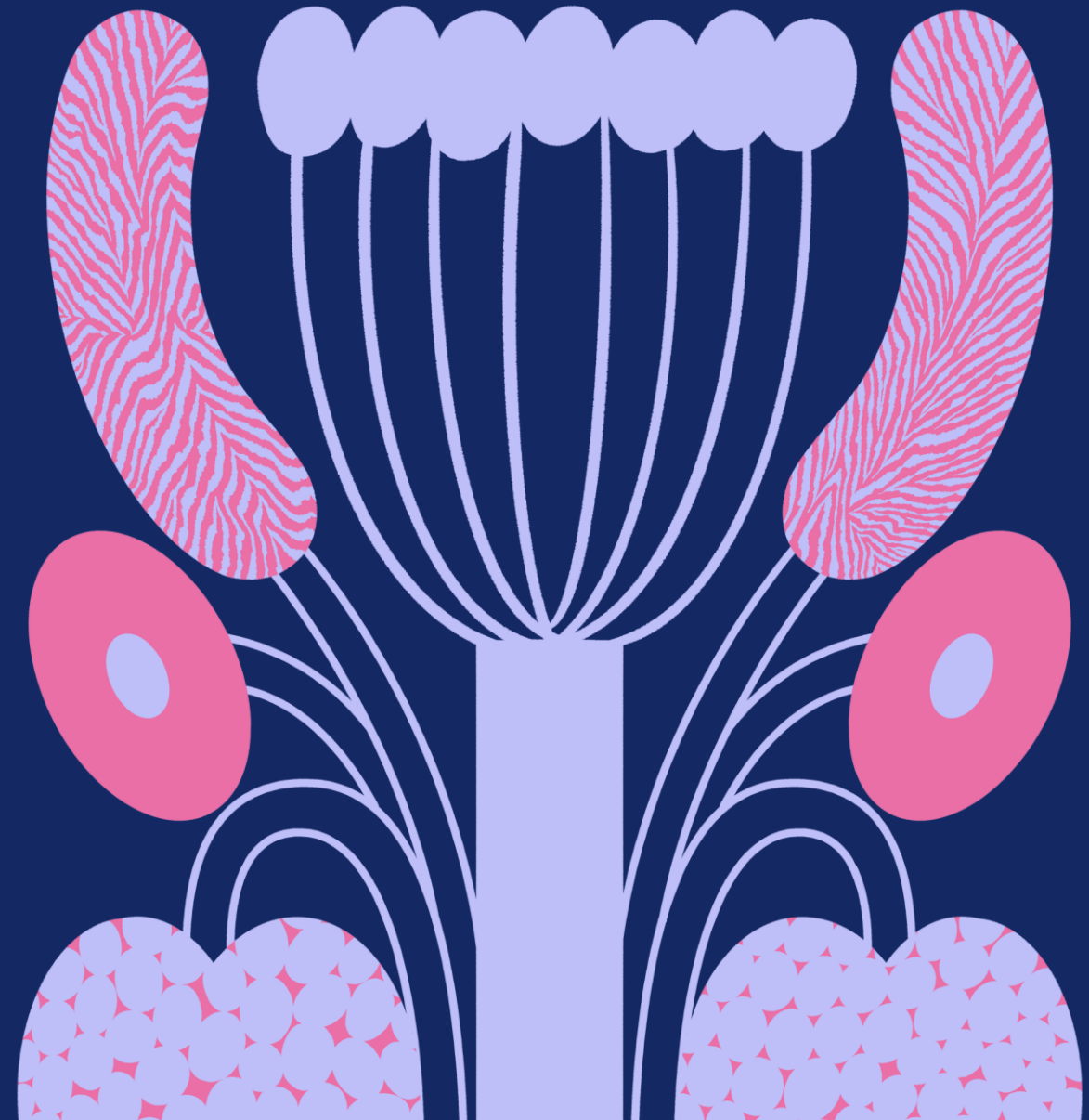


# Public Libraries in Finland

Some Basics And Practices



# Finnish Library Association

## Advocacy

NGO promoting the status of public libraries

Informs politicians about the importance of libraries

## Publisher

Produces topical up-to-date information regarding libraries.

We publish the library journal Kirjastolehti

## Trainer

We train professionals in the field

We organize the largest professional event in library sector

# In Finland using the library is a constitutional right

Library Act obliges

## Duties of a library

- To provide access to materials, information and cultural content
- Maintain a diverse and revolving collection
- Promote reading and culture
- Provide information services, guidance and support for acquisition and use of information and versatile literacy
- Provide facilities for learning, hobbies, work and civic activities

## The aim of Library Act

- Equal opportunities for education and culture
- Access to information
- Further culture and diverse reading skills
- Opportunities for lifelong learning



# How libraries co-operate

Connections with schools are solid

Outreach work: parental advisory centers, kindergartens, senior houses and nursery homes

The idea of purpose of the library:  
"we help people to help themselves"

# Mobile libraries

Importance of outreach library services

128 mobile libraries (2021)

8844 stops

Expanded services with diverse actors

Major stimulator in reading



# Self service libraries

Libraries open 751 000 hours more per year

Good experiences



# Views for e-books and audiobooks

Changes in reading habits

Building up a state wide e-book system

Co-operation with special library Celia completes the needs for print disabled persons



# Reinventing libraries for 2030?

A turning point?

Will all the people return to library after covid restrictions?

Future of literacy?

Role of traditional books later in the future?

Relevance of Workshops and Makerspaces?

**IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY –**  
making science understandable for  
everyone and promoting joy of reading





# Thank You!

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