

An Evaluation of the Impact of Libraries towards the Realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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ABSTRACT Libraries play a vital role in SDGs implementation by enhancing access to relevant information. It is on this premise that this paper evaluates the impact of libraries towards realising the sustainable development goals (SDGs). A synopsis of the functions, roles and impact of librarians as well as discussions on the paradigm shift of libraries from performing the roles of information custodians of information resources to harbingers of initiatives that are new and technologically-advanced, and its positive effects on service delivery and accomplishment of SDGs are discussed. The reviewed literature were a selection of Library and Information Science publications as well as other relevant academic journal articles ranging from 2010-2019. This paper also recommends measures geared towards the attainment of SDGs through librarianship, such as continuous capacity development programmes as well as the need to update library and information management curricula especially in African higher educational institutions.