

Jyväskylä libraries make it happen

A common strategy for information services

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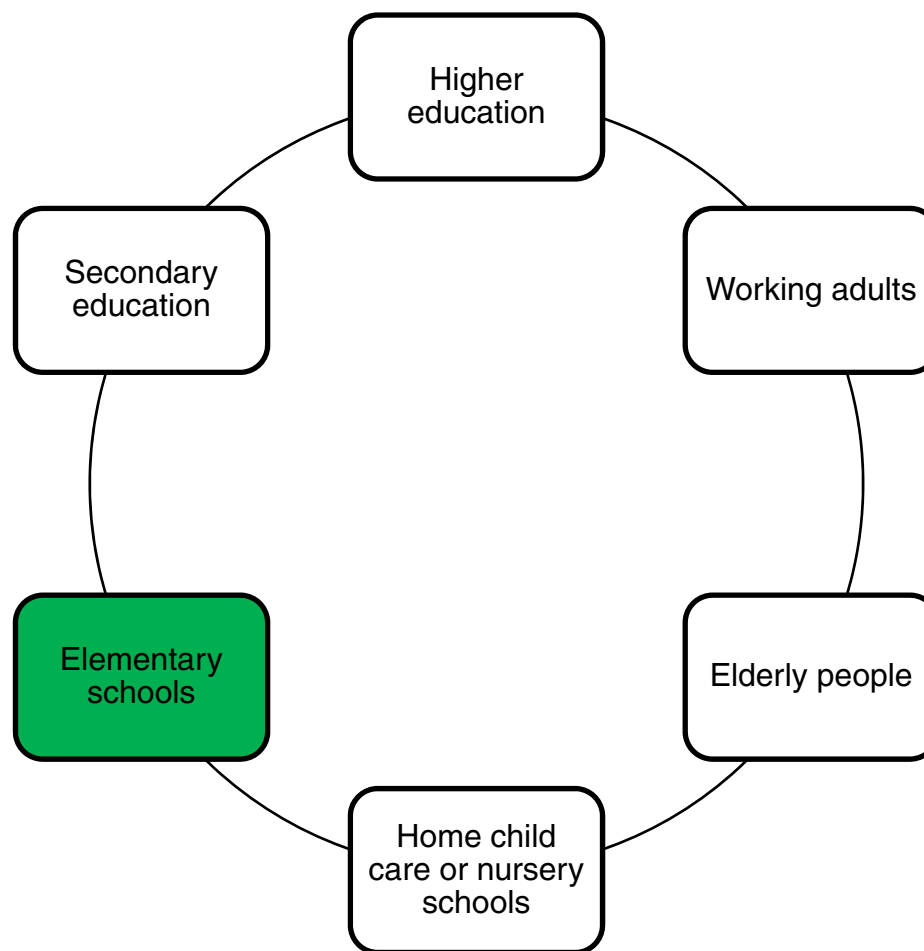
Jyväskylä, Central Finland



Jyväskylä libraries

- Jyväskylä City Library –
Regional Library of Central Finland;
<http://www.jkl.fi/kirjasto/eng>
- Jyväskylä University Library;
<http://library.jyu.fi>
- Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences Library;
<http://www.jamk.fi/english/library>
- Jyväskylä Educational Consortium Library

1st strategy / focus



Main target

- Information literate school children and students
- Supports
 - ⇒ studies
 - ⇒ working life
 - ⇒ lifelong learning

Partial goals

- IL training
 - for every school child and student
 - as a continuum from 1st grade to secondary education and university
 - integrated into curricula
 - a part of teacher training
- IL skills evaluated in every grade
- Catalogued school library material
- Mutually organized continuous update training for library personnel

Writing the strategy

- Winter 2002 - 2003
- Base: International IL definition and standards ACRL
- Financed by: Ministry of Education
- Steering group: local libraries and school authorities
- Project worker
- Two enquiries:
 - An e-mail questionnaire about school libraries
 - Interviews of library personnel

Achievements (1)

- Skills known and used across institutional boundaries
- Greater guarantee of even quality
- Things move on and progress more quickly
- Synergy

