



The National Library of Finland: presentation

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History of the Library

- **Founded 1640: The Library of the Royal Academy of Turku. From 1707- legal deposit copies from Swedish printers**
- **1809 Finland became an autonomous Grand Duchy of the Russian Empire (1812 Alexander I made Helsinki the new capital)**
- **the great fire of Turku 1827; the university was moved to Helsinki and reopened as the Imperial Alexander University of Finland**

History of the Library

- the rapid growth of library collections: legal deposit copies of all publications printed in Russia, huge book donations from St. Petersburg
- the new library building (planned by Carl Ludwig Engel) was opened in 1845
- Finland became independent in 1917, the Library continued with the status of legal deposit library
- Legal Deposit Act:
 - for publications 1707
 - for recordings 1981
 - for e-publications in 2008?

Key figures 2006



The budget 23 m€

- Ministry of Education 80%
- University of Helsinki 20%

The personnel

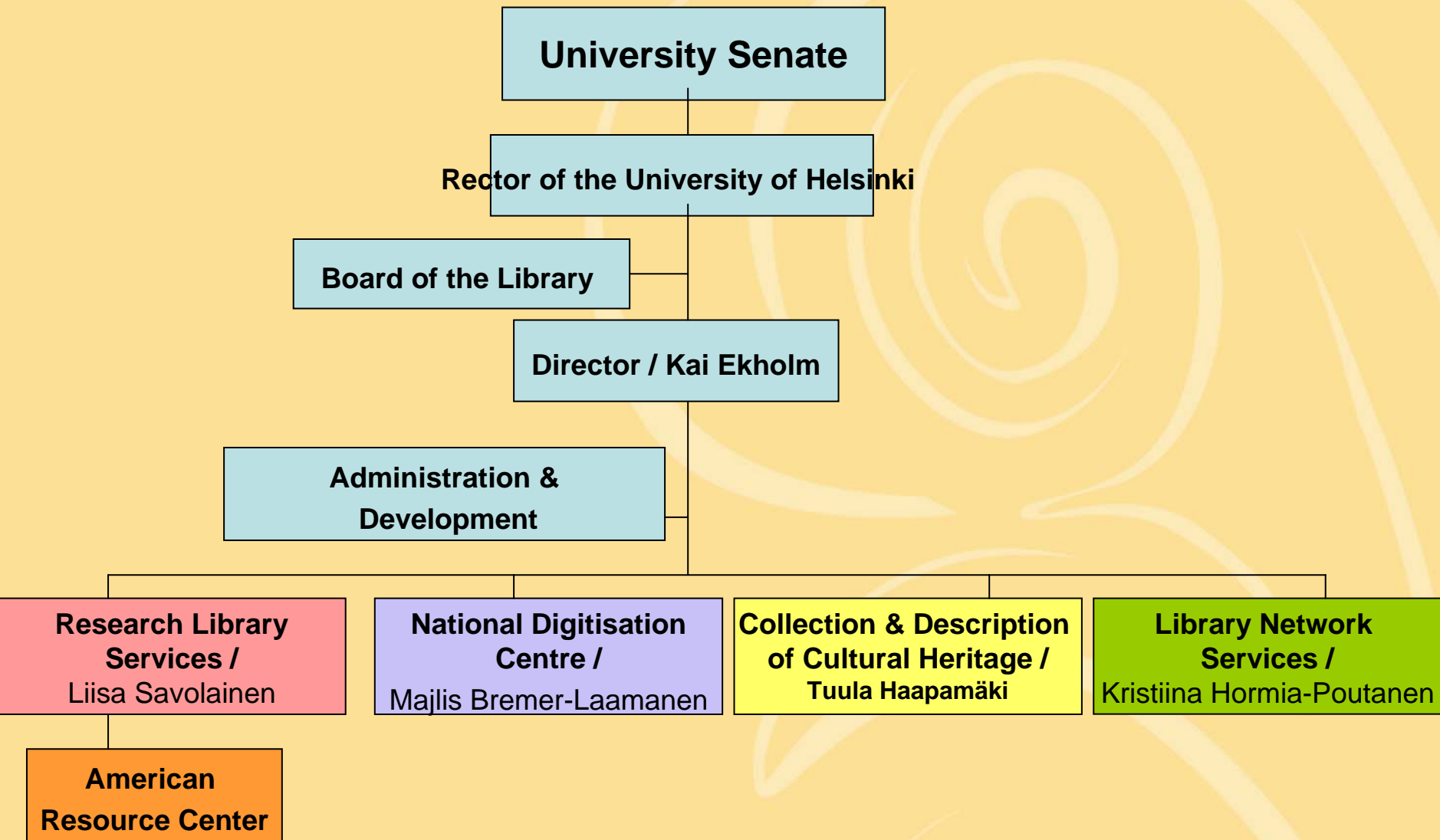
- 260 man-years (213 permanent staff)

