



# Libraries and Sustainability in the United Arab Emirates:

## A Duality for Future Generations



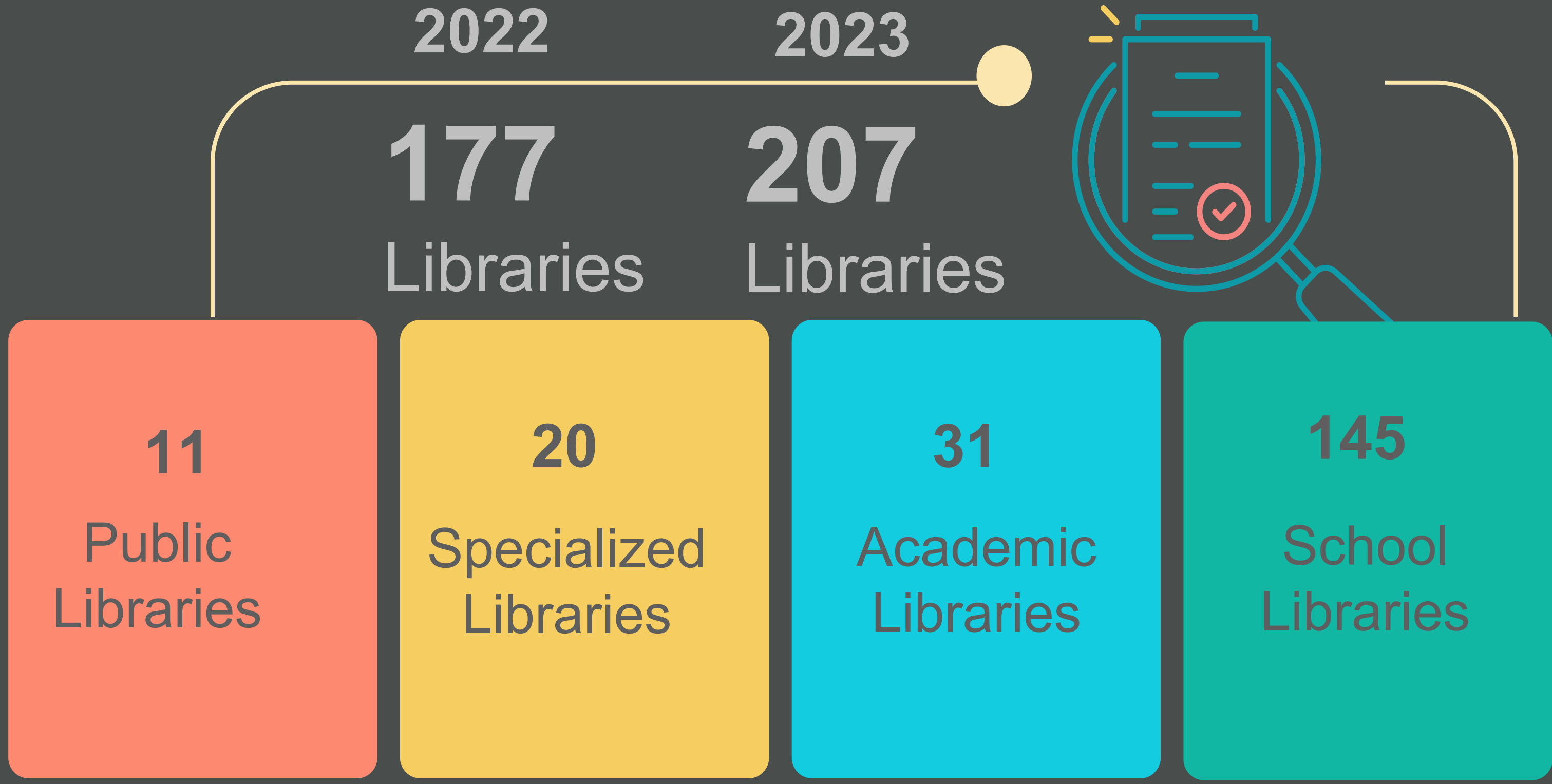
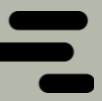
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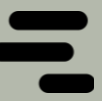
## Introduction

**The UAE** has embarked on a significant journey towards a sustainable future, recognizing the seriousness of environmental challenges. The UAE has implemented plans and initiatives aimed at addressing these challenges, driven by the belief in the right of future generations to live in prosperity. This commitment extends to all sectors, including the library sector, which plays a vital and key role in instilling and promoting a culture of sustainability among all members of society. The efforts of the UAE and its wise leadership are reflected in unique contributions and exceptional roles in the field of sustainability. This has been achieved through investments in numerous key initiatives at both the national and international levels.

