

Summaries

Hans Jørn Nielsen: Digital Humanities. Digitalisering og dokument (Digital Humanities. Digitalization and document)

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At first the article presents some general issues concerning *Digital Humanities* (DH). The purpose is to explore the issues further in relation to specific examples of digitalization of documents. Among several ways of doing digital humanities the article chooses the kind of DH which defines DH as *making* and *building* of digital objects, installations and forms. The article coins this as a practical-productive turn of humanities. The article chooses three types of digitalization for further examination. The three types represent different ways of handling digitalization and different versions of the practical-productive turn. They also represent a development from the nineties until today, and on a more general level they represent modes of changes in the transition from print culture to digital culture. Finally the three types are examined in relation to theoretical and epistemological questions.

The first type we find in the digitalization of literary heritage in the nineties with focus on coding and *tagging* and on organizing of hypertext structures. The second type we find in attempts of reorganizing documents into data of information and into databases. The third type we find in the construction of multimodal and multi-media web texts. The three types connect to different kinds of theories: theories of hypertext, theories of big data, and theories

of multimodality and web media. They all represent important moments of DH and of the transition from print to digital culture.

Johanna Rivano Eckerdal & Olof Sundin: Genhusning af visdommens ugle. Encyklopædier i et livshistorisk perspektiv (Relocating the owl of wisdom. Encyclopaedias in a life-historical perspective)

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The article is an investigation of people's relation to reference books and encyclopaedias in a life historical perspective during a period when traditional encyclopaedias have undergone major changes. The method consisted of a qualitative questionnaire that was sent to volunteer contributors of the Folk life Archive in Lund, Sweden. The answers have been analysed guided by concepts rooted in post humanistic theory. The analysis shows the ways print encyclopaedias have played a role in the contributors' lives. The set of books were expensive and functioned as a middle class insurance for the family. That spouses not always agreed on the decision to invest in an encyclopaedia reveals the changed economic conditions for women and the changed book prices. The materiality of the books is of substantial importance even though it becomes a challenge when information is available online. Encyclopaedias are associated with print editions even though most of the contributors today use *Google*. The print editions have moved to cellars and country houses where their inalterability contributes to making them a part of people's lives.

Haakon Lund & Susanne Ørnager: Optimizing of information architecture in FN's World Food Programme (Optimising the information architecture in UN's World Food Programme (WFP))
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The UN World Food Programme (WFP) did identify issues within the existing information architecture. This article presents a case study where the information and knowledge management is examined. The research include an analysis of the users' (i.e. WFP staff and volunteers) searches for and access to information and examine WFP's information architecture in order to submit recommendations for a new structure that will enable users to find the information they need by an effective and unique categorisation system, i.e. a *taxonomy*.

The article presents several methods and approaches to identify the problems in WFP. The results show that the development and implementation of a common taxonomy can reduce the shortcomings with web navigation and searches for information and documents by the already established search engines. The conclusion is that WFP has to develop a pick-list that will enable a corporate terminology within the organisation. In addition to the concept list the development of synonym rings are recommended as they can improve the retrieval process. It is suggested to employ an information manager and to choose local experts within each division, the so-called taxonomy-champions, to ensure the development and maintenance of the information architecture. The latter recommendations have been implemented by WFP.

Jannicke Røgler & Tord Høivik: Levende bøker og død kapital. Omløpstallet som styringsverktøy (Living books and dead capital: Turnover rates as a management tool)
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Turnover rate, defined as loans/stock, is a well known but little used indicator among librarians. The article investigates the contribution turnover rate may have in developing the modern library. Turnover rates show the utility of the library's collections. Low values indicate that corrective action should be taken. Most Norwegian public libraries have larger collections than necessary. By referring to turnover rates it becomes easier to win support for systematic weeding of library materials.

The library community needs theoretical understanding of and practical guidance in the use of this indicator. To achieve this we summarize the literature and analyze a variety of empirical data. Norwegian turnover rates are the lowest of the Nordic countries. Half of the variation can be linked to the number of inhabitants. Small municipalities have very low turnover rates, of books in particular. The Nordic library community has rarely developed norms for collection size, turnover rates and weeding. We show how librarians can leverage statistics and systems data to calculate turnover rates in collections and sub-collections and conclude with suggestions for recommended turnover rates.