

Södertörn University Library

Knowledge Unlatched and User Driven Acquisition

About Södertörn University

- FTE (Full time equivalent) 6827
- We conduct education and research in the humanities, social sciences, technology and natural science.
- We also offer teacher education with an intercultural profile.
- Research into the Baltic region and Eastern Europe forms a knowledge environment that is among the best in the world.

About Södertörn University

- Södertörn University's organisation is based on four academic schools that are responsible for education and research:
- School of Historical and Contemporary Studies
- School of Culture and Education
- School of Social Sciences
- School of Natural Sciences, Technology and Environmental Studies

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- Additionally, the university offers Teacher Education and Police Education.
- To complicate things further..
- Södertörn University and the Swedish Red Cross University College have entered a cooperation agreement in which Södertörn University Library is responsible for the Swedish Red Cross University College Library function.

Södertörn University Library

- Policies and guidelines
- How should we ensure that university students, teachers, researchers and other staff have good access to relevant information resources for studies, teaching, research and other work?

Acquisition policy?

- The library does not have a policy for acquisition, instead we have guidelines.
- Our work is based on user driven acquisition.
- But we have exceptions...
- Big deals (journals)
- Some databases

Open Access policy?

- The university has not an open access policy, but has a policy for electronic publishing.
- In this policy the university encourages OA publishing in general and states that the university has a positive view of OA.
- OA is mandatory for university produced publications, e.g dissertations, monographs.

Operational plan

- From the University Library Operational Plan 2015:
- Continue the development of the university's work with open access (OA), both in terms of the university's own publications and the acquired e-resources.
- From the University Library Operational Plan 2017:
- Actively participate in discussion and follow-up on what switching to open access means for the traditional acquisition.

Knowledge Unlatched

- Libraries collectively unlatch chosen academic books to a wider audience.
- <http://www.knowledgeunlatched.org/>

Knowledge Unlatched: argument: pros and cons

- Pros:
 - The Policy for electronic publishing
 - Operational plan
- Cons:
 - User driven acquisition
 - Cost

Budget for 2017

- The **entire** media budget is 7 848 000 SEK
- The budget for **e-resources**: 6 223 000 SEK
- Budget for **journals**: 3 723 000 SEK
- Budget for **e-books**: 715 000 SEK
- Budget for **databases**: 1 785 000 SEK

Knowledge Unlatched (KU)

- We knew about Knowledge Unlatched since the Pilot collection
- We participated in Round 2 collection 2015-16 with 78 new titles
- The cost for us was 31 594 SEK
- We saw this participation as a test

Knowledge Unlatched - Evaluation

- Usage statistics: 18 downloads of 105 books (both pilot and Round 2)
- No special advertising for the KU books
- Made them available in our catalogue
- Usages statistics based on IP ranges

Knowledge Unlatched

- 2016 pledge
- We did not participate
- Why?
- Reconstruction of the rules for participation
- The smallest package: all front list titles was 151 titles for a cost of nearly 70 000 SEK

Thank you!

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