

Editorial

This issue of the *Nordic Journal of Library and Information Studies* presents three research articles – all genuine empirical contributions to the discipline of LIS. Some of the authors are in the early stages of their academic careers, working together with more experienced colleagues. As usual, the issue also comprises book and theses reviews, primarily but not exclusively, covering recent Nordic publications. Taken together, the various contributions reflect a vital community where both nestors and newcomers bring unique facets to the LIS prism.

The first article “Factors influencing health-seeking behaviours of asylum seekers, refugees, and undocumented immigrants: A systematic review of peer-reviewed articles” is authored by Hamed Ahmadinia and Kristina Eriksson-Backa. Their thorough review is based on scholarly records on health-related information seeking among the mentioned user groups. The findings show the difficulties in meeting the varied information needs of heterogeneous groups. The authors call for responsiveness and cross-cultural approaches when designing, developing and delivering health related information (and healthcare) services aimed at asylum seekers, refugees and undocumented immigrants.

Ann-Sofie Klareld, Emma Pihl Skoog and Kristofer Söderström stand behind the second article – “Managing the Past and the Future: Evolving professional roles of archivists in contemporary Sweden”. Against the backdrop of current changes in the professional work of archivists, Klareld and co-authors set out to identify the different aspects of archival work commonly described in job ads for archivists, including professional skills and personal traits sought by employers. According to the results, the roles and responsibilities of archival professionals described in the ads are very diverse; especially the desired personal traits often seem paradoxical and clashing.

The third article, “Opportunities and Obstacles for Citizen Science: Insights from Finnish Public Libraries” by Elena Svahn, Karolina Andersdotter and Miki Kallio, delves into an investigation of Finnish public library perspectives on citizen science. The study focuses on how libraries conceptualise a supportive environment for citizen science, and on the libraries’ conditions regarding physical space, digital space, and knowledge resources and infrastructure. Based on survey answers from Finnish public library representatives, the study shows the potential of public libraries to facilitate citizen science. Simultaneously, findings reveal challenges related to infrastructure, resources, and role delineation.

The book reviews cover quite a range of publications, two of which aim explicitly at breaking theoretical ground: Firstly, Ola Pilerot presents and discusses Nils Windfeld Lund's ambitious monograph *Introduction to Documentation Studies*, where Lund aims at developing the fundamental notions of documents and documentation further. Secondly, Jenny Glashoff has made a thorough read of the anthology *Information literacy through theory*, edited by Alison Hicks, Annemaree Lloyd and Ola Pilerot. It is striking how IL has developed over the years, from a matter of primary interest for library staff, to a research field in its own right, engaging and drawing on a broad analytical palette. The third book is also an anthology, *Rom for lesing og utforsking: Skolebibliotekets muligheter*, edited by Idunn Bøyum and Åse Kristine Tveit. Louise Limberg who is a well-suited reviewer through her firm position in the research field of information seeking and learning, empirically connected to the educational context of school libraries, concludes that the anthology has the potential to encourage and support professional development of school libraries.

The category of PhD theses reviews is an appreciated category with NJLIS. In the current issue Carin Graminius' (LU) dissertation *Research communication in the climate crisis: Open letters and the mobilization of information* is reviewed by Nils Pharo; Björn Ekström's (UB) thesis *Winding paths to species reports: Information practices in biodiversity citizen science* is presented and discussed by Olle Sköld, and finally, Ida Grönroos' (UU) thesis *'I can't play God, you know': Ethical dilemmas faced by archivists* is reviewed by Elizabeth Shepherd.

Even though this is an open issue where all papers may be regarded as independent contributions, some substantive themes emerge – possibly as signs of our time. To just mention one, citizen science – an area of growing research interest – is treated both from the perspective of Finnish public libraries and in depth by Sköld's discussion on Ekström's dissertation about specific information practices of volunteering citizens. The phenomenon of citizen science stands out as a thought-provoking challenge of established assumptions on scholarly knowledge production and adjacent professional practices.

Finally, overviewing the contributions of this issue, it becomes evident that most papers address current global and societal challenges in one way or another, be it the climate crises, the health information needs of refugees, the role of public libraries and archives in a digital age or the importance of strong school libraries. LIS undeniably has something to offer in our troubled times.

Wishing you a fruitful read!

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