Estonian Electronic Legal Deposit

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AI Generator: Canva
National Library of Estonia strategy for 2022–2025:
Together we develop a human-centered library: people and emotions!

- We care about our clients and employees
  - Caring and purpose-driven organisational culture

- We open a human-centered library in renovated building
  - In cooperation with partners and networks

- Digital turn
  - Higher technological quality and data management framework

- Education Centre offering knowledge and inspiration
  - For all learners and libraries
## History of Estonian Legal Deposit Act

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Since 2017 digital publications have equal importance along with printed publications, sound recordings and DVDs.
Main changes of legal deposit system (2017)

- **Legal deposit centers:**
  - **National Library of Estonia**, printed and all digital publications, websites;
  - **National Archive**, films and output-ready files of films
  - No need to digitize separate publications and films
- The number of printed publications reduced from 8 to 4 copies
- The number of deposit libraries reduced from 10 to 4
- The publication and its output-ready file shall be submitted to the legal deposit library at the earliest opportunity within 20 days
Key services for Publishers

For search "Published: 2023 - 2024" found 5536 matches

By relevance

Stuart J. Murphy
Näita ja räägi : graafikud ja diagrammid : infograafika lastele
Publisher: Koolibri. Published: 2023

Robyn Carr
Tagasi Neitsjõele
Publisher: Ernen. Published: 2023

Kimberly Belle
Isiklik assistent
Publisher: Ernen. Published: 2023

T. E. Kinsey
Turupäevamõrv
Publisher: Ernen. Published: 2023

Christine Nolfi
Vaibuv torm
Publisher: Ernen. Published: 2023

All services are accessible through Publishers Portal (since 2017, new portal on 2025)

Publisher can:
• Manage Publisher’s data and profile
• Request ISBN, ISMN, ISSN standard number
• Download EAN barcode in vector graphics
• Upload output-ready files and e-books for archiving
• Manage publications’ legal rights and access restrictions
• Follow lending statistics of publications
• Retrieve original files from the digital archive
• Files are safely stored in the digital archive DIGAR
Availability and access rights

Changes of the digital archive solutions:
- access - unite three access environments to one single portal DIGAR.
- long term preservation - new service (Exlibris, Rosetta)

Principles:
- The publisher decides about access rights
- The e-legal deposit copy, preprint files may be used at an authorized workplace.
- Web Access and copying to external media is disabled
- Authorized workplaces are located in 5 legal deposit libraries.
Where are we now?

- Cooperation with publishers is successful, strong collaboration means that there has been no need to apply fines to get legal deposit copies.

- **Developing new services:**
  - **MIRKO – e-lending platform for all Estonian people**
    - Additional service: if licence of e-book or audiobook are ended, there will be link to publishers pages, people could buy a book
  - Under discussion – with publishers, possibility to use MIRKO service and e-legal copy of book, to built new service.
  - Paid commercial service and free library service will work together.
  - People will always have access to books!
  - **Estonian audiobooks – cooperation between publishers and National Library**
    - National Library offers from 2023 services as Library for the Blind and Print Disabled
    - Publishers could use audiofiles produced by us to prepare new audiobooks
    - National Library as phonogram producer will have additional budget to buy e-books
Challenges!

• Publishers creating AI-generated books in Estonia (12%). AI books can be given ISBNs? What about National Bibliography?
  • **2023:** 7500 printed titles (3863 books, 12% AI generated?) and 7303 files (not inc ephemera and 1/5 material which we digitize from legal deposit print copies)

• One title and different formats: online pdf, preprint pdf, epub, mp3 etc. Is it still valid?
• Estonian e-residents: proposal to abandon these publications as national publications.
• Accessibility – data and text mining. Library is going to develop authorized workstations and add digital humanities tools.

• How to collect Estonian video games?