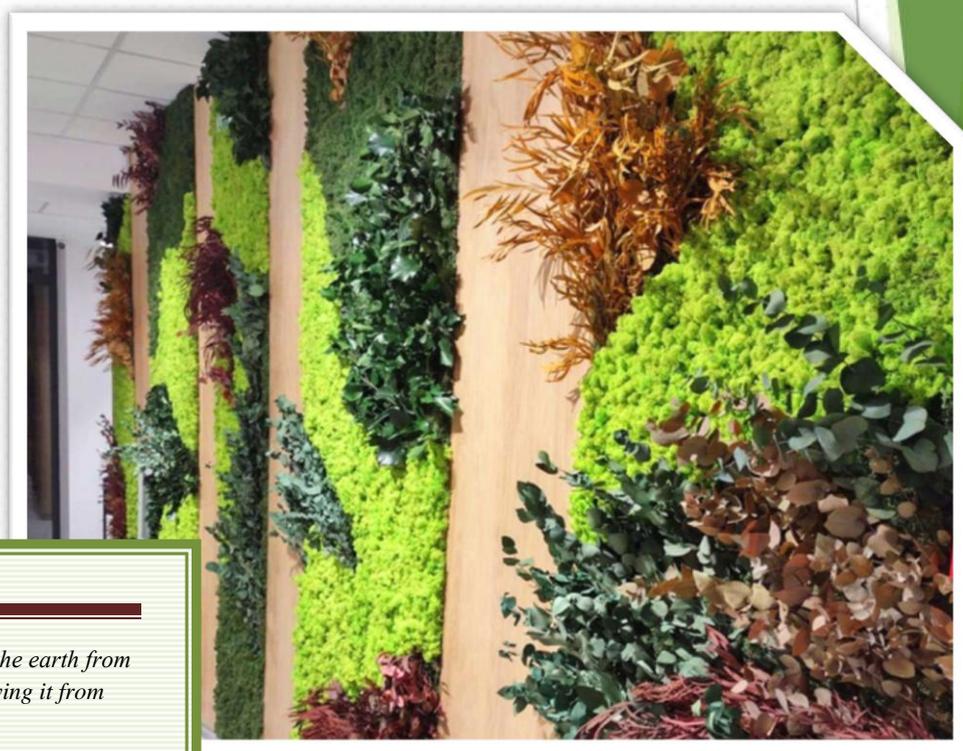




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**Proposal for IFLA Green Library Award 2022**



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## Introduction

The Municipality of Burgas, with an area of 514 362 000 square meter, is the largest municipality in southeastern Bulgaria. With a population of 311,247 people / according to statistic data as of December 31, 2020 /, which puts the **municipality of Burgas in sixth place** in the country in terms of population density. It is located on the Black Sea coast, surrounding the largest bay on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast - Burgas Bay. On the north it borders Pomorie municipality, Sozopol municipality to the south, and Aytos, Kameno and Sredets municipalities to the west. The littoral part of the municipality is occupied by the lakes Atanasovsko, Mandrensko and Burgas / Vaya /, which together with lake Pomorie form the largest complex of coastal lakes in Bulgaria. The lakes are **extremely rich in biodiversity** and are located on one of the main migration **routes of European migratory birds** – "Via Pontica".

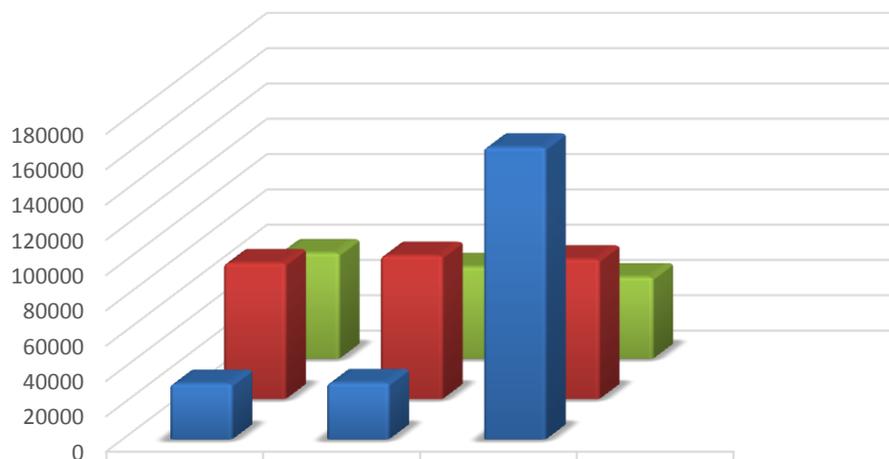
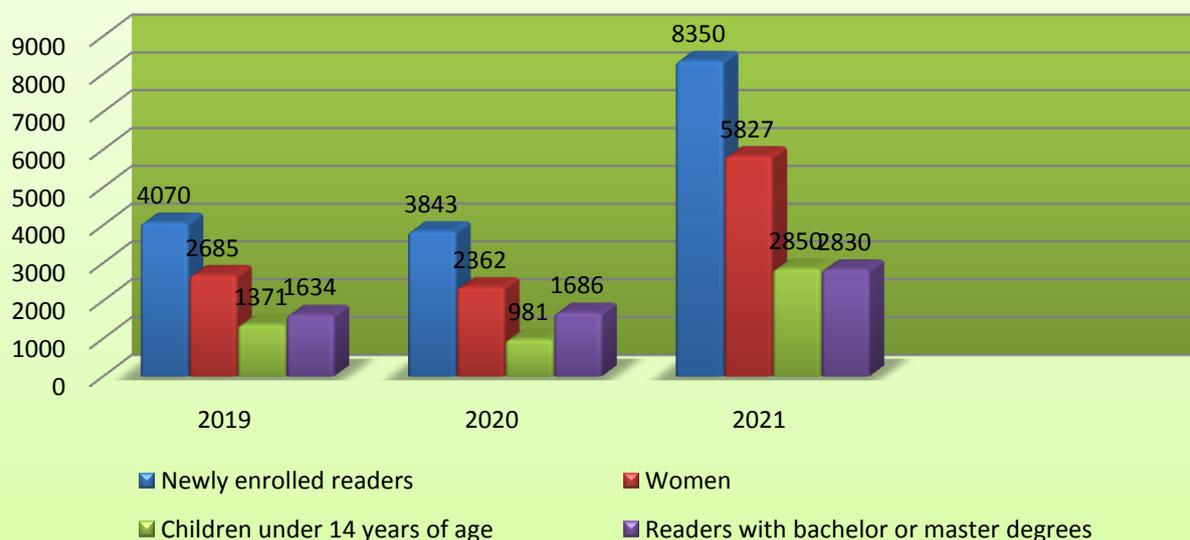
The center of the municipal is the city of Burgas, with geographical coordinates 42°30'10.674"N 27°28'12.644"E, and a total of 14 settlements are included within the municipality's borders. **The city of Burgas is the fourth largest city in Bulgaria** and the largest city in Southeastern Bulgaria. 93.5% of the population of the municipality are concentrates in it (198,593 inhabitants) and it is located at the easternmost point of the Burgas lowland, at about 17 meters above sea level. It is a port city, with a modern international airport, which absorbs most of the tourist flow during the summer months.



