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1. Acquisitions

- Gothenburg University Library (GUB): Literary archives, among them the papers of Lars Ahlin and additions to the archives of Pentti Saarikoski, Birger Sjöberg and Evert Taube. Archives of the artists Bengt Olson and Einar Hylander. – Women's History Collections: archives of Åsa Nelvin, Rita Creighton and Karin Hartmann.
- Kungliga Biblioteket, Stockholm (KB): the archives of Roland Svensson, Siri Derkert, Carlo Derkert, Bo Setterlind, Einar Nerman, Lenke Rothman, Efva Lilja, Margareta Åsberg, Michael Meschke, Elis Eriksson. – Sketches, Fredrika Bremer. – Queen Christina of Sweden 'Istoria segreta della Regina Cristina Alessandra di Svezia'. – August Strindberg: 'Den starkare'.
- Linköping Public Library, Stiftsbiblioteket (LP): Album amicorum of Johan Friderich Canzler.
- Lund University Library (LUB): Literary papers of authors, artists and composers: Jan Mårtenson, Hjalmar Gullberg, Gösta Adrian-Nilsson and Bedrich Janacek. – Letters from the poet Esaias Tegnér. – Private papers of scholars: Jan Raneke, Birger Bergh and Lars Philipson.
- Riksarkivet, Stockholm (RA): several family archives and the archives of estates, organizations, businesses and Governmental authorities.
- Uppsala University Library (UUB): Private archives of faculty members at Uppsala University Carl-Martin Edsman, Torvard Laurent and Anders Agell, and of the author Sigrid Gillner. – letters and manuscripts by Swedish author Sven Delblanc.

2. Cataloguing projects

- The National project [Ediffah](#) – A digital infrastructure for cataloguing and searching archival collections at Swedish research libraries: KB, LUB, UUB, GUB and ÖU. Under the auspices of KB.
- Kungliga Biblioteket, Stockholm (KB): in co-operation with the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library the medieval manuscript collection is going to be digitised.

3. Digital access

- [The Research Archives](#), Umeå University (FOARK): is digitising intensively its collections.
- Gothenborg University Library (GUB): [Archives of the Swedish East India Company](#); the [catalogue of manuscripts](#); the manuscript collection at the [Women's history Collections](#).
- Kungliga Biblioteket, Stockholm (KB): [Codex Gigas](#), A148. The bible was the subject of an extensive analytical project and was digitised before being loaned to Prague in September 2007. A comprehensive website has been produced. — Several medieval manuscripts are digitised; cataloguing of medieval manuscripts in co-operation with Lund University is planned; The library is going to digitise its manuscripts extensively.
- Lund University Library (LUB): [St. Laurentius Digital Manuscript Library](#). A collection of 70 medieval manuscripts. The oldest are from the 12th century and come from the cathedral library. — [Voices from Ravensbrück](#). A unique collection of interviews with the survivors of German concentration camps upon their arrival in Sweden 1945. — [The Jarring collection](#). A collection of 560 Eastern Turkestan manuscripts dating from the 16th to the 20th century, donated by the diplomat and philologist Gunnar Jarring (1907-2002). — The Correspondence of [Esaias Tegnér](#) (1782-1846), Swedish poet, professor of Greek in Lund, bishop and politician. — The correspondence of [Erik Gustaf Lidbeck](#) (1724-1803) professor of Natural history and one of Linné's disciples. — The [Papyrus Collection](#) at Lund University Library, the biggest in Sweden, consists of about 800 papyri from Egypt. Almost all texts are in Greek and date from the centuries around the birth of Christ. — The [De la Gardie Archive](#) is one of the largest archives in Sweden and contains material from 1550-1850. The inventories are published online.
- Riksarkivet, Stockholm (RA): [Brevbasen](#), a database with information about letters at RA, KB, Linköping, National Museum and Kinda.— [National Archival Database \(NAD\)](#). — Digitization of the archives of Ericsson, the letters. — Material concerning athletic clubs and organizations. — Digitisation of material concerning [Axel Oxenstierna](#).
- Uppsala University Library (UUB): Codex Argenteus, the manuscript and all printed editions of it through the ages have been scanned and will soon be available online; The Waller project is now ended after 8 years and the 38,000 autographs of the Waller Collection (letters and other original manuscripts written by scientists, doctors, philosophers, humanists, politicians and explorers from all over the world, covering a period from the Middle Ages to the 1950s) are scanned and available online; a database of medieval illuminations 'Illuminated manuscripts in Swedish collections', is in preparation at the library and will be published in 2010; planned projects: the old handwritten letter catalogue is going to be scanned in order to facilitate online retrieval. The letter database 'Bruno' is going to be reformed and published.

