
National Coordination of Libraries

The National Library of Sweden's Assignment

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The Swedish library landscape includes...

- 290 public library systems
- approx. 4 000 school libraries
- 20 county/regional libraries
- 1 lending center and repository library supporting the public library system
- approx. 100 hospital libraries (mainly dual use medical and patient´s libraries)
- 38 university and university college libraries
- approx. 75 special and government agency libraries
- one National Library (KB) conducting national overview and promote cooperation for all for libraries financed by public funds
- the National Agency of Accessible Medias (MTM, formerly TPB) provides material for people with reading disabilities.



KB's assignment before and after 2011

Tasks since before for research libraries (Ministry of Education and Research):

LIBRIS systems, Interlibrary loan and resource sharing activities, BIBSAM library consortium for licensing e-resources, Open Access, Competence issues, Quality development, Metadata, National digitalization issues, Standardization, Funding projects.

Tasks added as of 2011 (Ministry of Culture):

Conduct national overview and promote cooperation, Official library statistics, Collaboration with regional and municipal libraries to follow up how the plans for library services that the local authorities and regions have adopted pursuant to the Swedish Library Act have been designed and used, Subsidy to the government funded repository library and information and lending center, and parts of the International library in Stockholm.

Why is national coordination a good idea?

free and equal
access to information
for all inhabitants

share competences

reutilization and enrichment
of data

effective processes

create qualitative, relevant
and up-to-date services

increase
consciousness
of library's role
in society

promote
cooperation
with others

be
economical with
public funds

stronger
negotiation partner

Structure for libraries to exert influence on priorities



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Steering and expert groups 2014

- Expert group for Digitization
- Expert group on Education and Learning
- Expert group for Evaluation and Quality
- Expert group on Metadata
- Steering group for OpenAccess.se and publishing related issues
- Steering group for the BIBSAM Consortium
- Steering group for LIBRIS National Infrastructure

Chair is a library director

Secretary is an executive officer from the National library

Members are appointed by external bodies



Strategic objectives for the public library service

- Further development of **LIBRIS as a base for a national catalog** (except from Swedish academic and research libraries it now also includes approx. **60 public libraries**) is a top priority to strengthen collaboration among various libraries and provide users with central information about the libraries' collections.
- Initiate a **pilot project to make e-books accessible via LIBRIS**, primarily copyright-free material, but also allow for external distributors to offer e-books via LIBRIS. Thus broadened competition among distributors and allowing public libraries to better control the cost of e-books.
- Collaboration with regional and municipal libraries to follow up how the **plans for library services** that the local authorities and regions have adopted pursuant to the **Swedish Library Act [SFS 2013:801]** have been designed and used.



Thanks for your attention!

Questions?

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