The “Year of Sustainability”, announced for 2023 and extending into 2024, serves as an example of this commitment. This pioneering national campaign aims to raise awareness, encourage innovation, and enhance the position of the United Arab Emirates as a global leader in sustainable practices, both locally and internationally.

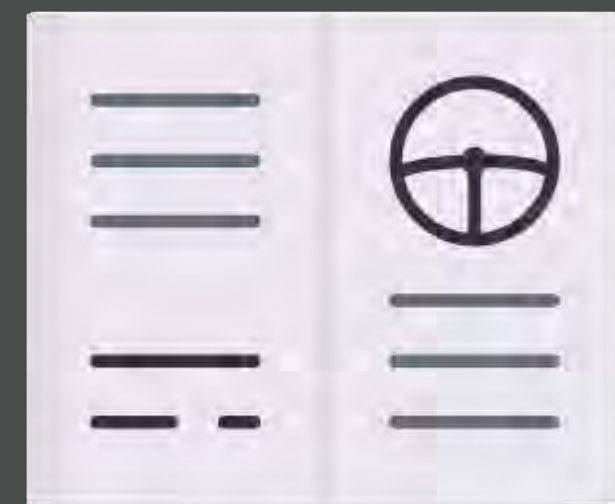
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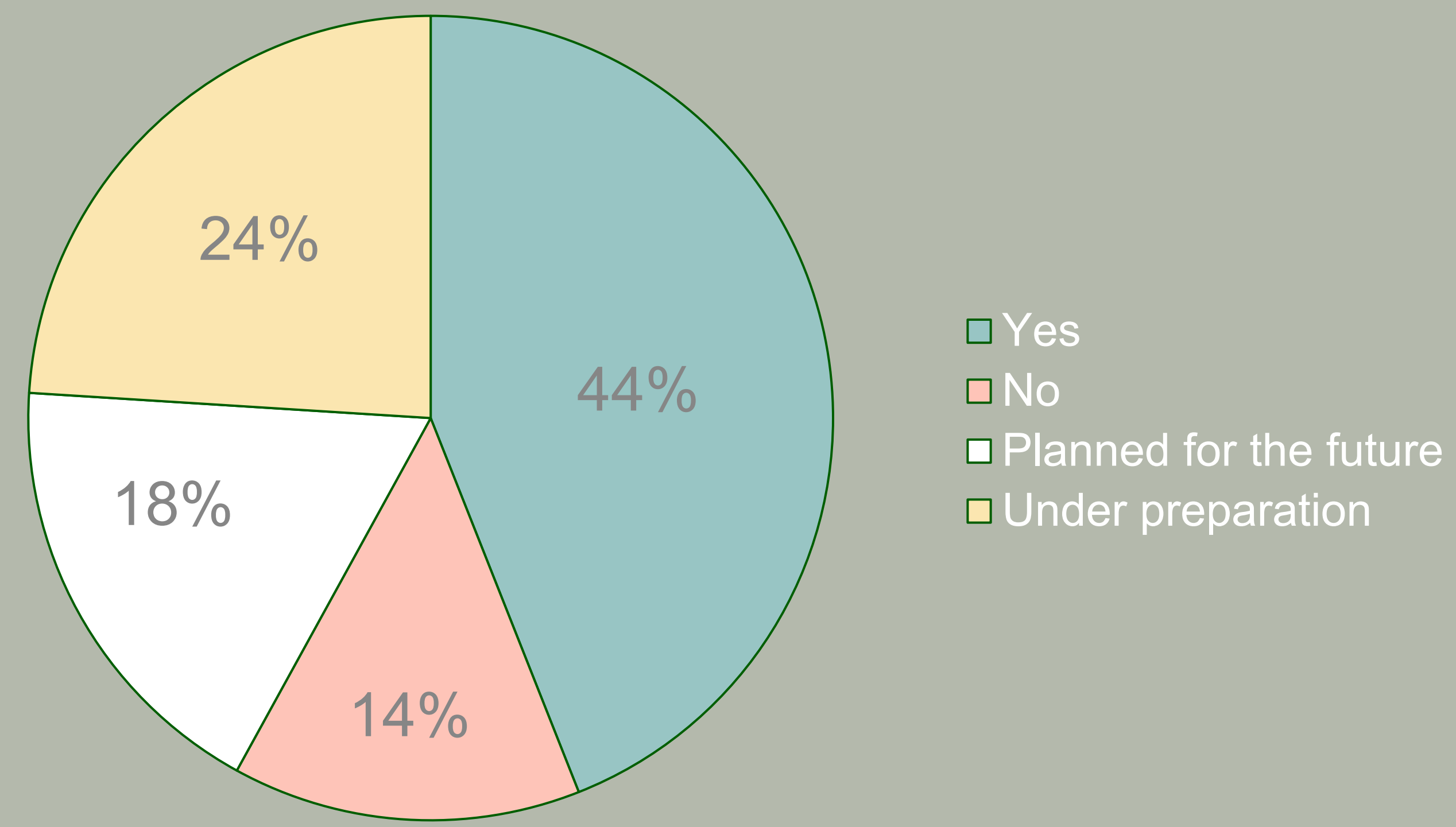