The city is a center of culture, science and art of national importance and its characterized by rapid development in the recent years. In 1888 was founded the Burgas Municipal Library, the first cultural institute in the city. After 133 years, the partnership that marked the beginning of the establishment of the Library as a sustainable cultural and educational center through the construction of a new building was the Municipality of Burgas, represented by the mayor of the city - Mr. Dimitar Nikolov. The property is located in an area with public functions and it is of

high public importance for the city of Burgas. It is located about 100 meters from the sea and the city center, between Sredna Gora Street, St. St. Cyril and Methodius” and Oborishte Street. The introduced extended working hours from 8:00 AM to midnight, including Saturday and Sunday, are consistent with the increased interest and the needs of the readers. The visits in 2021 are 165,495 people, the newly enrolled readers - 8,350, of which 5,827 women and 2,850 children under 14 years of age. The distributed library documents are 76,918 books, 1,389 continuing editions and 894 non-traditional sources of information. Access to CEEOL is provided on <https://www.ceeol.com/> , up to 1944 of the Burgas have been digitized, as well as non-traditional information carriers and some of the archives of famous Burgas personalities, owned by a library.

### New readers



	2019	2020	2021
Number of visitors	31568	32057	165495
Distributed library documents	77059	81203	79201
Books for the home	59863	51948	46206

## I. The history of the Regional Library – „Peyo K. Yavorov“

<https://burgaslib.bg/>

The Regional Library „Peyo K. Yavorov“ is the largest public library in Southeastern Bulgaria. It serves all strata of the population, all age groups in the city of Burgas and Burgas region and works actively in attracting young people as readers - mainly students, students and young professionals.

<https://www.facebook.com/burgaslib>



Founded in 1888, The Regional Library „Peyo K. Yavorov“ in Burgas has changed its location many times, until the historic year of 2021. This is the only newly built library in the Republic of Bulgaria in the last decades, meeting all requirements for sustainable development, which is a guarantee against the social, economic and environmental challenges of the modern world. When economic growth is not accommodated with the natural environment, the environmental problems cannot be solved. **For this reason, the goals of sustainable development cannot be achieved separately from each other, they must be solved together.** It is this interconnectedness that has led to the construction of the Library and its establishment as a major social, cultural, educational and sustainable center, providing knowledge, skills and competencies. **The realization of the Sustainable Development Goals is possible only through an active life position, in-depth knowledge and innovative thinking.**

With its unique design, the library can hardly go unnoticed. Its total area amounts to 3941 square meters and has 4 / four floors /: one underground and three aboveground floors, all of which are accessible to visitors.



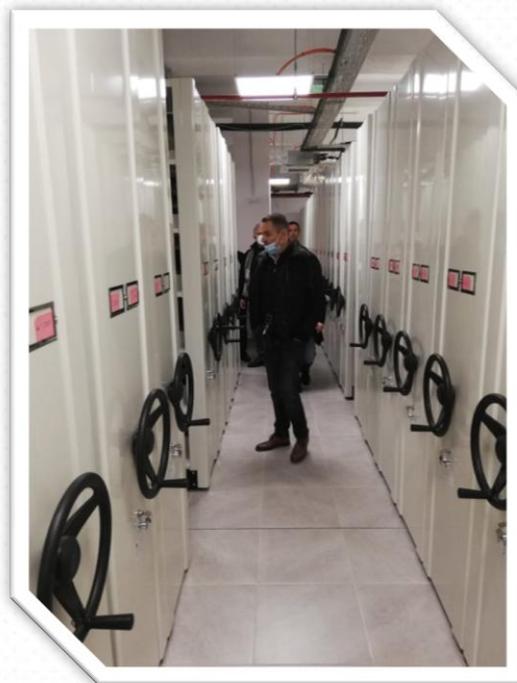
Until 2020, The Regional Library „Peyo K. Yavorov“ was located **in 4 separate buildings**, far from each other: on №21 Bogoridi Street, №10 Bulair Street, №18 Shar Planina Street and Izgrev in Kindergarten № 30. The scattered location of the library fund was an inconvenience for its users, who couldn't receive the entire service in one place. In addition, the maintenance of that many buildings and premises lead to **an increase in staff costs, maintenance, consumables and the inability to carry out library activities.**



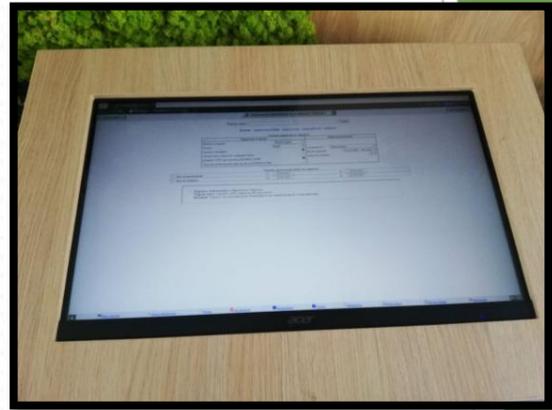
**Everyday life in many Bulgarian libraries, such was our daily life before the historic year of 2021.**



**The Regional Library „Peyo K. Yavorov“ in Burgas** is one of the few libraries in the country, defined as a Legal Deposit Library, under the Law on Mandatory Deposit of Printed and Other Works and for declaring distributors and providers of media services in force from 01.01. 2001, in connection with which it is obliged to store and provide readers with over **605,000 volumes**. The implemented project helped the library in the implementation of this function, thanks to the modern legal book depository, which has created suitable climatic conditions for storage and easy access to any library document.



The uniting of the entire library fund of the Regional Library "Peyo K. Yavorov" – Burgas, in the **reconstructed building** of the former German school, allowed the introduction of electronic management system for its effective and efficient use by library users, increased **digitization of library documents** and introduced innovative and modern methods for using databases.



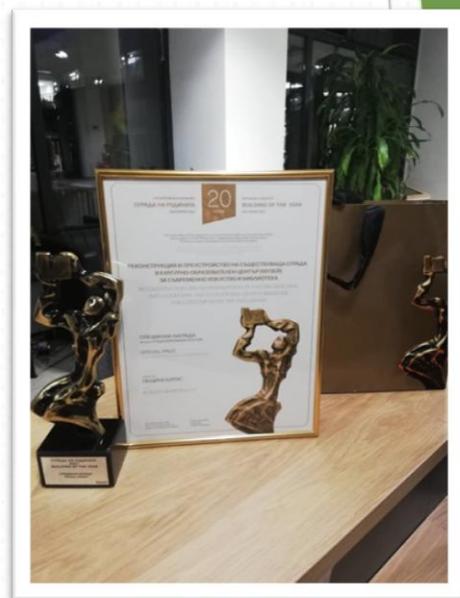
The implemented **innovative and sustainable technologies** help to achieve the goals, related to overcoming environmental, economic and social inequalities. The unification of the library fund after its 134 years of existence allows not only for more efficient and effective service for the readers with the library's documents, but also for a full-fledged development of the sustainable potential inherent in each cultural, information and educational center. Unlike the existing educational, social and cultural institutions, **the Regional Library "Peyo K. Yavorov" provides all its services to its users free of charge.**

The United Nations' SDG and their implementation are at the heart of the library work. Following a cooperation agreement between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture, libraries have become a center of attraction for the younger generation.



