

CombiLib

- a network of Combined Libraries in the Baltic and Nordic countries



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<http://www.combilib.net/index.html>

Sambiblioteket, Härnösand

<http://www.sambiblioteket.se>

<http://www.sambiblioteket.se/eng> (frozen)

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Almedalsbiblioteket, Visby

<http://almedalsbiblioteket.se/>

CombiLib is a network of combined libraries in the Nordic and Baltic countries.

The network consists of libraries who are working or planning on working in close cooperation with one another in the form of a combined or joint use library.

Working in this kind of framework is still a rare experience that isn't shared with the library community in general.

The network was formed to promote exchange of knowledge, ideas and methods.

The network will focus on the following key objects in the near future:

- Research on combined libraries
- Organization and management
- Staff competence development



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Planning a combined library

- Identify common needs
- Well defined aims
- Something in it for all /win win
- Participation
- Time for planning
- Openness and communication
- Support from decisionmakers
- Sensible architect
- Solid contract
- Collaboration must be kept alive

SAMverkan för smarties / Collaboration for cleverclogs

Almedalsbiblioteket

This library is for all people. It is a meeting place for people who need information as well as people who want to read books and newspapers. It is a meeting place for children and grown-ups and a link



between the university and the society. One important task is to support the life long learning. The library offers everyone a full scale service and is a centre for knowledge, information and culture.

Within the library the different competences cooperate. Developing the different activities is a prioritized issue. The library is the main library of Gotland.

Almedalsbiblioteket is designed as an open and free building. In the library-building there are different areas for studying, reading and using computers as well as attending lectures and cultural debates.

Organization

Almedalsbiblioteket in Visby is a complete coalition of two separate library organisations working together – the university library and the municipal library. The staff work together and serves children, adults as well as students of all levels. The cooperation between the two libraries is governed by contract.