



LIETUVOS  
BIBLIOTEKININKŲ  
DRAUGIJA

# Libraries go/are Green

Green initiatives from public libraries in Lithuania

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# Baltic Meeting 2021

- September 3, 2021
- Panevėžys County Gabrielė Petkevičaitė-Bitė Public Library
- Organized by Lithuanian Librarian Association's Youth Department
- Topics: Sustainability and Sustainable Development Goals
- Aiga Pīķe (Chairperson of the Young Professionals Section of Latvian Libraries), Kristīne Deksnė (Chief Specialist of the Library Development Center of the Latvian National Library, Secretary of the Latvian Library Association), Eblida Elsia (member of the expert group on the implementation and evaluation of European libraries and sustainable development goals), Piret Jõesaar and Triin Kodusaar (Estonian Library Association's Young Professionals Club), Greta Kėvelaitienė (member of Lithuanian Librarians Association's Council, Lithuanian Librarian Association's Youth Department Coordinator)

# Summary

- National Lithuanian Libraries Week 2022 - Sustainable library
- Eco-education
- Sustainable heritage
- Libraries Go Green

**NATIONAL LIBRARY  
WEEK 2022**

**Sustainable library**

# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2022

## „Sustainable library“

- April 23-29, 2022
- Organized by Lithuanian Librarian's Association
- More than 1000 events related to ecology, the Green Course, raising awareness on sustainability and recycling, and organizing events supporting Ukrainian refugee communities
- 20 000 event participants
- Librarian eco-hike in Anykščiai
- Discussion „Writing off books in the context of sustainability“
- Conference „Sustainable library“ in Jurbarkas

**NACIONALINĖ LIETUVOS BIBLIOTEKŲ SAVAITĖ**



**BIBLIOTEKININKŲ ŽYGIS 2022**

**Eco-hike in  
Anykščiai**



# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2022

## Discussion „Writing off books in the context of sustainability“

- How the process of writing off books could be more transparent and understandable for the public? Why do libraries do it? Is a more sustainable approach available?
- Librarians, book-shop owners and journalists discussed the topic of writing off books in the context of sustainability.
- Discussion attendees -
  - Emilija Banionyte (Chairperson of the Association of County Public Libraries, Director of Vilnius County Adomas Mickevičius Public Library),
  - Daiva Nakrošienė (head of cultural programs in Klaipėda County Ieva Simonaitytė public libraries, who nurtures the theme of sustainability in cultural institutions),
  - Diana Cipariene (member of the Council of the Lithuanian Society of Librarians, cultural figure, reader),
  - Tomas Lučiūnas (manager of the bookstore "Juodas šuo" bookstore),
  - Marius Eidukonis (LRT journalist),
  - the discussion was moderated by Greta Kėvelaitienė, a member of the Council of Librarians of Lithuania





# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2022

## Conference „Sustainable Library“

- Organized by Lithuanian Librarian's Association and Jurbarkas district municipal public library.
- Reports on climate change, sustainability, green direction, etc. were read by speakers from Germany, Denmark, Portugal and Lithuania.
- Creative educations were organized on selected topics.



# ECO-EDUCATION



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## Sustainability workshops, lectures and camps

- Workshops, lectures and educations are organized in most Lithuanian libraries, for various groups of society - from children to seniors. (kindergartens)
- Knowledge about sustainability, responsible consumption, recycling, nature conservation is shared by well-known Lithuanian naturalists, sustainability ambassadors, creators, artists and educators.
- Events are organized in partnerships with business companies, for example, solar panel manufacturers, wind power parks, waste manufacturers, as well as universities and botanical gardens.
- Non formal education





# ECO-EDUCATION

## Initiative „Responsible reader“

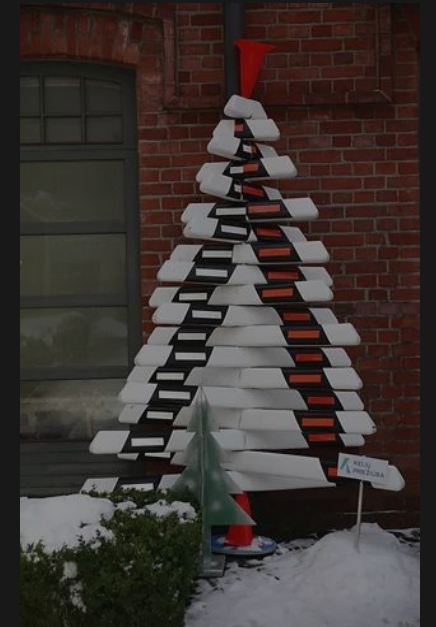
- Organized by EPA – Electronics Distributor Association in Lithuania
- Partners – Public Libraries, Lithuanian Librarian's Association
- Specialized collection bins for small electronic waste in libraries
- Collecting batteries, mobile phones, chargers, etc.
- Registration for large electronics waste collection from home



# ECO-EDUCATION

## Christmas tree yard

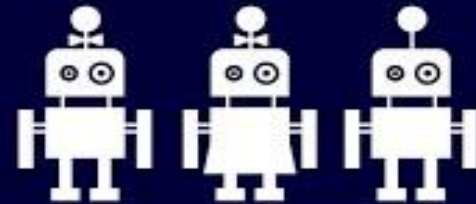
- Traditional initiative for local communities at Klaipeda County Ieva Simonaityte public library.
- Building Christmas trees from natural, recycled and repurposed materials.
- Competition for the most original idea.
- Christmas trees displayed in the library courtyard during the holiday season.





# **ECO-EDUCATION**

## **Makerspace PATS SAU**



Dirbtuvės **PATS SAU** – kas tai?

# **SUSTAINABLE HERITAGE**



# Heritage sites and digital products

- Public libraries in heritage sites – awareness, preservation and education for communities
- Digital products:
  - Smart park
  - epaveldas.lt - largest digitized cultural heritage portal in Lithuania
  - WAAT
  - krastogidas.lt - digital heritage guide and app

**LIBRARIES GO GREEN**





# Libraries for Green Future

- Collecting, sharing, publishing resources and book lending – everyday services in the context of sustainability
- Recycling – small steps first
- Going digital – from resources to services
- Building partnerships and sharing good practices
- Renewable energy sources in libraries – solar panels and wind power
- Sustainability Manifesto – libraries take responsibility

**Ačiū! Paldies! Aitäh!**

