

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NORWAY

Annual Report 2003/04 to CENL

Organisation and administration

A survey on the need for changing the organisational structure of the Library, including the presentation of various organisation models, was presented in May 2003. In June, the Board adopted a proposed outline for a new organisational model, which was based on the functions and services of the Library, ignoring the geographical locations of the two former divisions – one in Oslo and one in Mo i Rana. A new National Librarian and an Assistant National Librarian were appointed as of January 1, 2004, and in April the implementation of the new organisational model started. The Library now consists of five divisions: Collections and Bibliographic Services, Promotion of Culture, Media Conservation and Preservation, ICT and Administration - each division headed by a Division Director. In addition, an Information Director and a Finance Director have been appointed.

In connection with the reorganisation of the Library, various initiatives of both professional and social character have been taken and carried out in order to strengthen the team spirit of the employees. One such initiative was to invite all employees in Oslo to Mo i Rana to meet their colleagues there. A return visit to Oslo is planned in 2005 when the old library building is reopened.

Buildings

A total renovation of the library building in Oslo started in 2003 and will be completed by June 2005. In the meantime the staff, collections and services are located at various temporary premises.

New underground stacks have been constructed adjacent to the old library building. The total floor space is 11.000 m² of which the Library in June 2004 will take over and use 4.500 m² for stacks. The rest of the space will for the time being serve as an underground car park.

In June 2003, more than 200 guests were invited to the inauguration of the new Repository Library in Mo i Rana, housing the first automatic storage and retrieval system (ASRS) for libraries in the Nordic countries. The system is now fully operational, and the new technology secures an optimal handling of the material. This again results in more time to implement a more active collection development and to develop new services based on the collection.

Bibliographic projects

The digital conversion of the card catalogues and the national bibliography started in 2001. In 2003, approximately 100.000 books were converted. During the project period (2001-2005) a total of 600.000 items will be converted.

The annual national bibliography has been published in printed version since 1883. This practice came to an end in 2003 when the last printed issue was published.

The Digital Radio Archive

In collaboration with the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK) a total of 31.000 hours of historical radio broadcasts have been digitised since the project started in 2000, constituting approximately half of the historic archive. Digitising the radio broadcasts facilitates the reuse of the programmes by NRK and makes it possible to give access to the programmes via the Internet. The copyright questions restrict the possibility to give access to the public in general, but through cooperation we try to work out solutions to the benefit of both the copyright holder and the user.

Legal Deposit of Digital Documents

The Paradigma project continues its work to integrate the legal deposit of digital documents in the Library's normal operation. A typology has been developed, as well as selection criteria for those digital documents that we feel "deserve" manual bibliographic description at some level. These selection criteria are being integrated with criteria for more traditional types in the Library's Selection Manual. A suggestion for how often digital documents should be harvested from the web, which bibliographic level of registration they should receive, etc. has been sent out for internal review. A survey of metadata formats currently used at the Library, as well as other metadata formats, will form the basis for later decisions regarding metadata formats to be used in e.g. web-based user tools. In the technical area, the project has surveyed identifier schemes and made suggestions for a revised identifier allocation service. It is developing a holistic design for the system architecture, i.e. harvesting, data formats, access, identification, registration, etc. The work is built on IFLA's FRBR model, adding extensions to be published in CCQ later this year. User-friendly access to the Library's historic Internet Archive will be given via the Nordic Web Archive's Access Module. The legal aspects of user access to legal deposit digital documents have been surveyed, and future access scenarios described. Several test beds are completed or ongoing: The second harvesting round from ".no" in august 2003 resulted in approximately 4,1 million URLs and a third round was started. The project is taking daily snapshots of approximately 65 Internet newspapers and it continues to collect NetNews. Cooperation with several publishers has been initiated, and one deep web database has been deposited. We are discussing deep web problems within the framework of the *International Internet Preservation Consortium*, and hopefully several databases will be deposited in the near future.

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