

## Annual Report to CDNL 2005 – 2006

<b>Name of Country</b> : Finland
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The extension of the National Library's services to polytechnics, public libraries and special libraries has progressed well during 2004-2005. There is a good shared understanding on the scope of the services to be provided; these will cover everything that has been done in the past since those services were deemed relevant by the libraries, but there will be some extensions as well, enabled – and made necessary – by the new information systems Finnish libraries have implemented with the help of the national library.

The so-called triangle (consisting of the traditional integrated library system, information retrieval portal and digital asset management system) went into full production following the opening of the first digital collection in ENCompass system April 2005. The National information retrieval portal (Nelli), based on MetaLib, is in production in university libraries, and the contracts on extending the service to polytechnics and public libraries have been signed. The number of libraries using the Voyager system is growing steadily. In addition to the main applications there are quite a few additional programs such as RefWorks, USEMARCON and YAZ Proxy whose purpose is to improve services and efficiency.

The new copyright Act – which allows the national library to harvest and archive the Finnish Web, and to preserve electronic resources via any means necessary – is in May 2005 still being processed in the parliament. Because the new copyright Act is closely linked to the new Act on legal deposit, also the latter is still on hold in the Ministry of Education. In spite of this, the library has continued its electronic legal deposit activities. The Finnish Web space has been archived once using the Heritrix harvester developed in co-operation between the national libraries (including ourselves) and the Internet Archive.

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