

Instructions for the National Library of Sweden

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Tasks

Section 1

The National Library of Sweden is the national library, and, in addition, the national archive for recorded sound and moving images and carries out documentation tasks and service tasks. The agency shall:

1. receive, preserve, describe, and make available the entire Swedish imprint, and such electronic documents as referred to in Section 10, first paragraph, of the Legal Deposit Act (1993:1392); and
2. receive and preserve legal deposits of films, phonograms, videograms, and electronic documents referred to in Section 14, third paragraph, of the Legal Deposit Act, and recordings of radio and television programs, and make them available under Section 6 of the Ordinance on Legal Deposit (2008:1420).

Section 2

The agency shall also

1. fulfill the tasks that follow from the Legal Deposit Act (1993:1392), and the Ordinance on Legal Deposit (2008:1420);
2. collect, preserve, describe and make available publications associated with Sweden that are published abroad;
3. collect, preserve, describe and make available a representative collection of foreign literature, particularly in the social sciences and humanities;
4. keep the register of legal deposits of videograms which is specified in Section 31, first paragraph, of the Legal Deposit Act;
5. care for and improve the Library's older collections of books and other printed material, manuscripts, maps and images;
6. produce national bibliographical products;
7. be responsible for the union catalogue of acquisitions of foreign literature for the country's research libraries and be responsible for the exchange of bibliographical

information with foreign bibliographical centers;

8. be responsible for the national automated library system LIBRIS;
9. be responsible for questions concerning collaboration between research libraries regarding areas such as the provision of literature and the use and development of services based on information technology; and
10. analyze developments at the Swedish research libraries.

Section 3

The agency may accept as deposits or gifts or acquire in some other way documents referred to in Section 2, second and fifth paragraph, recorded sound and moving images other than those referred to in Section 1, second paragraph, and manifestations in writing, sound or images intended to be used together with the recordings.

Section 4

With regard to the documents referred to in Section 1, second paragraph, and Section 3 the agency shall

1. care for the collections stored by the agency, and
2. screen them for discards/disposals to the extent required.

The collections shall be stored in a safe way.

Section 5

The agency shall be responsible for coordination, development and certain investigative work in the library field.

Section 6

Within its area of operations the agency shall promote international cooperation and collaborate with foreign institutions and international organizations.

Management

Section 7

The agency is led by a director.

Section 8

The agency shall have an advisory council consisting of no more than ten members.

Appointments and commissions

Section 9

The National Librarian is the director.

Staff disciplinary board

Section 10

The agency shall have a staff disciplinary board.

The applicability of certain ordinances

Section 11

The agency shall apply the Staff Representatives Ordinance (1987:1101).

Exceptions from the Government Agencies Ordinance

Section 12

The following provision of the Government Agencies Ordinance (2007:515) shall not apply to the agency:

Section 27 on the right of the agency to represent the State in court.