



The Sámi Archives as an Infrastructure and Partner in Educational Research

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The Sámi Archives

- The Sami Archives was founded 2012, Sajos, National Archives of Finland
- 2007 Pekka Aikio:
- "Co-operation between the National Archives and the Sámi Parliament is needed to promote the project of the Sámi Archives. It is a question of a long-term significant work for the culture.".
- A part of the collective memory of the Sámi People
- Increases knowledge of Sámi history
- Makes the documents available to researchers and other customers
- Supports Sámi research



- Located in Sajos 2nd floor, 2000 shelf meters,
- Store private archives and public authority's archives.
- Private archives can be personal and family archives, archives of Sámi associations and organizations
- 80 different archives, 300 self meters, audio-visual collections
- Our oldest archive documents, The Skolt Sámi Archives (1601 1775), is a part of the Memory of the World register.



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Archives

- Sámi skuvlenáššiidráđđi (Sámi School Committee)
- Matti Sverloff, Samuli Aikio,
- Karl Nickul, Sámi Čuvgehussearvi (Lapin sivistysseura) archives
- Juha Pentikäinen Talvadas (University of Turku), Leif Rantala Univeristy of Lapland
- SOGSAKK, Inarin opisto (Heikel family archives), Ilmari Laiti
- Fredrik Forsberg (Ministery of Education Nordic cooperation), Sámi Institute
- Organizations: Anarâškiela servi, Mii ry
- Laura Lehtola
- Marja Räty: Nellim school
- School memories –collection, writings, interviews
- Newspaperclips, Sápmelaš, Ođđa Sápmelaš
- Archives in other NA-archives
- Sámi Parliament, Sami Educational Institute

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Services

- Accept private archives as donations, possibility to take depositions
- Reading room open Monday Thursday 9 am. 4 pm.
- Digital Archive services, Astia,
- Archival Pedagogy Services for schools
- International co-operation and projects: Digital Access to Sámi Heritage Archives, Arctic Indigenous Design Archives (AIDA II), IPED-network, NORDSAMnetwork, SIIDA-museum, archival network



Material types

- Analogue materials
 - Paper, thousands of pictures, maps
 - Oldest from 17th century, mostly from 1930s onwards
 - Recordings and AV –materials
 - Mostly 1960s onwards
- Digital materials
 - Some born digital, some digitized





Digital Access to Sámi Heritage Archives

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www.digisamiarchives.com





ww.arkisto.fi/aida





Digitalization situation

- Process ongoing in the National Archives
 - Materials both in Anár and other places
- Small amounts of pictures and AV –materials done
- Materials from the AIDA –project



Archival pedagogy

- Services for schools and education on several levels
- Sámi archival education (Mittuniversitet + Sámi allaskuvla)
- Research and development needed in cooperation with schools and teachers' educaton



Challenges and possibilities

- Educational history, traditional knowledge,, grassroot activities and ideas, organizational, political work and educational ideology, archival education (traineeship), Secondary use of materials
- Digital Access (resources)
 - Language knowledge and experience
- Research
 - Projects
- Indigenizing archives
 - ways of working, record system, digital services and language
- Ethical questions
 - Active work in the projects Digital Access, AIDA, and the Sámi research ethics



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Thank you!

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