



Public Libraries in Finland

Cooperation, Changes, Chances

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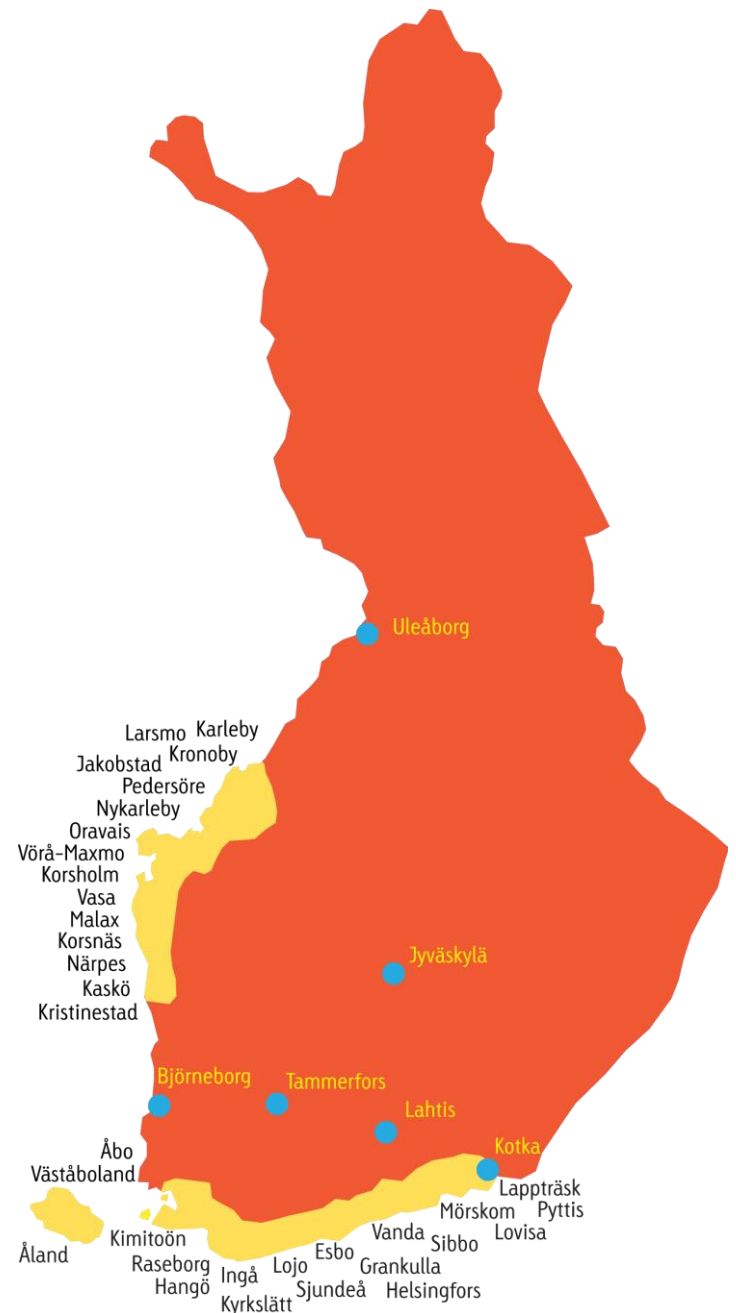
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Swedish in Finland

- Swedish is one of two official languages in Finland.
- Swedish is the mother tongue of about 5.5 % of the population, around 300.000 persons.



FSBF

- non-profit organization, no staff
- around 440 members
- founded in 1938
- advocating for and connecting public and academic libraries
- organizing conferences
- active member of IFLA and EBLIDA
- publishes Bibban triannually



Public libraries



- administrated by the municipalities
- government funding
- usage without fee by the law
- Also academic libraries are open to the public.



Key figures (2013)



- Main libraries: 291
- Branch libraries: 487
- Mobile libraries 147 (11.787 stops)
- Loans / inhabitant: 17 (books 13)
- Children's books 42 % of loans
- Expenditures / inhabitant: 59 euro
- Acquisitions / collections: 5,0 %
- Disposals / collections: 6,7 %



Cooperation

- regional library networks
- provincial libraries
- Council of Public Libraries
- libraries.fi



National coordination



- Library Act
- Ministry of Education and Culture
- Regional State Administrative Agencies
- libraries.fi

A screenshot of the libraries.fi website. The header features the 'LIBRARIES.fi' logo, language options (Suomeksi, Svenska), and navigation links (Sitemap, Index, Feedback, Info). A search bar is present. Below the header, there are main navigation buttons for 'Libraries', 'Buildings', 'Ask', and 'Library branch'. The main content area includes a 'KIRJASTO' logo, a search bar, and a list of digital resources (E-books, Audiobooks, Videos, etc.). There are several featured content boxes: 'Libraries', 'Libraries Now', 'eLibrary', 'Buildings', 'Statistics', and 'IFLA'. A right sidebar contains a video player, 'Notices', and 'News Service' sections.

Changes



- state of public finances
- merging of municipalities



Recent trends



- Library as a living room
- Library as place for creating and doing
- Self-service libraries



A guide to the digital world



Libraries closer to patrons



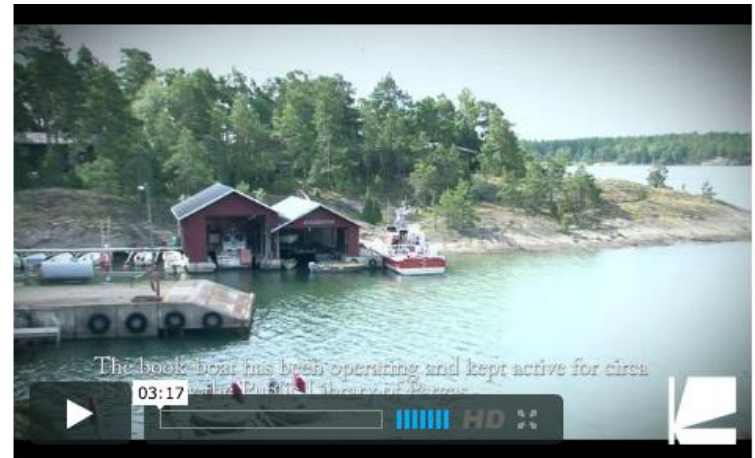
Children and young people



- Reading promoting projects and cooperation with schools
- Reading dogs
- Help with homework for school children
- Youth spaces, games, video games
- Computer programming / Coding



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