Business Plan 2018



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Introduction

All of Stockholm University Library's projects workflows and activities are based on two main service lines: Information Supply and Publishing Support. The services that the library offer, now and in the future do not begin or end at the library. The services are part of overall processes that spans across the whole university and in relation between the university and the research funding at a national and international level. With a clear organizational foundation in both the university administration and within the academic areas, the library will create and deliver services that are relevant, visible and accessible to our stakeholders and users.

The Mission of the Library

Stockholm University's strategy states that: The University Library plays a key part in the university's research and education. The library, in close cooperation with the departments of the administration and with the faculties, will provide support for researchers and students in a rapidly changing and expanding information community. The library will monitor developments within the field and promote the university's interests, through collaboration with the National Library of Sweden and other university libraries.

The Library's Vision, Purpose and Goals 2017-2020

To create a clear framework for what Stockholm University Library should focus on in the next few years, the management has formulated a vision, purpose and overall goal. The University Library will continue to contribute to Stockholm University's requirements for making research results open and for all development work to always be based on the needs of users.

Vision

We create the best conditions for scientific communication.

Purpose

We will support Stockholm University researchers and students in information supply and publishing support so that they can conduct research and education in an environment that is characterized by openness, innovation and diversity.

Overall Goals

- By 2020, we have taken all the necessary measures to ensure that the library's work is based upon open scientific communication.
- The services we provide should be easy to navigate and support the users in getting what they need and widen their views.

Focus Areas for 2018

For the coming year, we have identified certain areas that the library needs to focus on in order to achieve our two overall goals by 2020. Therefore we have identified four focus areas for 2018. The management team will be responsible for activities within these focus areas and will continuously update the progress throughout the year.

Strategic Planning of Library Resources

It is important for the library to deliver good services and support to all our users and to our stakeholders. To manage this we need to use our resources sensibly. In order to do that, we need to continuously provide a good overview of the library's resources and staff. This will be done through regular follow-up and planning in the management team.

Infrastructure for Research Information

Nationally and internationally, there are currently several initiatives to create a sustainable research infrastructure, both by commercial companies and by public institutions who try to position themselves in this respect. Within Stockholm University's Administration, several departments are involved, and the library is responsible for several relevant functions.

This makes it an important issue, as it concerns the entire research process, from the project application to the final publication. In order to support Stockholm University's needs, the library needs to strengthen its work related to research information infrastructure, both nationally and within the University Administration.

Strategy for Printed Collections

During 2018 several of Stockholm University library's branch libraries will undergo a major organizational change. The Geo Library will be integrated into the Frescati Library by the end of 2018. Other branch libraries such as JMK (Journalism Library), LAI (Latin Studies Library) and the Math Library will be transferred to their respective departments who will take over the running and administration from January 1, 2019.

Having this as a background, and with a need to have a sustainable printed collection, a larger weeding project at the Frescati Library needs to be done. The purpose is to free space for books that need to be integrated and to have a better updated collection. In addition to this, we want to create a discussion at a national level about a joint strategy for having sustainable printed collections.

An Open Science Action Plan for Stockholm University

According to the research proposal from the Swedish Government that came in 2016, the goal is that a shift into an Open Science community should be fully implemented within the next ten years. All operators within the research community, such as institutions of higher education and research funders, share the responsibility to ensure that the target is met. The term open science is vast and contains a variety of different orientations. By 2018, we will focus on open access to scientific publications and research data in open science. In order for Stockholm University to contribute to the achievement of the target, active work is required.

During 2018, Stockholm University Library will work to develop a long-term Open Science program focusing on publications and research data at Stockholm University.

Planning

The library's objective to work towards a flexible and easy-to-use process means that the business plan for 2018 is of an overall character. The goal is to create space for fast planning and follow-up (planning, implementing, evaluating and improving) so that services are synchronized with users' needs. Specific goals for developing our different workflows is set and continually followed-up during the year by the relevant working groups and this also applies for the management team. The goals will be documented and continuously evaluated on the library's intranet. Goals and results will also be summarized in the annual report.