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National Library Network Services

National Ex Libris User Group: Finland

Consortia

Linnea2 Consortium consists of 16 universities (including the National Library), 4 special libraries (including the Library of Parliament and the National Repository Library), and 4 libraries of universities of applied sciences (UAS). Altogether these libraries maintain 24 databases. 21 of these are local library databases. The rest are the national bibliography, the national discography and the union catalogue databases maintained by the National Library.

AMKIT Consortium consists of 24 universities of applied sciences (former polytechnic colleges). 19 of these have their individual Voyager databases. Four UAS libraries are also members of Linnea2 consortium and have shared databases with local university libraries. In addition to managing Voyager cooperation, the Consortium coordinates many other cooperative projects of the UAS libraries.

FinELib Consortium is a consortium of Finnish universities, universities of applied sciences, research institutes and public libraries. The aim of the Consortium is to acquire electronic resources centrally on behalf of its member organisations. The electronic resources are accessed through the Finna search service.

Software

Voyager

Both consortia use Voyager in their individual databases (N=43). The current version of Voyager is 9.2.1.

Aleph

The national union catalogue Melinda uses the Aleph Central Catalogue model. Aleph version of the union catalogue was created in 2008 and opened for public in January 2009. The current version is 20.2.6. Melinda contains metadata about the material in university libraries, most joint libraries and UAS libraries, some special libraries and some of the public libraries. The union catalogue is accessible online: <http://melinda.kansalliskirjasto.fi>.

SFX (and MetaLib)

The Nelli portal that previously operated with MetaLib and SFX software was closed down on 1st of January 2017. After the closure, the end users can access SFX and electronic resources through VuFind-based Finna service. SFX version is 4.10. Metalib is no longer in use.