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Title:

Collecting bits and pieces – the development of methods for handling e-legal deposit of on-line news material at The National Library of Sweden

Abstract:

The aim of this paper is to describe the efforts and experiences of The National Library of Sweden in developing systems and policies to collect, store, preserve online news material published in digital form. It will give a background to the new legislation, describe the experiences so far in the implementation of the new law and discuss possible future developments.

The National Library has collected printed newspapers since the first legal deposit law was introduced in 1661. The collection contains about 122 million pages and continues to grow with about 2 million pages per year. The legal deposit law was modified in 1979 to include audio-visual material and some changes were also made for the newspapers, but since then this legislation was left unchanged despite the development of new channels for publishing newspaper content from the 1990s and onwards.

A legal deposit law for digital materials had however been proposed and discussed in government reports since the 1990s and in July 2012 such a law was introduced. For an interim period (April 1st, 2013 - December 31st, 2014) a limited number of institutions, national agencies and media corporations will deliver content to the National Library, which since 2010 also contains the collections of the Swedish National Archive of Recorded Sound and Moving Images.

Items subject to delivery are e.g. materials from websites, pdf-documents and TV and radio podcasts. The materials should have some connection to Sweden, e.g. directed to a mainly Swedish audience, produced mostly in Swedish, authored or performed by a Swedish writer, performer, etc. The new law will come into effect in its entirety in 2015. The materials collected from e.g. newspaper websites through this law will not be complete and websites will only be delivered as separate articles.

Biography:

Mr Nilsson has extensive knowledge in the field of newspapers in libraries. He was project leader of the bibliography of Swedish newspapers of the 20th century. He is deeply involved in newspaper microfilming, newspaper digitization and e-legal deposit of online newspaper material in Sweden and also has long experience as a reference librarian in the field of newspapers. He is a member (second term) of the standing committee of IFLA Newspapers Section 2013-2017.