Change and stability in archives, libraries and museums

Mapping professional experiences in Sweden

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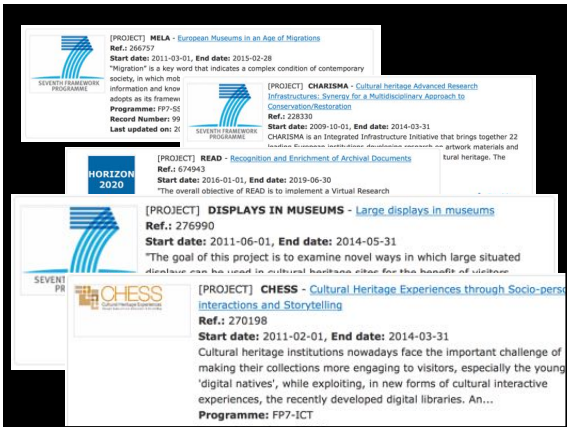

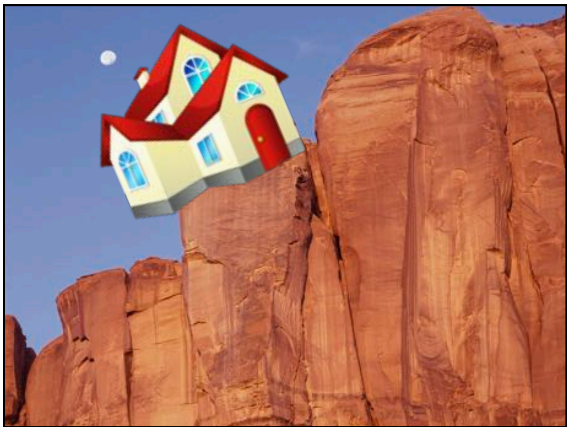

1)
What archives, libraries and museums (ALMs) can offer to the contemporary society other public and private institutions, individuals and communities can't.

2)
Describe your own vision of a perfect museum, library or archive in the year 2020 and how it is different from today?

3)
Can you think about something else that could be vital for realising the vision you described above?

4)
Can you think about any other potential barriers to using ALMs?

5)
The previous questions have been based on the assumption that archives, libraries and museums can play to a certain degree similar types of roles in the future. They have still some differences. How the roles of archives, libraries and museums differ from each other in the future?

131 Swedish ALM professionals with 61% females 34% males.
87% 31-64 y old, 35% 51-64 y.
55% undergraduate, 38% master's, 2% doctoral degree.
42% library professionals, 8% information specialists,
29% archivists,
11% museum professionals.

Answer	Count	Percentage
Museum of cultural history	17	13%
Museum of technology	3	2%
Art museum	1	1%
Public archive	26	20%
Institutional archive	7	5%
Community archive	5	4%
Public library	16	12%
Academic library	28	21%
Special library	12	9%
Other	15	11%
No answer	1	1%
Total	131	99%

i2: "ALMs stand for openness for everyone and are therefore an important building block of a democratic society. We have to continue to defend our independence, as long as it goes now.

Id18: "greater variation and more private initiatives. Databases should be opened for private actors so they can build e-services on the information, the state should not have a monopoly on culture and the mediation of knowledge.

Restraining forces

- ALMs as democratic societal institutions
- Memory function
- Preservation
- Access
- Education and bildung
- Competent staff

Driving forces

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Note!
Limitations

Professionals (still) less conservative than users?

Conservative professionals vs. engagement and technology oriented professionals.

ALMs as proactive or infrastructural institutions.

1

~~Need~~ **Desire to reassert the relevance of the ALMs.**

Externality or internality of drivers.

2

Goals
make a force
to drive or
restrain.

1) Who owns
the goals?

2) Life-space.
Peripheral.
External.

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