**In 2021, the Regional Library "Peyo K. Yavorov" – Burgas received three prestigious awards**, which are proof of the sustainable development, related to providing a modern and attractive sustainable environment for library readers. The effective and efficient performance of its functions, in combination with the Museum of Contemporary Art, is a prerequisite for enriching the library role and turning it into a modern sustainable center, that will attract new audiences and successfully develop social and educational activities.

- Special award in the category **"Social infrastructure and special purpose buildings"**



• The Municipality of Burgas received the prestigious award for **the support of the construction of the new building of the Regional Library "Peyo K. Yavorov"** and its development, as an active cultural institution.



- Diploma "**Support for the Libraries**" was awarded to the Municipality of Burgas by the Bulgarian Library and Information Association / BBIA / for establishing the library in its economic, environmental and social sustainability.



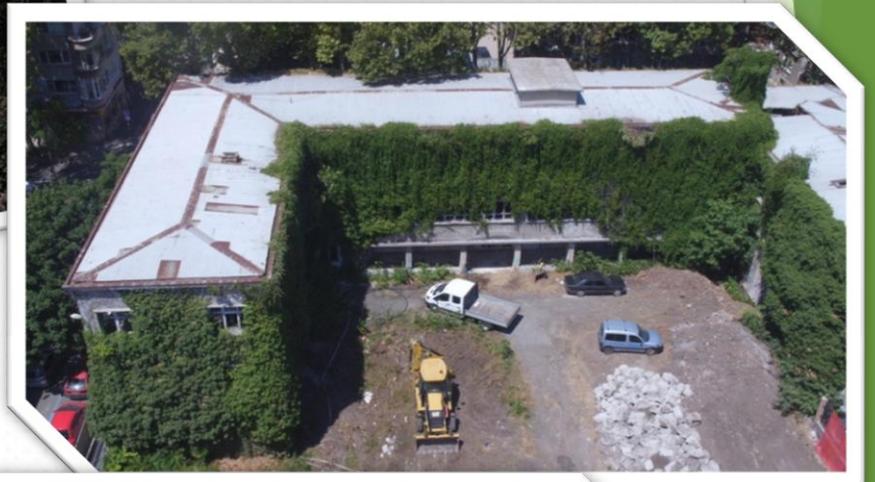
## II. Realization of the project for a new, unified and sustainable library building

The project "Reconstruction and reconstruction of an existing building in the Cultural - Educational Center / Museum and Library" is part of the investment projects included in the Integrated Plan for Urban Reconstruction and Development of Burgas in the area of high public importance for the period 2014-2020.

In 1935-1936 a new German school was opened, located on an area of 2,470 square meters, the architectural building typical for modernism, in the style of "Bauhaus". In 1944, German soldiers were housed in the school, which led to the termination of all educational activities. The subsequent nationalization and the official decree issued on August 3, 1948 by the new government to close all foreign language schools in Bulgaria, led to its transformation of the German school into a German hospital, which operated until 1990.



By 2020, under the influence of climatic conditions, lack of maintenance and vandalism, the building was in poor condition - looted with compromised interior and exterior plasters and windows, and some of the installations were missing. The condition of the external and internal coatings of the facades was poor. The plaster has been torn down in some places. The buildings had a solid monolithic construction, but it was necessary to completely replace the existing installations, build new ones, repair the roof, replace the windows, improve the yard, build an accessible environment.



The cultural infrastructure of Burgas got a new look, when the renovation works related to the construction of the new library building began at the end of 2019.



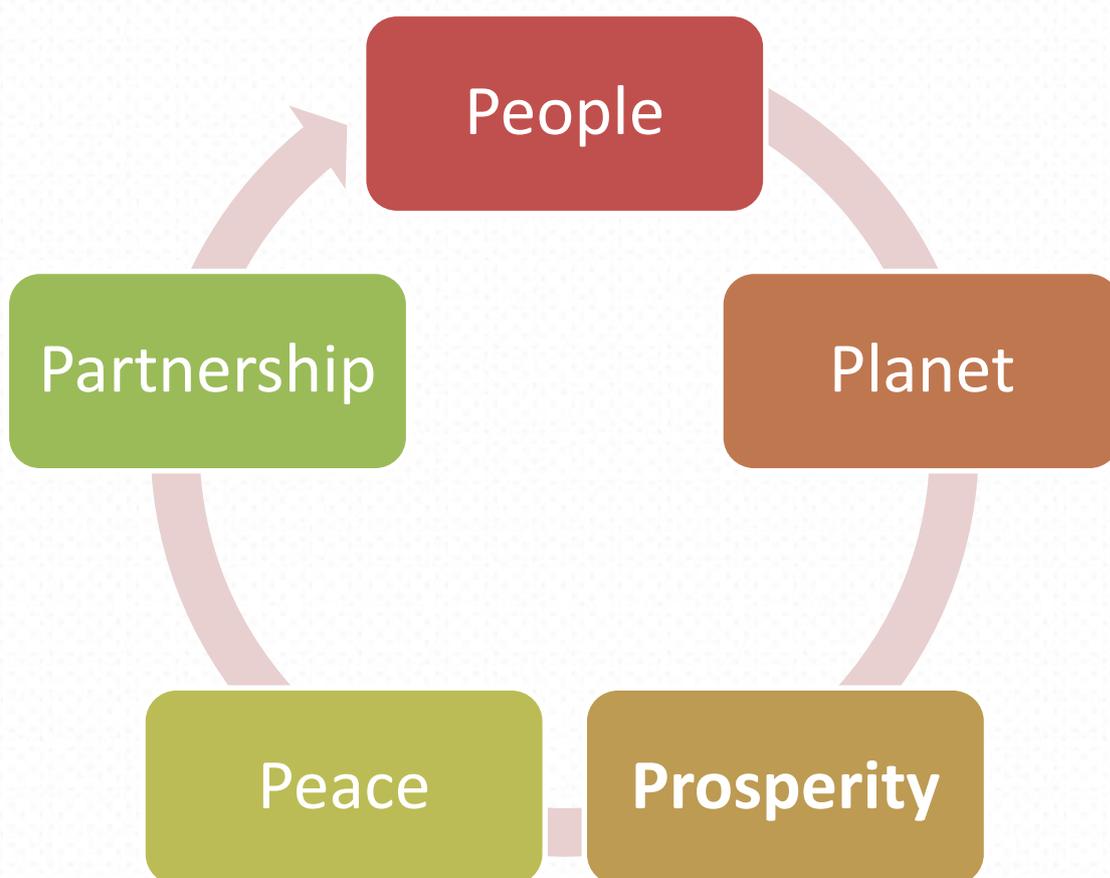
The modern library fully complies with SDG's of the United Nations. Disabled people have access to all units and sites in the building and the elements of the yard connected to the adjacent street network, toilets for people with disabilities have been built in appropriate places, providing services at all levels in the building. An inspiring space has been created, in which every visitor can enjoy modern, exquisite, applied, decorative art, fashion, interior, exterior and industrial design and more. There are areas for children's creativity and an area with studios and workshops for young authors.