The organization

- 4 departments since 1.3.2007
(earlier 6 departments)
- 4 locations (Helsinki: Unioninkatu 36 and Teollisuuskatu 23; Mikkeli (in eastern part of Finland: National Digitisation Centre)) and Urajärvi (in southern Finland: Deposit library)

The space: 28 500 sq (15 000 for collections, 8 500 for user services, 5 000 for staff)

National Library - organization 1.3.2007-



Strategy 2007-2015

The National Library – the national gateway to information

MISSION

The National Library ensures the availability of the published national heritage in the community.

The National Library disseminates and produces information content for the citizens and the community and builds services together with the library network and other actors in the information society.

Strategy 2007-2015

VALUES

We work together

We are explicit and reliable in our work

We are competent and keep advancing professionally

Our national heritage is always present



Main functions of the Library:

- **The National Library is responsible for the acquisition, cataloging and preservation of the national published heritage: "memory of the nation"**
- **the Library is a service and development centre for the Finnish library network and for the research and public libraries:**
 - **high quality information (databases, e-material)**
 - **technical solutions, standards, formats)**
 - **national library statistics**
- **the Library acquires material for research mainly in the arts and humanities (Helsinki University)**

The customers of National Library

END USERS

- Researchers
- Students
- Others

LIBRARIES

- University libraries
- Polytechnic libraries
- Special libraries
- Public libraries

NATIONAL LIBRARY

THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- Visitors of exhibitions
- Visitors of cultural events
- Media

PUBLISHING INDUSTRY

- Publishers; Book industry
- Authors
- Donors of legal deposits

The interest groups of National Library

THE FINANCIERS

Ministry of Education
University of Helsinki
Foundations
Regional financing

PARTNERS

Book industry
The IT Centre for Science
Kopioisto – Copyright Society

**NATIONAL
LIBRARY**

NATIONAL COOPERATION

Libraries network
Memory organisations
Virtual university
Virtual polytechnic

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

CDNL, CENL
ExLibris, IT-developers
Strategic partners
Publishers

Facts and statistics 2006

- **visitors 210 400**
- **local loans 553 000**
- **ILL services: 1 700 loans from other libraries, 2 300 loans to other libraries**
- **the number of information service requests was 3 800**
- **the collections of the Library totaled about 106 000 meters of shelving (the National "Fennica" Collection: about 30 000 meters of shelving)**
- **accession of collections yearly: 950 meters of shelving**

Facts and statistics 2006

- the databases of the Library's own collections contain over 1,7 million references (annual growth of 54 700)
- the National Bibliography database Fennica contains 807 000 bibliographic entries
- the National Discography database Viola contains 715 700 discographic entries
- the Union Catalogue of the Finnish research libraries (LINDA) contains 4,9 million references

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF FINLAND: the Research Library (Unioninkatu 36)

National Collection

National Music Archive

Slavonic Library (legal deposit copies from the Russian era 1809-1917)

