General overview
During 2010 the merger with the former National Archive of Recorded Sound and Moving Images, now Department of Audiovisual Material, has been consolidated, although much work is still to be done. One goal has been achieved: to gather the local service to the public in the main building.

Much effort has also this year been put into expanding cooperation with other memory institutions, such as the National Archives, and the National Heritage Board, and with other organisations which could prove to be valuable partners, such as Swedish Television, Swedish Radio, and the Swedish Film Institute. 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 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. A common program within the Nordic countries, Nordbib, concerning Open Access, has been finished in 2010.

The library also receives 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).

The changes to legal deposit regulation, implying an expansion of legal deposit to include electronic documents proposed in one governmental study, is not yet implemented but supposed to be so during 2011. Two significant development projects have been carried on. To the legal deposit of web publishing the evaluation of the Swedish copyright act is vital. An interim report was also published in March 2010, supporting the use of extended collective licensing for largescale digitisation performed by libraries and archives.

The report from 2009, proposing new responsibilities towards public libraries, that is monitoring, development support and coordination also in this field, has during 2010 implied much preparatory work.

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: 362
2. Total operating budget: SEK 317 458 000 (approximately 35 000 000 Euro)