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OCLC and Sustainability: Building community in a time of change

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Our mission and purpose



A global library and information organization providing shared technology services, original research, and community programs.

- **Not-for profit**
- **Mission-based**
- **Board of Trustees**
- **Leaders Council**

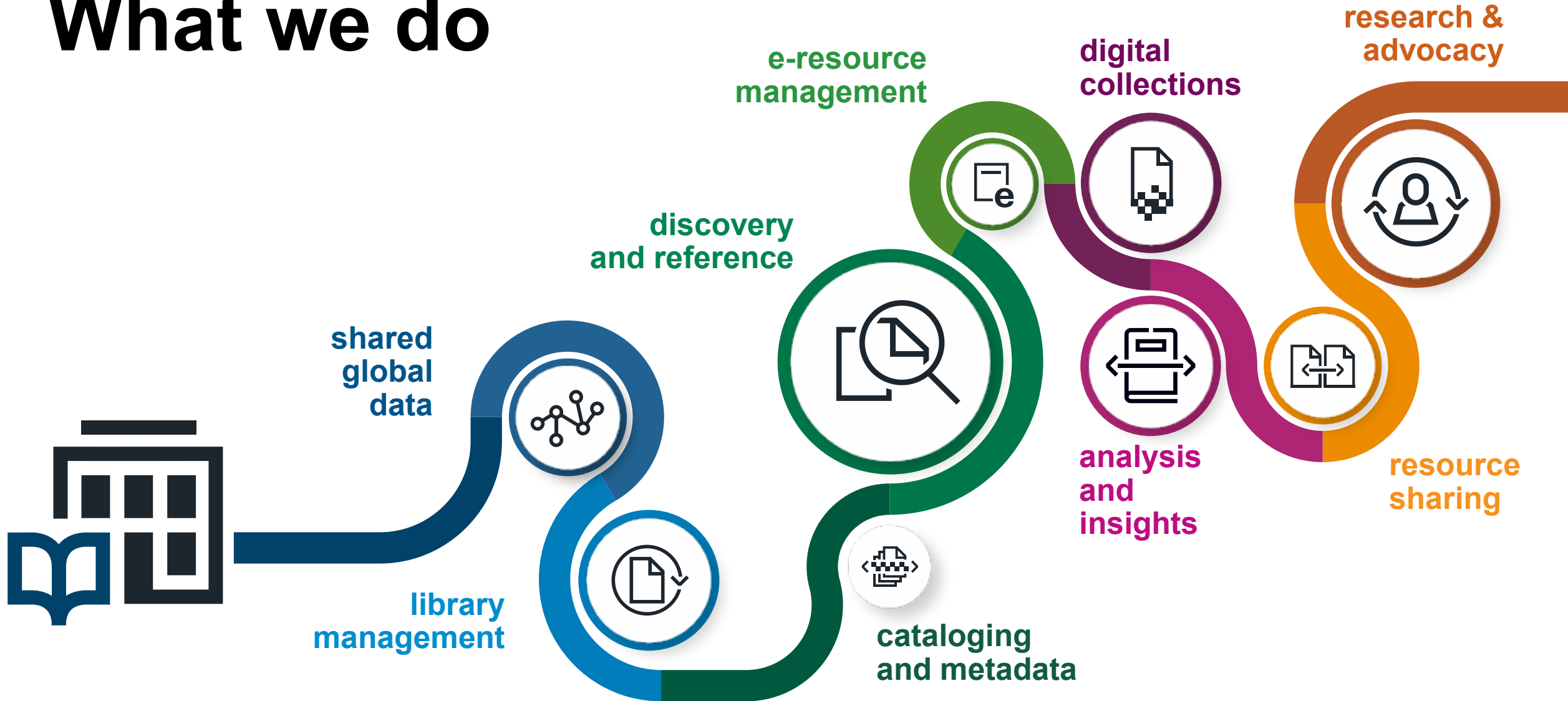
Sustainability in action: how we're making a difference

- Sharing infrastructure
- Creating technology with purpose
- Supporting library innovation—
and a greener environment
- Actionable guidance and training
- Values-driven sustainability
commitment



Products and Services

What we do



Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (SDG 9)

- A shared “*community infrastructure*”
- Knowledge-sharing achieved through collective action
- Scaling impact

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Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



Resource sharing



Global reach

A network of
10,000 institutions
in 50+ countries

Speed

Millions of e-resources
requests delivered;
24-hour turnaround,
sometimes as fast as
15 minutes



Resource power

Access to billions of
resources



Savings

Across our network,
libraries save over
\$100 million dollars in
acquisitions and
purchase costs every
year



Research and Programming

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Delivering public value and creating community

RESEARCH	RESEARCH LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP (RLP)	WEBJUNCTION
<p>Accelerates and expands learning and collaboration by pursuing innovative models and research in partnership with libraries, museums, and archives worldwide.</p>	<p>A multinational community of research libraries dedicated to improving library practice through professional development, collaborative research, and information sharing.</p>	<p>Free, on-demand professional development and continuing education resources to build library staff's knowledge, skills, and confidence to deliver transformational services to their communities.</p>

Research

“Libraries Model Sustainability”

- Insights into libraries adopting sustainability
- More than 1700 library staff completed the survey
- Results indicate substantial work around the SDGs

"Libraries Model Sustainability": The Results of an OCLC Survey on Library Contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals

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Where libraries see their greatest impact

- Quality Education (SDG 4)
- Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10)
- Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG 3)
- Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG11)

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Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

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Reduce inequality within and among countries

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Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

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Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Programming

Climate Action (SDG 13)



**Sustainable
Libraries
Initiative**

A major series of six webinars designed to help libraries respond to climate change, including:

- Climate action planning (Part 1 and 2)
- Disaster preparedness and community resilience
- Climate justice

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Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

www.sustainablelibrariesinitiative.org

<http://www.webjunction.org>

WebJunction webinar programming

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Climate Action Sprint: From Goals to Action

Simple, actionable approach

- Conduct climate risk scan
- Identify vulnerable communities
- Define the problem, benefits, risks, and impacts
- Draft 90-day action plan
- Articulate strategy
- Outline tactics, roles, and timelines



Climate Action Worksheet

- Alignment
- Key stakeholders and public engagement
- Operational, budget, and staffing impacts
- Strategic partnerships and communications
- Iteration and adjustment

Climate Action Sprint: From Goals to Action

Activity 2: 90-Day Template and mini-plan

EBLIDA Annual Conference, 2026

Library, location	The EBLIDA Public Library, Europe
Present climate-linked scenario	Extreme-heat response program
SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, timely) 90-day goal	In response to local rising temperatures and their impacts on vulnerable communities, EPL will draft and approve a one-page extreme heat response program and protocol for frontline staff within 30 days and have it approved and implemented within 90 days.
Strategy	Socialize issue and concept with key internal collaborators and decision-makers Build relationships with human services departments and key community contacts for vulnerable populations Align with municipal and library priorities, such as sustainability, community impact, and equity, etc.
Tactics, Roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define problem and community impact and benefits• Research existing resources, policies, and

**Because
what is
known must
be shared.[®]**

Questions?

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