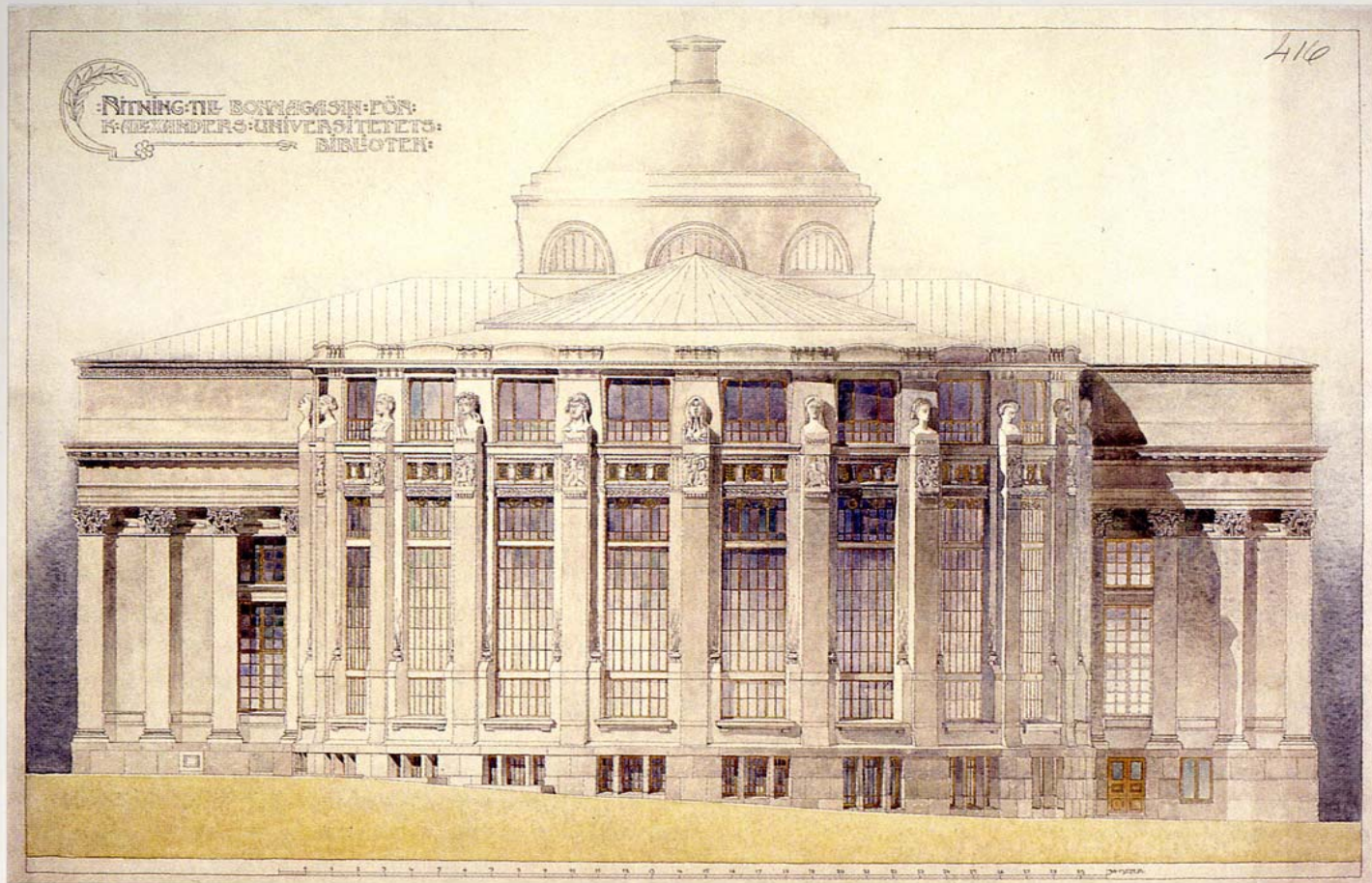
The American Research Library

Humanities Collection

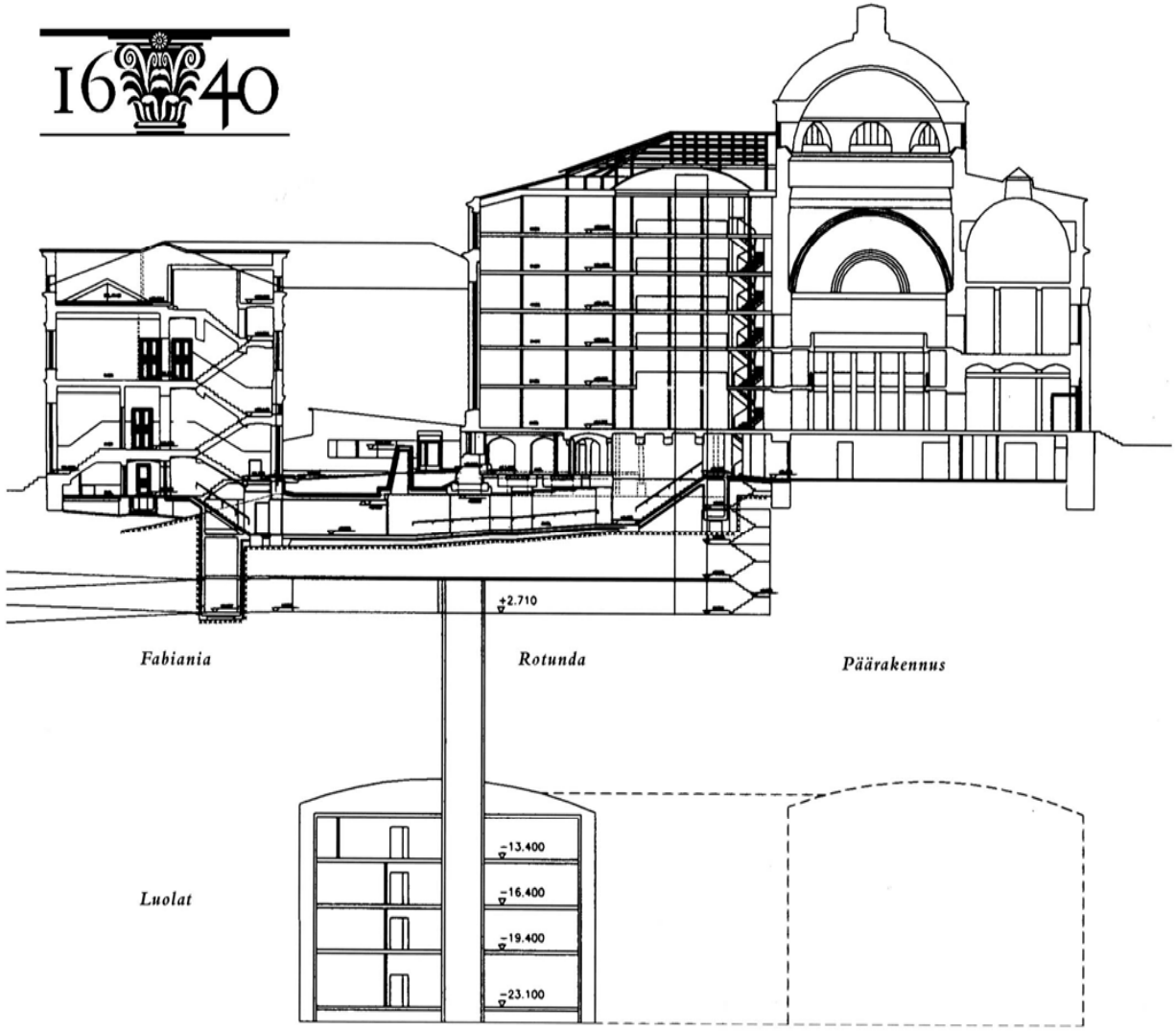
Manuscripts

A. E. Nordenskiöld map collection -
UNESCO Memory of the World Register





The National Library of Finland: the main building (Unioninkatu 36)



Preservation of cultural heritage: digitisation of own collections:



- Digital Newspaper Library (newspapers published 1771 – 1890)
- Microfilming of all domestic newspapers
- Industrial catalogues and price lists digitised
- Old Finnish music recordings (Raita-database)
- Save the book –campaign (collecting funds from the friends of books for conservation and digitisation)

Strategy 2007-2015

In the next decade:

The National Library will **preserve** for future generations all Finnish publications, both printed and electronic, as well as the valuable manuscripts in its collections.

The National Library will **support Finnish academic research** by securing that the libraries have access to information content and technology and by developing these resources together with the library network and its partners.

The centralised services provided by the National Library will **help the Finnish library network** in providing quick and easy access to information for all citizens.

The library network, the academic community and public administration will **gain from the international co-operation** of the National Library.