### III. The library and SDG's

The Regional Library „Peyo K. Yavorov“ in Burgas and the implemented SDG's of the UN, in the context of the newly constructed library building, allow **creating a fairer world, equal opportunities and future for all people**. It is no coincidence that the sustainable development of „Communal BiblioBurgas“ is based on **knowledge**, equality and the **right to free choice**, because it is the knowledge that enables the realization of the **positive change** we strive for and taking responsibility for the present and future generations.

The SDG, implemented by the regional Library „Peyo K. Yavorov“ in 2021, are integrated, indivisible and inextricably linked. There are five key messages that allowed us to more clearly systematize the activities that have contributed to the sustainable development of the Library over the past year.



## People

„...We are determined to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that **the human beings realize their potential with dignity and in an equal and healthy environment...**“<sup>1</sup>

**1** NO  
POVERTY



### SDG 1:

- Largely, poverty depends on the limited access to education, which is why the activities in "Communal BiblioBurgas" are focused on providing information, oriented towards a sustainable economy.

**2** ZERO  
HUNGER



### SDG 2:

- The distribution of traditional knowledge and awareness among the Burgas public, through presentations of thematic books, **meetings** and **exhibitions** are a prerequisite for the eradication of hunger through the established knowledge in this field.

**3** GOOD HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING



### SDG 3

- In 2021, with the realized activities we contribute to the physical and mental health and well-being of all through the accomplished **meetings with medical specialists**, lectures for **first aid** and social commitment to the mental state of people with special educational needs.

**4** QUALITY  
EDUCATION



### SDG 4

- The accomplished events on the territory of the library provides an opportunity for creative development and education in modern sustainable halls, which host educational and creative courses, screenings of short and feature films, dedicated to sustainable education.

**5** GENDER  
EQUALITY



### SDG 5

- Gender equality and women's empowerment can exist in cases where there is conscious awareness and non-discrimination. This is the main reason for "Communal BiblioBurgas" to talk about the pressing problems, because "silence kills".

<sup>1</sup> Changing our world:2030 Program for Sustainable Development. Sofia. 2016

## Planet

*„... We are determined to protect the planet from degradation through sustainable consumption and production, sustainable management of its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change so that we can support the needs of present and future generation...“*

**6** CLEAN WATER  
AND SANITATION



### SDG 6:

- The sustainable library building provides free access for all to safe drinking water and hygienic conditions.

**12** RESPONSIBLE  
CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION



### SDG 12:

- We encourage waste sorting in designated areas, as well as the possibility of their secondary use in order to avoid the negative impact of SDG 12.

**13** CLIMATE  
ACTION



### SDG 13

- Activities, related to climate change are raising of awareness, knowledge and competencies we provide to library users.

**14** LIFE  
BELOW WATER



**15** LIFE  
ON LAND



### SDG 14 and 15

- Library users attended the short and independent feature film, dedicated to the hot topic of the construction of nature.

## Prosperity

*„... We are determined to ensure that all human beings enjoy prosperity and live life to the fullest and that economic, social and technological progress coexists with nature. ...“*

### 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



#### SDG 8:

- Educational and retraining courses for the unemployed have been conducted jointly with the Employment Agency.

### 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



#### SDG 9

- Unobstructed access for people with disabilities is provided to all halls and facilities of the library building, whose sustainable status is in line with UN's SDG. The implemented innovative technological devices and modern solutions are publicly available and serve for training in STEM disciplines / Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths /, which allows the conductin of many open lessons and quizzes.

### 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



#### SDG 10

- Social inequality or differentiation of people is an unconstitutional manifestation, which in order to overcome is related to the awareness of the potential benefits and necessary rights.

### 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



#### SDG 11

- The library has always been involved in the conservation and preservation of local cultural and natural heritage. As a regional cultural institute, it is one of the functions it has performed during its 100 years /134 years / of existence.

## Peace

*„... We are determined to promote the peaceful, fair and an including societies, that are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace, just as there can be no peace without sustainable development...“*

**16** PEACE, JUSTICE  
AND STRONG  
INSTITUTIONS



### SDG 16:

- Non-discriminatory sustainable development policies based on equal, transparent and free access to information are implemented in "Communal BiblioBurgas".

## Partnership

*"We are determined to mobilize the necessary resources in order to implement this program by revitalized global partnership for sustainable development, build on the spirit of strengthened solidarity, focused specifically on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and involving all countries, all stakeholders and all people ..."*

**17** PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS



### SDG 17:

- We encourage the implementation of effective public, public-private partnerships and partnerships with the civil society in order to exchange knowledge, experience, technology and financial resources.

## IV. Implemented activities and their contribution to sustainable development

*“ We only have one planet. We have nowhere else to go. If we use our creative powers properly we don't need anywhere else. If we take care of it, and each other, everything we need is right here.”*

Sir Ken Robinson

### 1. Communal Humanity

*„ ...All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood... “*

Article 1. Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Communal Humanity includes the humanity, oriented towards social sustainability, which requires the creation of social balance by building a stable and viable society. The main prerequisite for its achievement is the social participation, which in 2021 was one of the leading indicators for the sustainable development of the Library. Thanks to which 5/ five / of the UN's SDG were achieved /1, 2, 3, 4 and 5/.

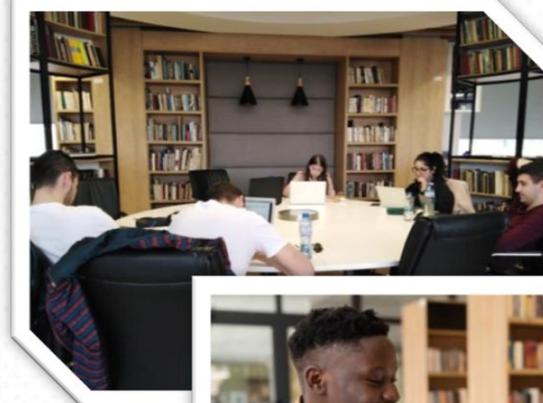
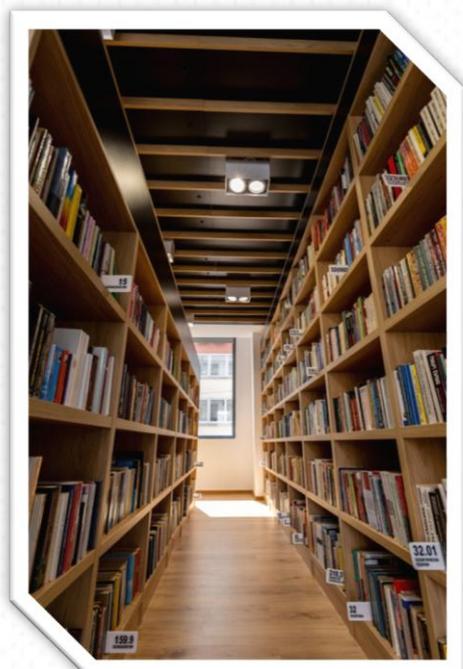
#### SDG 1: End of poverty

According **SDG 1.4**, poverty covers not only the lack of income and resources to ensure sustainable living, but also limited access to **education, new technologies** and other basic services. Economic growth must be inclusive in order to provide **sustainable employment and promote equality**



The realized activities in the Library, which are the basis for the achievement of part of SDG 1 are related to the following activities:

