

**A Review of the Current Recycling Plan
for the Library Department
of Ningxia University**

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

According to the field visit, there are a few recycling plans of the Yifu library. The office director of Ningxia Yifu library, Zhao ming, is in charge the book collection. When the library's old books are no longer available, the library will send these books to second-hand bookstore. Then the bookstore will sell it cheaply to people who need it. The plan is so simple that it needs to be improved.

1.2 Participants

This research will be completed by [REDACTED]. And it has been asked for by [REDACTED], my supervisor for an investigative report of recycling.

1.3 Purpose of Investigation

The purpose of investigation is to analyze and evaluate the recycling plan for the library department of Ningxia university. What's more, there are some suggestions for the library to meet the school's goal of being a Green Campus.

2. Procedures

2.1 Published Data Review

I search and collect data from Zhihu, Baidu, Zhiwang and other websites. From other people's research, I look for professional information about environment and recycling. Most of them are online materials. I use scientific and business materials.

2.2 Personal Interview

After I learn the current environment problems and knew the necessity of recycling to protect the environment, I interview an employee of the library on 28th April, 2021. Then in order to learn about other company's recycling plans, I interview the manager of Xinhua Bookstore on 28th April, 2021.

2.3 Personal Survey

In order to verify the operability of the plan, I ask for fifteen students who often stay in library to self-study to evaluate their opinions for recycling in Yifu library on 25th April,2021. What's more, I ask for five teachers and an administrator of library. The questions included the satisfaction degree for the current recycling plans, the hours they stayed in the library every day, the suggestion about recycling.

3. Findings

3.1 Results from published Data Review

Plastics are famous for its variety of shapes and flexibilities. (Conlisk,2015) The plastics industry has developed by leaps and bounds since the 1970s and 1980s. Plastic is widely used and known as 'universal material'. Plastic products are found in everything from industrial production to clothing, food, housing and transportation. According to statistics, the global plastic consumption is increasing at an annual rate of 8%, and the annual plastic consumption will reach more than 700 million tons in 2030. (What,2020) However, it is degraded

very slowly. "There are trillions of pieces of plastic currently polluting the ocean and contaminating ecosystems." (Sherman and Sebille,2016) It seriously affects human health and living environment. It is necessary to take actions to protect environment.

Plastic waste is harmful, but it can also be turned into treasure through recycling. For example, "paper products can typically be recycled into additional paper products seven times before the materials start to degrade." (Fibre,2020) What's more, going green has several other benefits for companies, such as tax credits and incentives, improved efficiency and healthier workplaces. "Recycling is the new wave of the future and everybody should be going green to save the earth." (Parletta,2019) Company can make team in a recycling program and invest in recycled paper products. It makes our future healthier and more prosperous for us all. (Fibre,2020)

3.2 Results from Personal interview

Firstly, I interview an employee of the library on 28th April, 2021. As time goes by, more and more new books are purchased. Lots of old books need to be sifted out. According to the employee, the library will contact with some second-hand bookstore. They can sell old books to people who need them. However, the employee said, there are a lot of different trash in the library every day. More and more actions need to be taken for recycling. Current recycling plan is not enough.

Secondly, I interview the manager of Xinhua Bookstore on 28th April, 2021 about

their recycling plans. People's awareness of environmental protection is not strong and the understanding of waste plastic recycling is insufficient. People generally believe that the products made of recycled plastic are inferior. They connect internet with recycling properly. They use internet to promote recycling and door-to-door recovery.

