

What Finna could offer for digital humanities

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Finna is a search service, one of the cornerstones of National Digital Library project. Currently Finna.fi includes descriptions of more than 13 million objects of Finnish libraries, archives and museums. It is a growing service and its goal is to be a leading route to open culture and open science. This short presentation will introduce the index of Finna and how to access it.

The index consists of the descriptive metadata of the organisations and also the normalized metadata created during the indexing. While this metadata itself can offer material for digital humanities, there is also well over one million entries that has links to freely available material provided by the partner organisations. The resources include a lot of photos, pictures of museum objects, magazines and archival documentation. The presentation gives a glimpse of these materials. There will be also short introduction to open API of Finna.fi and how to access the index programmatically.

While the presentation talks mostly about the current Finna-service, it will also include some questions and ideas for the future.