• **Free and unlimited access** to information and open datas are a priority, underlying the library services

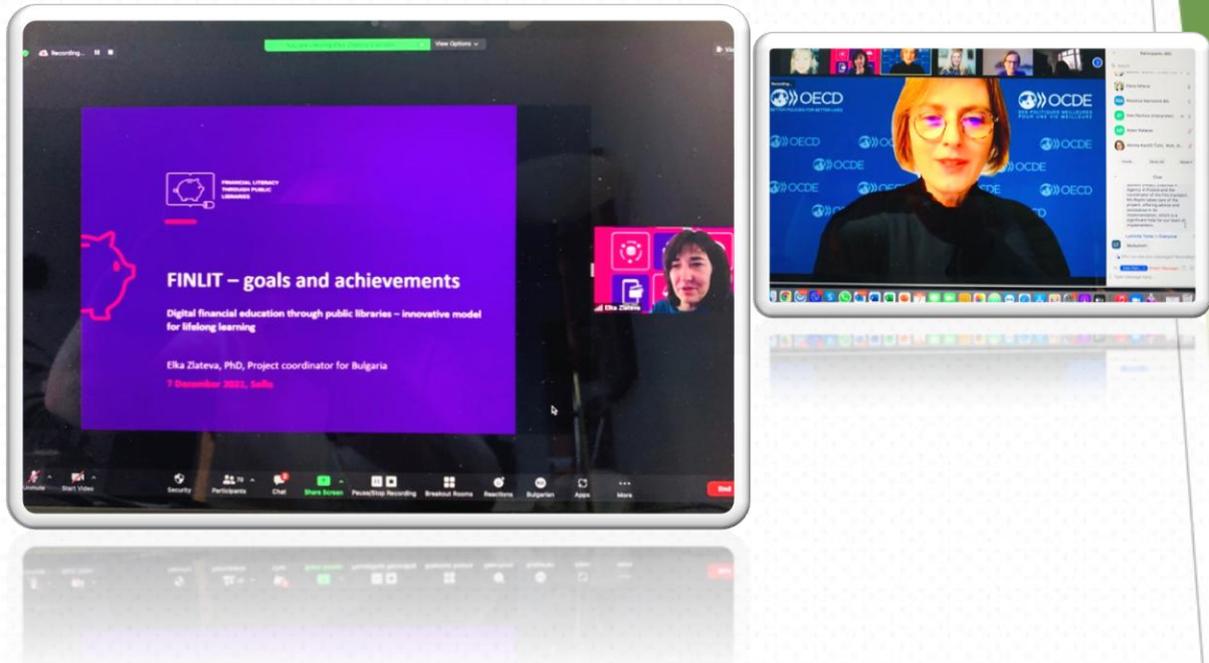




- Enhancement of the level of education through a series of educational materials dedicated to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development, taking into account the age of children and their prior training on the topic.



- The final event of the project "Financial Literacy through Public Libraries", funded by the Erasmus + program, CA2, will be held on December 7, 2021. The main goal was to help ensuring the elimination of poverty through the provided information.



## SDG 2: End hunger

The eradication of hunger is closely linked to the climatic conditions affecting soils, waters, forests and biodiversity, which are rapidly deteriorating and leading to enormous tensions in regard to the resources, from which we are dependend. The risks of climate change accompanied by disasters, such as drought and floods, are increasing, included in SDG 2.4. and the distribution of **traditional knowledge** / SDG 2.5./ this is indispensable for taking the necessary measures, related to the implementation of social inequality



- **The presentation of the book** „Steps to the Unknown: From Africa to South America“ – „... We lived in the province of Zambia for six months without electricity, running water and internet, which helped us to fully immerse ourselves in the local way of life. The opportunity to live among the tribe gives us a chance to get to know the colorful Zambian way of life and culture, which are intertwined with many interesting facts and that we reveal in our book. Detached from everything that distracts us from the fast-paced European daily life, we have experienced the difficult way of life of the locals and enjoyed all the little things with them on a daily bases. We fought to improve the life of the tribe - we helped the local orphanage, deprived of government care, developed a sewing business in a small village nearby and worked hard with local schools... ”



- From June 24 to 30, 2021 in the Library was presented the exhibition "**Israeli discoveries and developments, that changed the world**", which revealed the achievements and innovations of science that have influenced humanity.



## SDG 3: Good health and well-being

*„The deep and omnibus shock, caused by COVID-19 will leave its mark and bring personal change. Changes in civic consciousness, habits, within the limits of the perceived needs, that determent our understanding of freedom and personal rights... Every challenge is an opportunity. Will we benefit? ”The pandemic has shown us even more clearly that we all live in a globally connected world, in a global village called planet Earth, and the problems of one society become the problems of all.”*

The violated balance in the nature /SDG 3.9 / is reflection the **human health** as well. It is essential for the sustainable development to ensure **the quality healthy level** of life and to encourage the well-being of all ages, regardless of whether it is related to physical / SDG 3.3/ or mental health / SDG 3.4/.

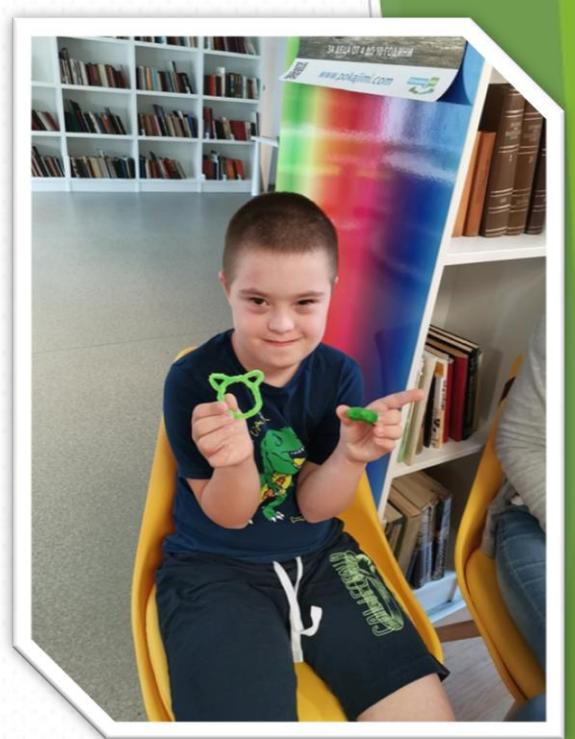


In 2021, in its New Home, the Library has organized informational meetings, book presentations, film screenings and game activities, aimed at people with **special educational needs** / **SEN**. The series of educational activities dedicated to the Global Sustainable Development Goals aims to provide care for all children / individuals, ensuring their physical and mental development (Article 24)<sup>2</sup>.

- Our daily work with people with special educational needs has drawn our attention to the importance of **mental health**, which affects the way we think and behave in our daily lives. It also affects the ability to cope with stress, overcome challenges, build relationships and recover from obstacles and difficulties in life.



<sup>2</sup> United Nation Human Rights, Convention on the Rights of the Child



Meetings were held with **prominent professionals in the medical field**, which provided quality information and education for everyone. The goals that have been achieved are related to The Rights to Health, which includes high-quality medical care, prevention of deaths and diseases from dangerous chemicals and air, as well as polluted waters and soils.