3.3 Results from Personal Survey

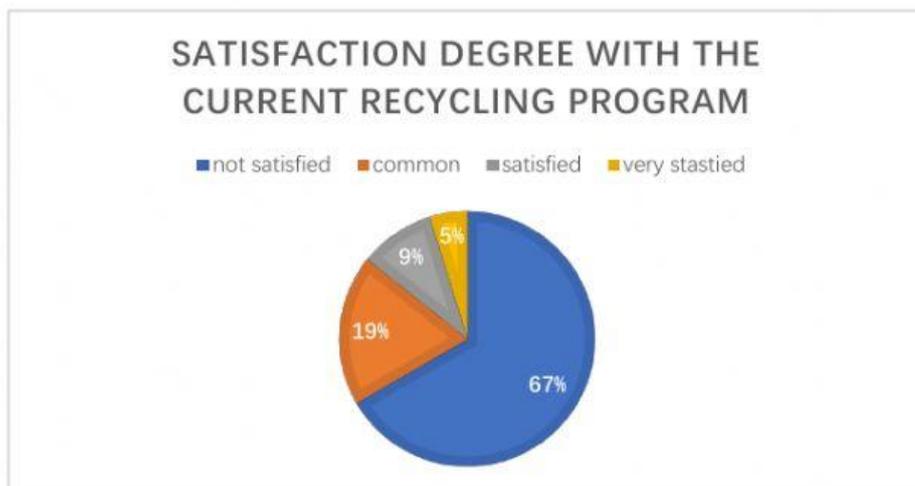


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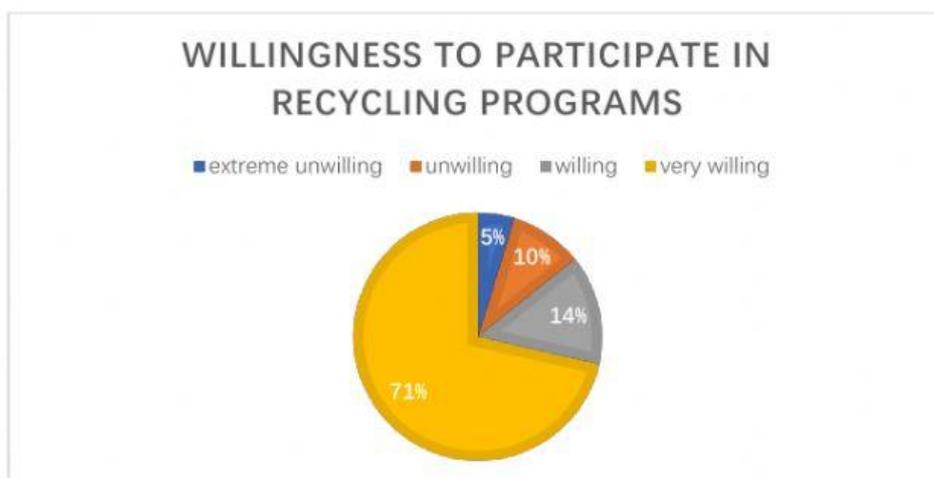


Table2

I ask for fifteen students who often stay in library to self-study to evaluate their opinions for recycling in Yifu library on 25th April. What's more, I ask for five teachers and an administrator of library. According to the Table1, most of them are not satisfied with the current recycling plan. It is necessary to improve the current plans. According to the Table2, most of them are willing to recycle. They hope the library can add more simple recycling plans which every people can participate in.

4. Conclusions

From the published data review, I gain the following information:

- More and more plastics are used in our daily life.
- The plastics are difficult to degrade and are harmful for our environment.
- We must take actions to go green in order to protect our earth.
- Some products can be treasure through recycling.
- There are more benefits of recycling for workplace.

From the personal interview, I gain the following information:

- The library should build a team to focus on how to go green.
- The library can imitate the bookstore to connect internet with recycling.

From the personal surveys, I gain the following information:

- It is necessary to adjust the current recycling system.

- The library can add more recycling items which combine study products of the students who stay in the library with recycling.

5. Recommendations

According to all information and conclusions, I can draw the following specific suggestions to improve our library to meet Green Campus:

- The manager should continue developing recycling old books item. What's more, the employees can build its own website to share old books with students who really need them.
- The employees can place an empty box in every table which students can place daily waste papers in. The employees collect them once a week and send them to a place dedicated to recycling waste paper.
- Library should build a professional team right now. The employees can connect internet with recycling of plastic bottles. When they buy drinks by vending machine online, they can put empty bottles to specific place to earn scores which can exchange gifts.
- Library can create its waste station near the door. All teachers and students can put their recycling products in there. When other people go past, they can take things which is necessary for them free of charge.

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