Achievements (2)

- Systematization of IL training
- Common IL standards for different grades
- Basic skills in IL for every pupil
 - School authorities / Elementary schools & Public Library
- Advanced studies in IL at universities
 - e.g. Jyväskylä University Library: IL study path
<https://kirjasto.jyu.fi/training/study-path>
- Open training or training on request for adults and elderly people
 - IL training calendar common to all libraries

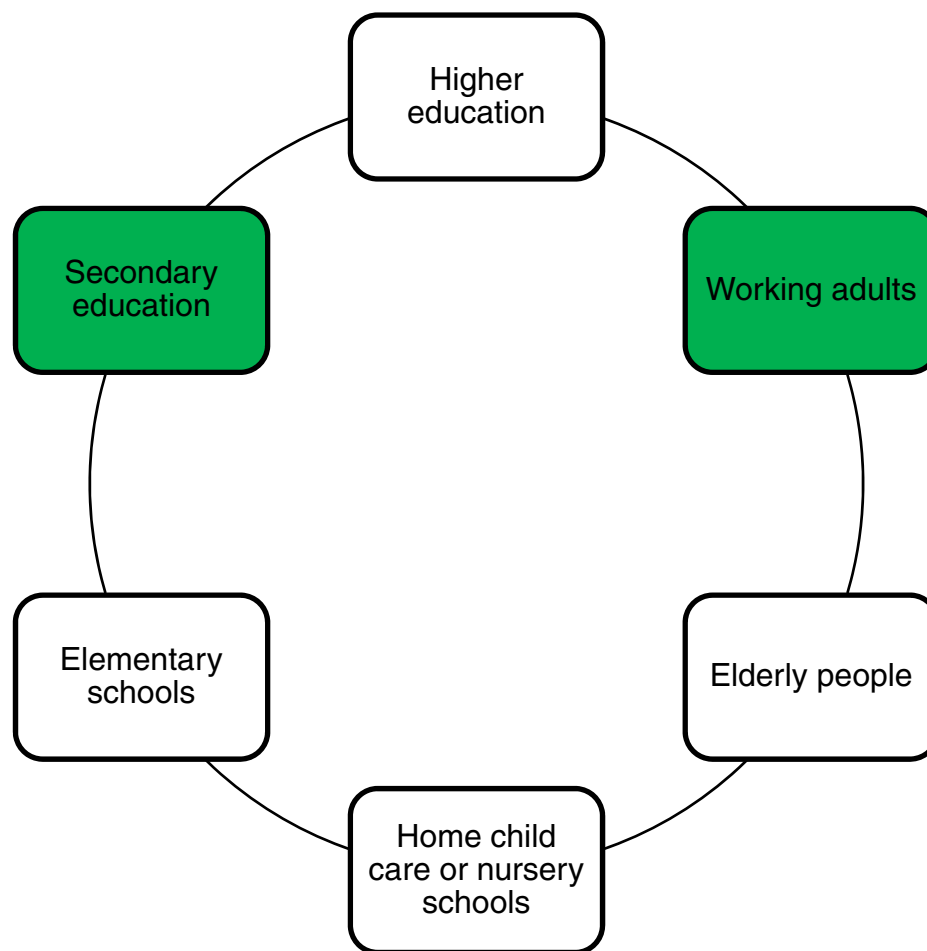
Liaison Committee of Jyväskylä Libraries

- Monitors and evaluates the information service strategy in Jyväskylä
- Organizes training for Jyväskylä library personnel
- Organizes events and development projects in the library sector
- Collaborates in the development of library services
- http://www.jyvaskylankirjastot.fi/index_eng.php

Concrete forms of cooperation

- Common training sessions and field trips
- Collaboration in providing databases and other electronic resources
- Central Finland Libraries extranet
- Harmonizing library services
- Circulating personnel between libraries

2nd strategy / focus



”Under construction”

- Collaboration with library interest groups
- Systematization, mainstreaming, integration
- Web pedagogy and e-materials
- IL is not about libraries, it is about learning processes and learning environments

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Thank You! Kiitos!