- **The Youth Bulgarian Red Cross / BRC/** presented its activities in the Library



- Prof. Dr. of Medical Sciences Hristo Bozov presented in the Library his new book "**Guide for Emergency Medical Care**". The funds raised from the purchase were donated by the author for **ordering wigs for patients with cancer**.



- On the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2021, with a charity event was presented the book „**The Laryngectomee Guide Expanded Edition**“ in order to raise the awareness of the Burgas public  
(<https://www.entnet.org/wp-content/uploads/files/LaryngectomeeGuide.pdf> )



- On October 12, 2021, the Library hosted the “**White Swallow**” Campaign, orientated to **breast cancer**. This is not just an initiative, but a mission...



## SDG 4: Education for tomorrow

*„... I'm completely library educated.  
Absolutely free...“  
Ray Bradbury*

The sustainable development begins with education, according to Art. 27, item 1, para. 7 of the Public Libraries Act, the Library is obliged to organize and conduct cultural and educational initiatives, thanks to which each user receives **quality free education**. In 2021, **118 open lessons with graduates of 37 educational institutions were organized** on the territory of the Regional Library “Peyo K. Yavorov”, where we all sought answers to various questions, as everything we discover changes the world for the better. Knowledge is the force that will allow us to live in harmony not only with ourselves but with the world 1

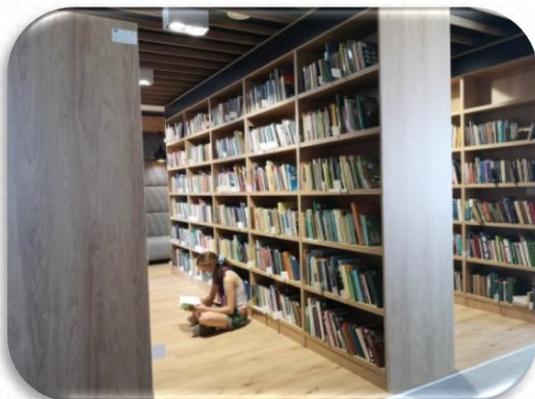




The education for sustainable development is a process that must accompany the whole life of man, from early childhood, through primary, secondary and higher education, including adult education. In education for sustainable development, the issues of equality, solidarity and interdependence between different generations, the relationship between man and nature and his responsibilities to himself, to human society and to the environment are central. One of the ambitions we have set for ourselves is to increase the number of qualified teachers by 2030, through the implementation of professionally oriented **conferences, symposia, meetings and debates**, in accordance to the introduced anti-epidemiological measures. In 2021, a number of international and national forums were held in regards of this issue - conferences, symposia, programs, etc., in order to raise the level of education not only for students but also for their educators.



Due to the pandemic, students faced distance learning for a long enough period, and despite initial resistance and difficulties, advantages has being suffice. This is one of the prerequisites for personalized learning. The formation of smaller and more flexible groups of students is a step in this direction.



## SDG 5: Gender equality

Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but is also a necessity aimed at suspending all forms of discrimination and violence. Achieving the goals in this area provides **equal access to education, healthcare, employment and representation** in the political and economic decision-making process and will strengthen sustainable economies and benefit societies as a whole.



The purpose of SDG 5.2. is to eliminate **all forms of violence** against all women and girls in the public and private spaces, including trafficking and sexual and other forms of exploitation.

- On the 8<sup>th</sup> of , 2021, the book "**Vicky's New Hairstyle**" was presented at the Library. The book recreates real events and is not the only one of its kind... and that's where the problem is. According to unofficial statistics, every fourth woman in Bulgaria is a victim of domestic violence.



SDG 5.5. guarantees overall and effective participation and **equal opportunities** for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life.

- **On August 26, 2021**, a meeting was organized for library users with the young entrepreneurs of JA Bulgaria & @BeyondPreaccelerator. The participants, inte4rested in the event were introduced to everything that excites them in regards to starting their own business at school or university.



## 2. Communal Planet

„Communal Planet“, includes the implemented activities, aimed at environmental sustainability and preservation of the nature for future generations by raising awareness, knowledge, skills and competencies. We have achieved SDG's 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in the Library.

### SDG 6: Availability and sustainable water and sanitation



The newly constructed modern library infrastructure meets the requirements applied by the European Commission, which makes the Library environmentally sustainable.

Overall and equal access to safe drinkable water is provided / SDG 6. 1. /, access to sewerage facilities and hygienic conditions, / SDG 6. 2. / as well as waste sorting bins / SDG 6. 3. / Poor water quality and poor sanitation adversely affect food quality, lifestyle choices and educational opportunities for poor families around the world.

- Overall and equal access to safe drinkable water



- Access to **adequate and safe sanitation and hygiene** for all





**COVID-19** created a prerequisite for the implementation of civic education on health and hygiene habits for all visitors

### SDG 12: Sustainable consumption

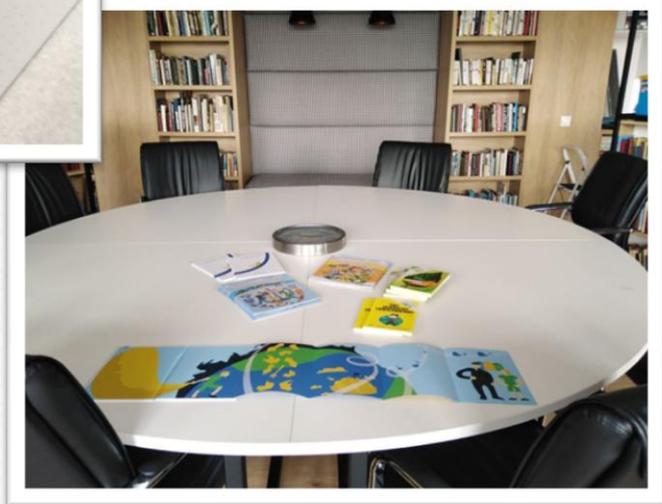


The achievement of SDG 12 is related to responsible / sustainable consumption, that has been achieved through:

- The efficient use of natural resources / SDG 12.2./ - **energy efficient light bulbs**
- Encouragement of all library users to recycle

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2121, International Children's Day, the library joined the campaign "**Burgas recycles**" because we believe that we can change our lives for one better, cleaner, more spiritual and meaningful future for our children.

