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Libraries.fi is a professional library service and a web library produced in cooperation by Finnish libraries. Content services, information delivery and technical development of electronic services designed for different target groups are at the core of our activities. The unit is, together with the National Library of Finland, working on the National Digital Library and helping public libraries rationalize production of their web services. Our goal is to strengthen the competitive position of libraries on the web also through communications and marketing.

Libraries.fi is both a development unit and editorial staff for the trilingual website: the Finnish, Swedish and English language sites are portals with access to resources on literature, information retrieval, music and libraries. Libraries.fi is also a platform offering interactive web services, library television and radio as well as a news service for the use of library professionals.

Labs.kirjastot.fi – product development tailored for the needs of libraries

At Libraries.fi we have our own development group, Labs.libraries.fi, whose task it is to create test versions of new web services and to take part in projects together with other web service developers and, in the case of semantic web, also with research institutes. Labs.kirjastot.fi is especially interested in mobile applications for the sharing and retrieval of information as well as technical solutions interoperable with the different library systems.

Libraries.fi works together with a wide network of content producers making use of a modular and adjustable IT architecture. User-centered service design, flexibility, openness and services free at the point-of-use are the basic values of Libraries.fi as well as the Finnish library institution at large. New services are mainly based on open source technology.

Nimble project organisation with Government funding

The Libraries.fi services are mainly maintained with funding from the Ministry of Education and Culture and in collaboration with the Finnish library network. The development unit is part of the Helsinki City Library – Central Library for Public Libraries. In addition to library professionals, the projects are staffed by specialists in the fields of IT and communications.