

## **Distribution Policies**

### **Objectives:**

The National Library's distribution policy has as its objective to make the library's multi-medial collection accessible and known to the general public and the research community. It will be arranged to accommodate a comprehensive and universal distribution, both traditionally and via digital channels. The users shall be able to make draw on the collection, find information, attain knowledge and have positive experiences. This shall happen both in reading halls and via loans, through exhibitions, publications and seminars, and through different search engines. The National Library shall be in the forefront when it comes to developing assistance and services in step with modern information technology and distribution of knowledge and culture.

### **The Aims Shall Be Achieved by:**

- Being highly conscious of the process and quality of the distribution work
- Evolving and strengthening modern distribution pedagogy and methodology
- Evolving and strengthening digital distribution in step with the digitalisation program
- Cooperating with other relevant participants to realise our own distribution policies
- Linking the distribution with the building up of the National Library's collection, digitalisation program and research
- Making the collection available through exhibitions and arrangements
- Having responsibility for celebrations and commemoration of national authors
- Linking distribution activities to relevant social themes

### **Distribution of the Collections**

The nucleus of the National Library's collections is published Norwegian material. The main categories are documents published in Norwegian in the form of printed, audio-visual and digital material. Besides, the library also has big collections of manuscripts and supplementary foreign and Norwegian material in order to improve the distribution both in breadth and depth.

The National Library's distribution policies shall contribute to making the library's collections known to all potential user groups and to increase the knowledge of the material with a focus towards both the research community and the general interests of the public.

### **Digital Distribution**

Internet distribution will even more strongly than currently become the National Library's main arena. The collection-based distribution will increasingly become digital. The National Library will therefore:

- Improve and develop the collection-based distribution towards more internet distribution
- Develop knowledge-based distribution in accordance with the users' demands and their methods of asking
- Make metadata accessible in search engines
- Arrange for digital re-use
- Clarify problems of copy right
- Improve the efficiency of interlibrary loans by strengthening the collections of the Depot Library

### **Exhibitions and Arrangements**

Through the exhibitions and arrangements program, the National Library's collections shall be distributed in broad perspectives. They shall display the library as a modern institution

where digitalisation and distribution are prioritised. It is the library's special responsibility to mark the jubilees of Norwegian authors either alone or in collaboration with other organisations or institutions. The exhibitions shall vary in expression and offer the users physical and digital arenas.