All Kind of Types – an Overview of Finland’s Multifaceted Consortia

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Agenda

• The National Library of Finland
  – Service Center
  – Customers
  – Tasks
• Three Consortia
• Tasks
• New customers
• FinElLib example
Library the four Library sectors of Finland

- Finnish university libraries (20)
- Finnish polytechnics (26)
- Finnish public libraries (350 municipalities)
- Special libraries (some 300)
National Library Network Services

• Development of the digital working environment
  – Library system - Voyager
  – Nelli Library Portal – MetaLib/SFX
  – Digital Object Management System – Dspace
  – Union Catalogue – Aleph

• National catalogues
  – Linda, Union Catalogue
  – Arto, Reference Database of Finnish Articles
  – Fennica, the National Bibliography of Finland
  – Viola, the Finnish National Discography and National Bibliography of Sheet Music

• National licensing and usage support (FinELib)

NLF is A Service Centre for Finnish Libraries
Two Library System Consortia

• One library system – Voyager
• One installation
• One maintenance group
• Jointed Working groups
• But two consortia
  – One for universities and some special libraries
    Linnea
  – Another for polytechnics AMKIT
FinELib CONSORTIUM

- Licensing consortium
  - All four library sectors

- Nelli-portal (ML/SFX) is a part of FinELib consortium
  - University libraries (20)
  - Polytechnics (20)
  - Regional public Libraries (20)
  - Regional libraries represent our municipal libraries
ALEPH UC

• A Part of Linnea consortium
• Aim: Nation wide union catalogue
• Members
  – Universities
  – a couple of special libraries
• Second phase 2011
  – Polytechnics
• Third phase 2012
  – Public libraries
MORE IS MERRIER

• National Digital Library – project
  – Huge project, 35 organisations, 100 people
  – Aim: Public Interface

• Customers
  – Libraries 500
  – Museums 165 (2000)
  – Archives

• A New consortium?
FinELib CONSORTIUM

- Licensing and Nelli Portal
- Own strategy
- Steering group
- Consortium group
- Service agreements
- Project manager meetings four times in a year
- Annual seminars
- Training 1-2 sessions per year
- Wiki
Tasks & Co-operation

Ex Libris

Maintenance of Hardware
- Third Party Vendor
- OS

National Library
- Development of services
- Software maintenance
- Statistics

Customer Libraries
- Tailoring of services
- Needs of Endusers
- Enduser training

The National Library of Finland
Library Network Services
WHY DO WE HAVE SO MANY…

• Historical and political reasons
• Different funding models
• Different services

• Challenges
  – Decision making mechanisms
  – Parallel groups
  – Too complicated
  – Cooperation
  – communication