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Country Report, Finland

Linda - the Finnish Union Catalogue

The planning of the expansion of the Finnish union catalogue to cover all library sectors in Finland has been going on through the last year. A few of the polytechnic libraries have already joined the union catalogue through mergers with university libraries.

The public sector libraries have purchased the Aleph license at the end of last year. Negotiations are taking place with the polytechnic libraries later this year.

The National Library has started to investigate possibilities for replacing both the Voyager and Aleph cataloguing clients with an in-house built cataloguing client that could communicate with both systems. This common client would remove the need of using two different clients in libraries using union catalogue.

Asteri Authority File

In Linda- Aleph there is a separate database for authority records and Finland is now developing a bilingual authority database. Negotiations for joining VIAF are on the agenda and sharing name authorities with museums and archives has been discussed as well.

The National Digital Library project

In the end of March 2010 the national digital library project published its enterprise architecture <<http://www.kdk.fi/en/enterprisearchitecture>>. In August Ex Libris Group was chosen to implement National Digital Library's Public interface with Primo software. The project is currently still in the pilot phase. The end of the pilot phase was extended from the original February and is expected to continue until the end of June.

The final report of the long-term preservation section was published in English on September <http://www.kdk.fi/images/stories/LTP_Final_Report_v_1_1.pdf>.

Library systems

Finnish consortiums using the Voyager software are preparing to start the planning of the "next library system" together with all the other library sectors. Planning hopefully starts during the summer 2011.