

The Fourth Meeting of the Russian-American Library Dialogue
“Libraries accept the challenge: achieving the UN Sustainable Development
Goals in the global pandemic”
Online dialogue
September 15-16, 2020

THE PROGRAMME

Day 1: Tuesday, September 15 - 17:00 (Moscow time) - 2.5 hours (the recording)

1. Opening ceremony (20 minutes)

- a. The welcoming video / the presentation of the Dialogue.
- b. The introduction, the review of the meeting programme, technical capabilities.
- c. Official greetings.
 - Olga Yarilova, the Deputy Minister of Culture of the Russian Federation (video message);
 - Vadim Duda, the Chairman of the Russian-American Library Dialogue;
 - Nancy Kranik, the Chairman of the Russian-American Library Dialogue;
 - Mikhail Afanasyev, the Chairman of the Russian Library Association;
 - Julius Jefferson Jr., the Chairman of the American Library Association.

2. Session 1: Libraries in the service of society: lessons from the 2020 pandemic

Moderators: Svetlana Gorokhova, the Co-Chairman of the Russian-American Library Dialogue;
Ellen Knutson, the Co-Chairman, Russian-American Library Dialogue.

a. Overview (10 minutes)

- Introduction to the topic: Loyda Garcia-Febo (the USA), Albina Krymskaya (Russia)

b. The development of the collection, changes in the provision of access to information, remote and virtual services (30 minutes)

The discussion initiators:

- Nicole Cook, Kevin Hawkins (the USA)
- Vadim Duda, Larisa Suleimanova (Russia)

- ✓ How has the pandemic impacted our programs and services, including schedule changes, visitor closures, budget cuts?
- ✓ How has the shift to (mainly) digital collections influenced our work with the audience - for example, the development of remote services, the use of social media in the work and the organization of contactless home delivery of books?
- ✓ What are the concerns of digital (technological and skills) inequality of population groups (digital divide)? How do libraries try to reach the most vulnerable and untrained parts of the population, organize distance learning, and include these groups in a variety of forms of remote service?

- ✓ What additional opportunities does the pandemic provide to achieve the SDGs and strengthen the link between libraries and the communities they serve?

c. Pandemic as an opportunity to rethink the way libraries work with their communities. (30 minutes)

The discussion initiators:

- Julius Jefferson Jr., Katrina Belogorski (the USA)
- Svetlana Tarasova, Olga Nachapkina (Russia)

- ✓ What have we learned from working during the pandemic, and how can this help us rethink how we work with our communities?

- ✓ What tools could we use to share and evaluate our achievements?

d. Within the profession: support for professional associations, staff development, employee safety (30 minutes)

The discussion initiators:

- Roosevelt Weeks, Michael Dowling (the USA)
- Mikhail Afanasyev, Anton Purnik / Daria Belyakova (Russia)

- ✓ What new competencies might librarians need as a result of changes in their mode of work and formats of work?

- ✓ What measures have professional associations taken to help libraries develop staff and keep them safe? What else can be done in this direction?

3. Summing up by moderators (30 minutes)

- ✓ What can we do to achieve our common goals and overcome the current problems?

Day 2: Wednesday, September 16 - 17:00 (Moscow time) - 2.5 hours (the recording)

The moderators: Nancy Kranik (the USA), Lyubov Kazachenkova (Russia)

26. Session 2: Libraries and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

26. The introduction to the topic: SDGs as a tool for positive change in society, libraries and the whole world. Loida Garcia-Febo (the USA), Daria Belyakova (Russia) (10 minutes).

b. SDG #3: Ensuring a healthy lifestyle and promoting well-being (30 minutes)

The discussion initiators:

- David Syders, Karla Lucht (the USA)
- Lyudmila Zaitseva, Anna Galeeva (Russia)

- ✓ What work are libraries doing to achieve SDG #3?

- ✓ What new aspects of libraries' work to achieve SDG #3 has been opened by the pandemic?
- ✓ What problems did we face?
- ✓ What professional development programs are required to help librarians achieve this goal?

c. SDG #8: Promoting sustainable economic growth, full employment and decent work for all (30 minutes)

the discussion initiators:

- Marie Payko, Julius Jefferson Jr. (the USA)
- Anastasia Dyatlovskaya, Natalia Diskaya (Russia)

- ✓ How can libraries contribute to the achievement of SDG #8?
- ✓ What new opportunities have opened up in the workplace and economy during the pandemic?
- ✓ What problems did we face?
- ✓ What professional development programs are required to help librarians achieve this goal?

d. SDG #17: Partnerships to achieve the goals (30 minutes)

The discussion initiators:

- Clara Chu, Loyda Garcia-Febo (the USA)
- Svetlana Gorokhova, Zoya Chalova / Olga Vovk (Russia)

- ✓ How do partnerships help libraries work towards the implementation of SDGs?
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