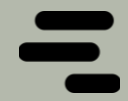
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**Most Libraries  
has policies and  
planned for the  
future.**



## Sustainability Policies and Plans in Libraries



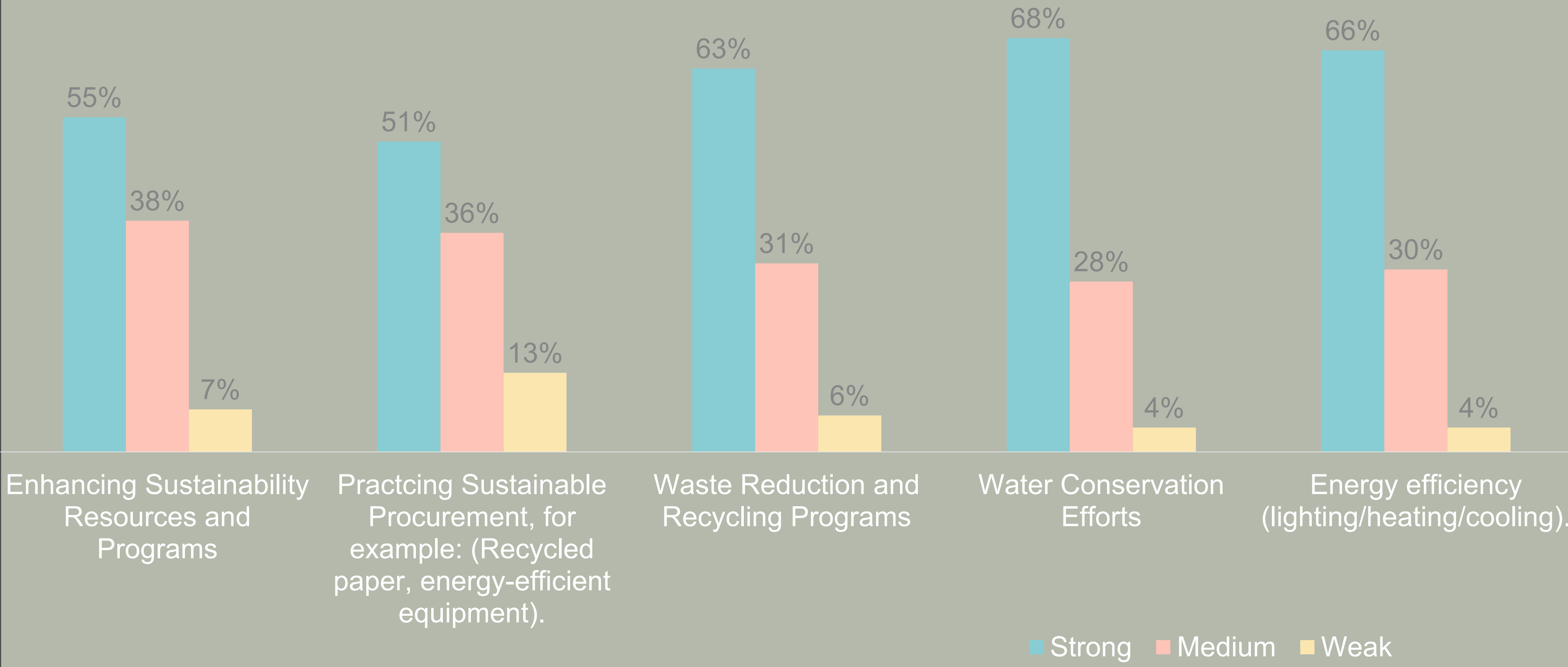


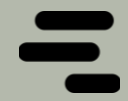
# Assessment of Existing Sustainability Efforts in Libraries

