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NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SWEDEN

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General overview

On the 1st of January 2009, the National Archive of Recorded Sound and Moving Images was integrated with the National Library.

Common organisational solutions have been produced for web activities and administrative work, whereas many of the basic activities, and IT, as well as the locations, have been kept separate for the time being. The next goal is to gather the local service to the public in the main building.

Apart from this merger, much effort has been put into expanding cooperation with other memory institutions, such as the National Archives, and the National Heritage Board, and also, in a tentative way, with other organisations which could prove to be valuable partners, such as Swedish Television, Swedish Radio, and the Swedish Film Institute.

A new search service was introduced, called Sondera, connecting the catalogues of the Swedish research libraries (incl. the print collections of the National Library), the National Archives, and the audio-visual department of the National Library.

Another search service, SwePub, gives integrated access to the institutional repositories of the Swedish universities.

Cooperation seems to be a keyword to success for modern national libraries, and much of it goes on at the international level. E.g., the National Library of Sweden is very actively involved in the activities of The European Library, i.e. the portal of the European national libraries, as well as in the development of the European cross-domain portal Europeana, and of the global World Digital Library database, managed by the Library of Congress.

The library also received substantial funding from the European Union's structural funds for a regionally based development project aiming to provide a technical and organisational basis for the digitisation of daily newspapers (DigiDaily).

During 2009, several government studies were performed, and reports were published, which, potentially, will have a huge impact on the activities of the National Library.

Changes to legal deposit regulation, implying an *expansion of legal deposit to include web publishing* is proposed in one of the reports, *new responsibilities towards public libraries*, implying monitoring, development support and coordination, in another.

In addition, there is an ongoing evaluation of the Swedish copyright act. An interim report was published in March 2010, supporting the use of extended collective licensing for large-scale digitisation performed by libraries and archives.

Relationship to government - relevant legislation

The National Library is a government agency, serving directly under the Ministry of Education.

Examples of laws and regulations specific to the library are the mission statement, the annual budgetary instructions, and the Legal Deposit Law.

Key facts and figures

1. Number of staff: 374
2. Total operating budget: SEK 329 497 000

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