4. Conservation

The libraries and the archives are working with preservation strategies.

- Kungliga Biblioteket, Stockholm (KB): the library has established a new function: Head of Conservation.
- Uppsala University Library (UUB): A new method of housing letters has been developed within the Waller project: letters are attached by Japanese paper hinges to fascicules so that pages can be turned without touching the originals.

5. Selected exhibitions

The libraries are lending manuscripts to exhibitions all over the world. The following exhibitions were organised in the libraries themselves.

- Gothenburg University Library (GUB):
 - 2008 Selma Lagerlöf 150 years at the Gothenburg University Library.
- Kungliga Biblioteket, Stockholm (KB): The library hosts regular small exhibitions in its entrance hall
- Lund University Library (LUB):
 - 2008 The Year of the Map; The composer Lars-Erik Larsson 100 year.
 - 2009. Modern astronomy - the international year of Astronomy;
 The library hosts regular exhibitions in its entrance hall. A selection can be accessed [here](#).
- Uppsala University Library (UUB):
 - 2008: The apples of their eyes, about great donations to the library
 - 2009: Fire and flame, the separation of Sweden and Finland in 1809

6. Other research activities

- During these years a lot of books and dissertations based on Swedish manuscript collections have been published, among them Hedström 2008, Tipper 2008 and Haglund 2009.
- Göteborg University Library (GUB): several researchers are working with the Taube archives and the Lars Ahlin archive.
- Kungliga Biblioteket, Stockholm (KB): two new resident researchers are working with the collections; there is an ongoing project concerning the Vadstena manuscripts; co-operation within the MENOTA community; a scholarly edition of the work of Selma Lagerlöf is planned; the papers of the artist Siri Derkert and Carlo Derkert is the subject of a new project
- Lund University Library (LUB): Religion and science in Scandinavia 1600-1700, Dr. Håkan Håkansson, research fellow.
- Riksarkivet, Stockholm (RA): an inventory of personal papers and archives in the Nordic countries is in progress.
- Uppsala University Library (UUB): Editions of Persian and Arabic manuscripts from the library's collections (Muhaddis 2008).

7. Selected literature

Books and articles above all published by the staff or the institutions.

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- Fredlund, B. *Ivar Arosenius*. Stockholm 2009.
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8. Education

- The Institute for Book and Library History in the [Faculty of Arts at Lund University](#) is primarily a research unit. Studies in Book and Library History are directed towards investigating all documents of script and print culture and the processes by which these documents are produced, distributed and used. Teaching in Book and Library History is offered at all levels. The institute is unique in the Nordic countries. — The first holder of the chair, Per S. Ridderstad retired in 2007. The new holder is Henrik Horstbøll from Copenhagen.

- Library schools are also located at Högskolan in Borås, Växjö, Umeå and Uppsala University.
- Conservation: educational programs are located at Göteborg University.
- Archives: educational programs are located at Stockholm University, Lund, Härnösand, Karlstad and Göteborg. The National Archives organize courses every year.

9. News on staff, organizations; varia

- Kungliga Biblioteket, Stockholm (KB): a new organizational structure from 2007: Division of manuscripts has been merged with the division of maps and pictures. From 2009 the collections of music and antiquarian acquisitions are a part of the Division as well.
- Lund University Library (LUB): Senior librarian Eric Nicander, responsible for the music collections retired in 2009. He was substituted by Eva Nilsson Nylander.
- Riksarkivet, Stockholm (RA): Lars-Olof Welander retired, Ann Hörsell is head of the Division of Private Archives from september 2007.
- Uppsala University Library (UUB): Senior librarian Inga Johansson retired as head of the department 2008 and has been replaced by senior librarian Anders Edling.