

Wider Access to Digitized Finnish Newspapers and Magazines - Haka Authentication to digi.kansalliskirjasto.fi Service

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Abstract

The National Library of Finland is running a project aiming to open up copyrighted digitized material for research purposes in universities and colleges in Finland. In practice, the opening will be done based on the Haka authentication.

The digi.kansalliskirjasto.fi service (Digi) has over 12 million pages of digitized newspapers, magazines and ephemera. The material accrues continuously as digitization proceeds.

The Newspapers and magazines are freely available online up to 1920. The more recent material is in limited use, accounting for almost half of the newspaper pages and about two-thirds of the magazine pages. Currently, this part of the material is only available in the six legal deposit libraries.

Haka authentication will allow access to digitized materials in Digi based on the user credentials of universities and polytechnics. Haka is the most used system of user authentication in Finland for higher education institutions and research institutes with approximately 326,000 end-users.

Users of the first pilot organizations will have access to material in limited use during the fall of 2017. The next universities and polytechnics can join the pilot at the beginning of 2018. The pilot phase extends until the end of 2018.

During the pilot period, no user fees are charged. The future funding model is to be explored before the end of the pilot period. Partners of the National Library in the project are Kopiosto, Ministry of Education and Culture and Mikkeli University Consortium.