



MYNDIGHETEN FÖR
TILLGÄNGLIGA MEDIER

MTM and sign language literature



MTM:s vision

A society in which all reading is accessible

MTM:s motto:

With leading knowledge and the user in focus,
MTM promotes accessible reading in society.



MTM's assignment

MTM shall work for everyone's access to literature and information about society based on the individual's conditions regardless of reading ability or impairment.

MTM does this in collaboration with libraries and schools

Publish and distribute easy-to-read-literature as a complement to the commercial market

National knowledge center for accessible media

Improve the accessibility to the content in newspapers to persons with an impairment



Assignments from the Government

MTM shall

Promote sign
language literature

Compare with
produce, buy, sell and
distribute



- SPSM = The National Agency for Special Needs Education and Schools

shall, concerning study material, promote and inform children, young people and adults with an impairment about the accessibility of study material. The agency may develop, adapt, produce and distribute study material when the need for this material is not met by the commercial market.



The law

1. Library law:

§5, priority groups: persons with disabilities and persons with other native languages than Swedish

2. The language law:

Learn, use and develop the Swedish sign language



The users:

- 30 000
- Legimus users

Some history

- 50 years ago in Sweden
- Technical conditions
- The cost
- Very few titles in sign language



What is in Legimus?

- 148 titles, 43 are adult titles
- Produced by SPSM
- Distributed on DVD
- Total number of downloads since 2011: 692
- Circulation rate 0,2



- Public libraries

Apple shelf

Producers/publishers/Legimus

- School libraries

Special shelves

Producers/publishers/Legimus



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Definition of sign language literature:

- Sign language literature is literature presented with sign language and has to be understood as a literature where signs, facial expressions and gestures are organized linguistically like a literature of the body, with the aim of giving the recipient a story.



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1. Printed books translated into sign language
2. Dramatized books with pictures and/or films
3. Sign language books with sound or subtitles
4. Books created directly in sign language



Plan for 2018

- Develop the dialogue with representatives for the users about the product
- Investigate the possibilities with a cooperation with SPSM
- Develop the dialogue about publishing this literature with other interested organizations
- Deliver one adult titel



Thank you!

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