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Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript "Green Libraries: Assessing the Environmental Sustainability Initiatives in Public Libraries in Ghana" is valuable for the scientific community, as it addresses a timely and critical topic of environmental sustainability within the library sector. By examining the practices and challenges public libraries face in Ghana, this research provides insights into how libraries can serve as leaders in sustainable community engagement. Using a positivist paradigm and a diverse sample of libraries strengthens its methodology and relevance. I appreciate the paper's practical recommendations for improving library sustainability efforts, which could inspire similar initiatives globally. However, I would suggest a deeper exploration of the specific challenges related to infrastructure and funding, as they are crucial to implementing sustainability initiatives in public institutions.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The manuscript's abstract is mainly comprehensive, effectively covering the aims, methodology, results, and conclusions of the study.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	Yes	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript demonstrates scientific rigor and technical soundness through its well-structured methodology, including a positivist research paradigm and a survey design that appropriately aligns with the study's objectives. By using purposive and stratified random sampling to survey a geographically diverse set of public libraries, the study comprehensively analyzes sustainability initiatives in different contexts within Ghana. Additionally, statistical analysis to assess the impact of demographic factors such as age, education, job roles, and experience on sustainability participation strengthens the study's findings. The manuscript's results and conclusions are grounded in quantitative data, providing credible insights that contribute meaningfully to the discourse on sustainability in public libraries.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references in the manuscript appear generally sufficient in supporting the study's context and findings, but there is a noticeable gap in recent literature, particularly from 2023. Given the rapid advancements in green initiatives globally, it would be beneficial for the authors to incorporate more up-to-date studies to enhance the manuscript's relevance and alignment with current sustainability	

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	trends. I recommend adding recent references on green libraries, sustainable library practices, or environmental responsibility initiatives in libraries, focusing on studies conducted in 2023 or later. This addition would provide a more comprehensive view of current practices and challenges, further strengthening the study's contributions.	
Minor REVISION comments		
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Yes	
Optional/General comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The study's focus on green libraries and sustainability initiatives is relevant and timely, addressing the growing need for public institutions worldwide to engage in environmentally responsible practices. While the manuscript clearly outlines its objectives, a more detailed breakdown of specific goals in the introduction could provide a more precise direction and enhance the reader's understanding of the study's scope. Employing a positivist paradigm with a survey design is a suitable approach for this research; however, a brief explanation of the choice of purposive and stratified random sampling would strengthen the methodology's credibility and replicability. Including practical recommendations, such as customized awareness campaigns and staff training, is commendable; however, adding specifics on feasible implementation strategies within Ghanaian public libraries could increase the applicability of these suggestions. Adding more recent references, particularly from 2023 onwards, would help contextualize the study within current advancements in sustainable practices in libraries and reinforce its relevance. 	

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