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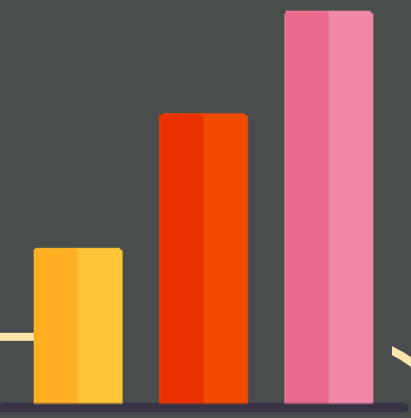
**Energy efficiency 66%**

**Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs 63%**





# Assessment of Resources and Sustainability Programs in Libraries



**77%**

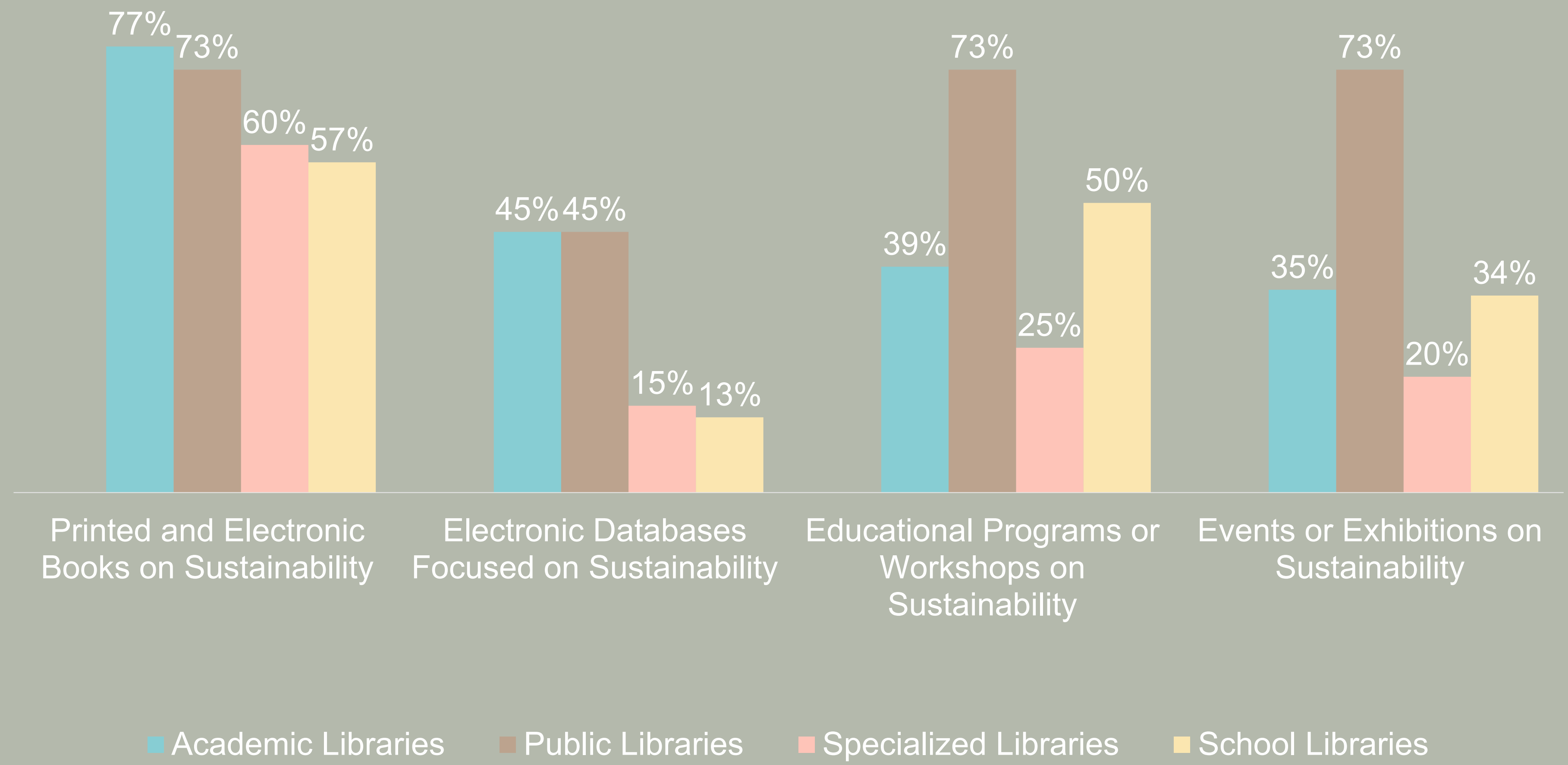
**Printed and Electronic Books**

**73%**

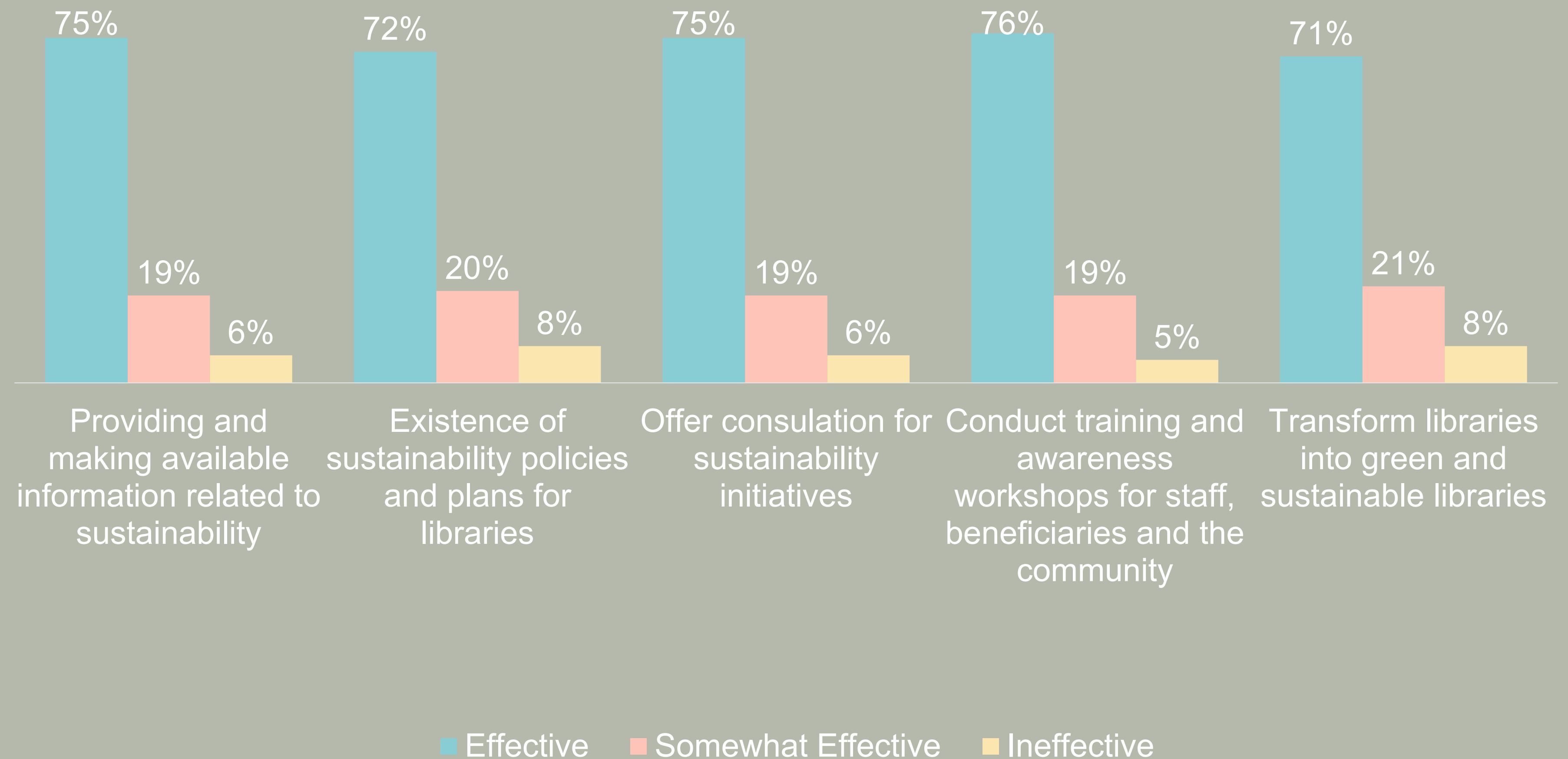
**Educational Programs**

**73%**

**Events or Exhibitions**



## Effectiveness of Support Methods for Libraries in Implementing Sustainability Practices



**76%**  
awareness  
workshops

**75%**  
Providing  
Information

**75%**  
consultation  
for  
sustainability

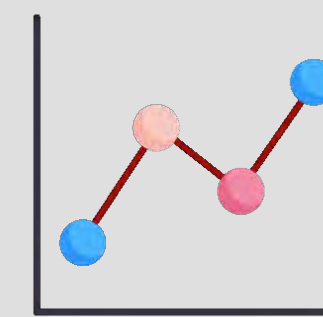
## Recommendations



Establish a National  
Strategy for Library  
Sustainability



Support Scientific  
Research and  
Development



Developing  
comprehensive  
strategic plans for 5 to  
10 years





**Thank you**