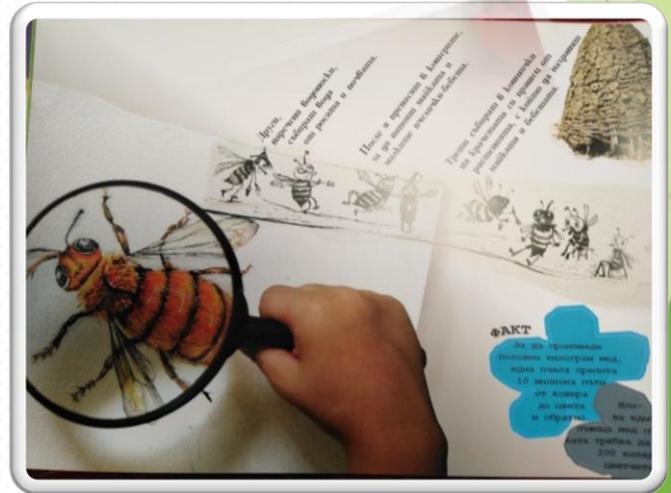
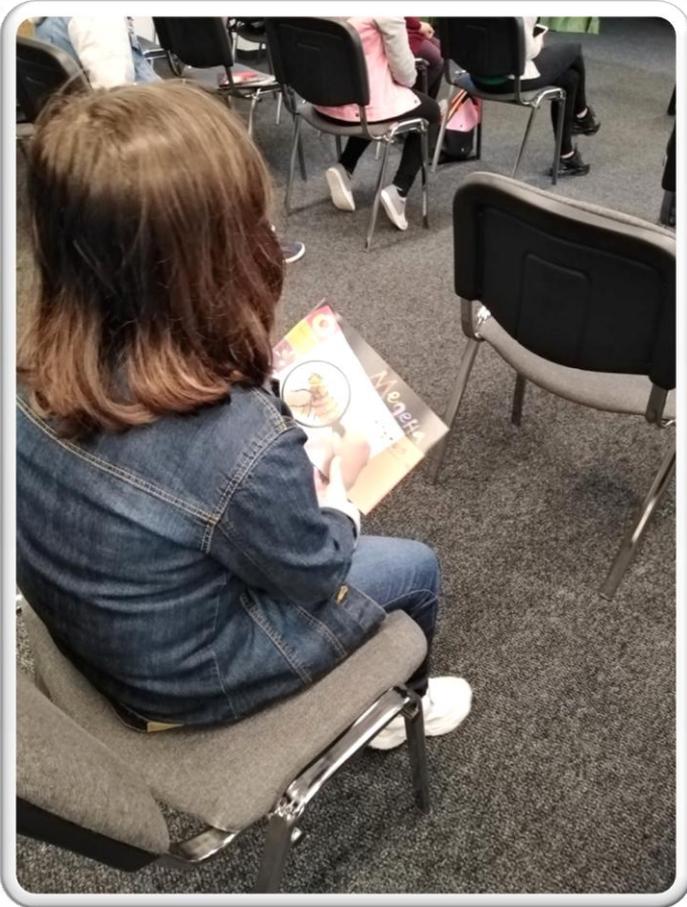




- The **eco-education** of the youth of Burgas is not only oriented to the reduced use of materials, the **encouragement** of waste separation but also to their secondary use by creating works of art with them.



- Providing access to basic services, green and decent jobs and a better quality of life for all through providing appropriate **information** and awareness of library users in regards to the sustainable development and **living in harmony with nature** /SDG 12.8/.



## SDG 13: Climate change actions

**Climate change** is currently affecting every country and every continent. The climate change is at the heart of sustainable development, which requires in-depth knowledge, in order to take the necessary measures to overcome the problem and the supervenient negative impacts on sustainable development. Improving education and awareness are the goals / SDG 13.3./, which the Library achieved in 2021 .

**The 2021 World Animated Film Festival at the Library** attracted all little ones and engages them in many fascinating journeys in the nature and show them the dangers related to climate change, natural disasters and human relations.



## SDG's 14-15: Life below water and on land

Processes of deforestation and desertification, caused by human activities and climate change pose challenges to sustainable development and affects the lives of millions of people in the fight against poverty. Therefore, efforts are being made to manage forests and fight desertification. One of the masterpieces that was broadcasted to the Burgas audience was the winner of "Golden Rose" / 2018 / for best short film "The Forest of Dimo" by the director Hristo Simeonov. The film is part of the organized ecological film festival.

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On the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, the **independent documentary “The Bedechka Case”** was screened for the first time at the Burgas Library. The 68-minute film presented the topic of building over nature in the urban environment, going beyond the local context and examining the global consequences that affects society and culture.



In compliance with the current trends for a modern, sustainable and functional interior, the building contains natural greenery in the interior and at the entrance of the library visitors are welcomed by an impressive and beautiful accent - a **green wall** from the series of natural vertical gardens MOSS wild.

The protection, restoration and sustainable use of ecosystems, biodiversity, the world's oceans, forests and mountains are the basis of **the open lessons** in the Library. Through educational games the **Interactive Magic Floor** leads to knowledge, focused on sustainable development of biodiversity and ecosystems.



### 3. Communal priorities

The implemented SDG in the Library are **SDG's 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,**

#### **SDG 7: Sustainable energy**

The sustainable energy is an opportunity that transforms life, economies and the planet itself. The energy efficiency in the newly built sustainable library building is ensured through reliable, affordable and modern energy services, as well as better technology for all.



Through the technologies implemented in the Library, the archived energy efficiency contributes to **the consumption of less energy.**

- The building of the Regional Library „Peyo K. Yavorov“ in Burgas was built under an **energy efficiency project** by installing a photovoltaic system (PV systems).



#### **SDG 8: Sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth**

The problem of **unemployment** is always relevant, regardless of "time" - past, present and future. For this purpose, trainings for unemployed persons were organized



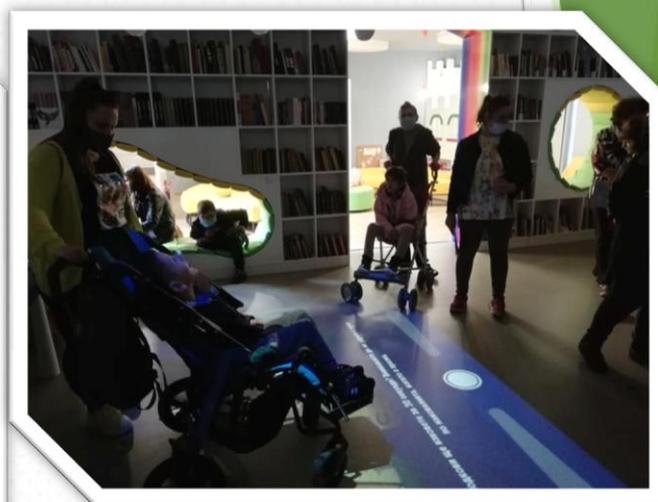
and conducted by receiving additional training and qualifications.



## SDG 9: Innovation and Infrastructure

Investing in quality, reliable, sustainable and **adaptable library infrastructure** is essential for achieving sustainable development in support of the economic development and well-being of the Burgas citizens, with a focus on **fair access for all**.

- The library has provided and implemented necessary requirements for providing an **accessible environment** for people with disabilities.



- The introduced **innovative technologies** have contributed to the improvement of the social life of the visitors, increased the interest in sustainable knowledge, skills and competencies. The **STEM innovations** includes 3D lessons from 1st to 12th grade - Mozabook Classroom; for students and teachers from higher education institutions / universities / opportunities are given to work for free with zSpace studio and personal zSpace laptops, containing augmented reality lessons, as: human anatomy and physiology, dissection, as well as for specialists in landscape architecture, astronautics and others.; and for the youngest visitors there is the Interactive floor Magic Carpet Funtronic and the Sandbox, focused on the study of physical geography and history. Proof of this is the high attendance in 2021 and the increased number of newly enrolled readers who are daily visitors to the library until midnight.





**3D printing** can certainly help in solving some of the most pressing problems, related to the protection of the environment and the depletion of resources that international communities are facing.

