

Everyday Life of the Apple Shelf

Public Libraries' Work With Accessible Media for Children

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Apple shelf

- the libraries responsibility and mission towards children with print disabilities
- a dedicated shelf in the library's children's section
- the shelves contain
 - various formats of accessible media
 - information about disabilities and language development
- target group
 - persons with print disabilities,
 - parents, teachers, students
- support to libraries in their work with
 - accessible media,
 - language development and reading promotion for children with print disabilities



Survey questions



- How does the libraries run the Apple shelves in their everyday work?
- What role does the Apple shelves have for information and distribution about accessible media?
- What success factors are connected to the work with Apple Shelves?
- What support do libraries need for working with Apple Shelves?

Survey

- Qualitative survey
 - interviews
 - dialogue with staff members
 - 6 libraries in four different regions
 - 40-120 minutes per interview
- Observations of the Apple shelf and the surroundings
- Cooperation between MTM, regional libraries and the University of Uppsala



Analysis

- the Apple shelf: planning, responsibility and follow-up
- the Apple shelf in the library room
- everyday life of the Apple shelf
 - information about accessible media
 - distribution of accessible media



What to do?

- Library staff
 - shared responsibility
 - strategic planning
 - define target groups
 - the Apple Shelf is a working method and in constant **development**
 - information about the library's mission and the Apple Shelf
- Management
 - reflect on the role of the Apple Shelf
 - define responsibilities and knowledge requirements for the Apple Shelf



What to do?

Regional level

- support for training and planning, implementation and follow up
- initiate and implement development

National level

- identify and develop services

Thanks

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