

Application for the IFLA Green Library Award 2017

From a Green Library to a Sustainable Library

Sun Yat-sen Library of Guangdong Province, China

Sun Yat-sen Library of Guangdong Province, its large green lawn is eye-pleasing while rainwater could be collected over an area of 9000 m² with facilities underground. It is a provincial public library with a history of over 100 years in China. Located in downtown Guangzhou, it has been transformed into a green library with concepts of ecological and environmental protection. As the city getting more crowded, the library becomes valuable as a public green park.



The old trees around and elegant courtyards inside beautify the environment. People enjoy staying here. A routine is that, the newspaper room is full of elderly people all time, every reading room is filled with students during holidays, under the huge trees are dozens of babies together with their parents or grandparents, and groups of people play Tai-ji or shuttlecock kicking each morning or evening. You can often smell flowers or take pictures for flowers.



The building is constructed with brick walls and big windows, so that air conditioners could be only for summer, more electricity conservation and less air pollution. We also set photovoltaic panels on roofs to converse solar power into electricity, while the roof garden, where some birds nest here, is a beautiful bird's eye view for citizens living in high buildings around. It is a place friendly with librarians, visitors, citizens, as well as the nature.



We also organize a team of librarians to educate citizens through various activities. A website of Ecological & Environmental Protection has been created since 2007, and over 2 million citizens have visited it. Meanwhile, we organize programming like weekly films, biweekly exhibitions, monthly lectures, occasional Q&A award and poem gathering, as well as initiative like telephone booth-look mini libraries plus seeds traveling. All these run the green library into a sustainable library.



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