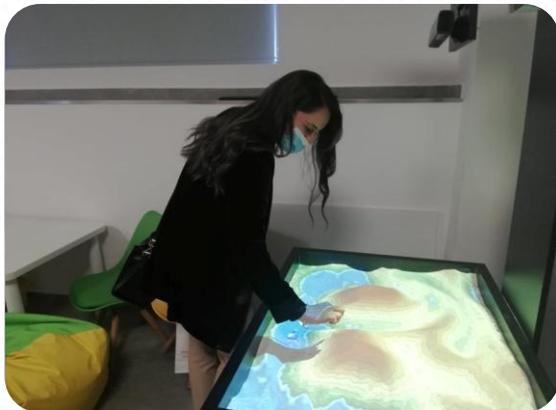
**The spread of carbon residues can be significantly reduced**, as 3D printing around the world "delivers" design rather than product.

The greatest interest of all the installed innovative technologies is **the Interactive Magic Under Funtronic**, a unique educational tool with various educational applications in the form of games that children, and adults, can learn while having fun! This is an innovative solution that stimulates the lifelong learning process. The applications are designed to complement the four main areas of education: physical, social, emotional and cognitive skills. Exercises and educational situations are included, as well as methodological descriptions. It also contains a set of rehabilitation games that comply with the therapeutic requirements for brighter colors, even and bright background, as well as a reduced number of moving objects on the screen. In addition, the objects are larger, and the dynamics of the games is reduced. As a result, games are more accessible and are an effective tool for the treatment of children with special needs. The main goal of the implemented innovation is the open access to knowledge through libraries in support of sustainable development, the development of research and ecological thinking, creating habits among children and students through interactive learning of educational disciplines, which achieves sustainability in society and its development in their attitude towards social development and preservation of the environment.

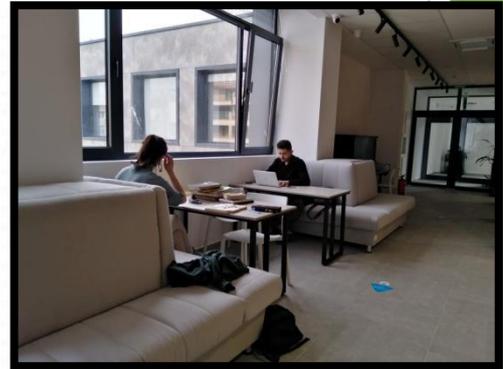




**The Interactive Sandbox** that is installed in the Children's Department allows children to have fun while learning. The main goal is to create ecological thinking and habits among children and students by learning about the nature and geographical features of the planet Earth. It is increasing the understanding of the interconnections in different ecosystems and the role of man in these processes.



- In support of the formal and non-formal education, the library provides wide **free public access to the Internet**.



- **The information and communication**



**technologies provide access to CEEOL /Central and Eastern European Online library/**

The Central and Eastern European Online Library CEEOL is available on the territory of the Regional Library „Peyo K. Yavorov“ in Burgas. The database offers a highly specialized and comprehensive collection of full-text indexed documents in the fields of humanities and social

sciences, publications from and to Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. Includes indexed and archived journals, e-books and gray literature in over 50 languages.

### **SDG 10: Reduce inequality**

*All children in the world have the right to equal access to quality education and access to opportunities, to develop their talents and abilities to their full potential.*

The social inequality poses threats to peace and security, including the democratic order. Thus, there is a need for actions / steps that „Communal BiblioBurgas“ took by implementing SDG 10.3. **Awareness of users.**

On April 9, 2021, Dr. Georgi Bardarov presents his book about the **futility of world conflicts**, the life that always wins, the power of forgiveness and other life topics presented in „Absolvo te“.



## SDG 11: Communal BiblioBurgas

One of the main functions of the Regional Library "Peyo K. Yavorov" in Burgas is **the protection and preservation of local cultural and natural heritage**, which achieves the goal of SDG 11.4. The library is the largest repository in Southeastern Bulgaria, which stores manuscripts, old and valuable publications of local and national cultural significance, including valuable manuscripts, old books and periodicals.



By preserving and the carrying on of the cultural heritage, the history and tradition are preserved, and hence the sense of identity.





#### 4. The power of peace



**SDG 16:** The peace and justice from the Global UN SDG is dedicated to building peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development and it is focused on ensuring access to justice. It targets terrorism, exploitation and trafficking human beings, as well as all forms of violence and torture.

Last but not least is the **providing of free access to information** is a priority for every existing library, in accordance with the IFLA Guidelines for Public Libraries.



## 5. Communal Partnership



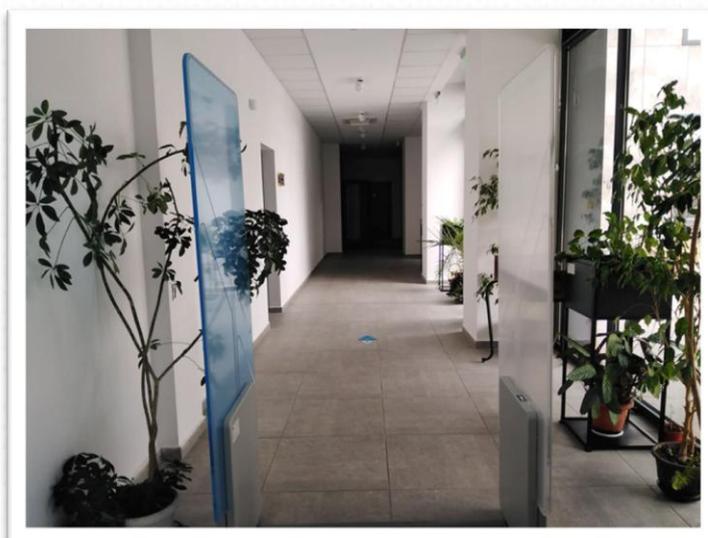
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local level, but also regionally, nationally and globally.

The introduced **partnership between libraries and educational institutions**, aimed at building sustainable education, has created some of the most valuable partnerships that promote reading and increase literacy, by developing in children and students search skills and using information as well as building habits for continuous self-education. In 2021 in "Communal BiblioBurgas" **partnerships were organized and achieved with over 138 educational institutions** from Bulgaria. Because the library is a natural mediator between the family and the school it has an important role as a partner and initiator of various events, that can help educate our children in a serious perspective.



One of the prerequisites for **achieving triple sustainability** / economic, environmental and social / is **innovations**. That is the use of the so-called "eco-techniques" and "**eco-technologies**", which reduces the amount of waste or doesn't produce waste at all, protects the environment and leads to less pollution, uses less resources / resource-saving / and uses them for a long time.



## Conclusion

*„... We need to empower a generation of politicians who are passionate and compassionate global citizens and who are living up to leaving no one behind. We can only create these leaders by fostering Global Citizenship Education and by promoting knowledge about the Sustainable Development Goals...“*

Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

**„Communal BiblioBurgas“** is an **innovative and unique library, unrealized so far on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria**, whose main goal is to improve life for future generations in Burgas. Based on a system of criteria, we create, not only for ourselves, but also for the Bulgarian society, a rational way of life, which reflects the idea of future sustainable development.

**The new generations makes us think about them and their feature!**



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