

National report from BIBSYS

New profile

BIBSYS has introduced a new profile early this year. Our web site has got a new structure which is more user-friendly and easier to navigate within. The new profile also implies that our web pages has got a fresh and «modern» look with among other things RSS-feeds, frequently updated news bulletins and external blogs. As earlier, our pages support three languages, Norwegian, English and Sami. The work has been managed by our web editor, who was employed in BIBSYS one year ago.

The new profile of course also involves logo on letters, business cards, presentations and so on.

Import of bibliographic records from Biblioteksentralen

The National Library of Norway (NB) has negotiated a contract with Biblioteksentralen (which is a company that offers several services to Norwegian libraries including distribution of books and complete bibliographic records.) The contract allows not only The National Library of Norway, but all libraries using BIBSYS Library system to make use of the records as soon as the records are imported to BIBSYS joint catalogue.

BIBSYS has in consultation with The National Library of Norway implemented the technical solution for importing bibliographic records from Biblioteksentralen. Since February 2009 BIBSYS has daily been importing these bibliographic records (about 50 pr import).

Enriching bibliographic records with table of contents

BIBSYS has for several years been subscribing and importing table of contents and publishers description of new books. This makes it possible to present additional information to the bibliographic metadata in our OPAC (BIBSYS Ask). We have no similar solution for older books, but we have run a project in cooperation with AGI - Information Management Consultants in Germany. AGI runs a search engine called Dandelon, which is based on table of contents scanned from books and linked together with the book's metadata. Several libraries in Germany, Austria and Lichtenstein are scanning their material and contributing to Dandelon. We have bought a scan station from AGI and both BIBSYS and AGI have done some technical implementations which made it possible to try it out at the University Library in Trondheim. 1250 books were scanned during five days, but due to copyright issues only about 100 of the resulting tocs are presented in BIBSYS Ask.

At present BIBSYS is working with the copyright issues, we will try to get a contract with publishers and bookstores, giving us legal rights to scan books and present the tocs in BIBSYS Ask. Such an agreement has already been tried out in Germany for a couple of years.

New discovery tool (BIBSYS Ask2)

BIBSYS has developed a new discovery tool (BIBSYS Ask2). A beta release was launched in June this year. BIBSYS Ask2 has got a simplified search interface, can search in several databases simultaneously and merge the results. (At present BIBSYS, Libris, Library of Congress, Web of Science, Science Direct and Norwegian Open Research Archive (NORA)) BIBSYS Ask2 has among other things faceted browsing, support for integration of RSS feeds and is easy to integrate

in the libraries own web pages and services.

We intend to add more functionality to BIBSYS Ask2 and let it replace BIBSYS Ask1. You can try BIBSYS Ask2 yourself at <https://ask.bibsys.no/ask2/html/>.

New cataloguing client (BIBSYS Embla)

BIBSYS has also developed a new web-based cataloguing client. A beta release was launched in June this year. BIBSYS Embla is based on much of the same technology as BIBSYS Ask2. It is possible to search in several catalogues simultaneously (BIBSYS, Libris and Library of Congress), making copy cataloguing from these catalogues easy. BIBSYS Embla has integrated authority control and help functions.

As BIBSYS Embla is web-based, you only need one of the latest versions of a standard web-browser to get access to a user friendly and graphical cataloguing client.

BIBSYS Embla is currently limited to printed monographs, but if we are allowed to develop the cataloguing client, it will in the future replace our present character based cataloguing client (of which many of our users have expressed dissatisfaction).

Integration of National Bibliographies in BIBSYS joint catalogue

BIBSYS has also started to make a solution which will make it possible to integrate Bibliographies in our joint catalogue. Such a solution is requested by the National Library of Norway, which wants to use BIBSYS Library System for registering and maintenance of such records.