

Finnish University  
Libraries' Network



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

FUN Finnish University Libraries'  
Network

# Members 2025

- Minna Abrahamsson-Sipponen, Oulu University Library
- Marianne Dube, Hanken school of economics library
- Tommi Harju, Uniarts Library
- Tua Hindersson-Söderholm, Aalto University Research Services
- Arto Ikonen, Jyväskylä University Library (from 21 May 2025)
- Heli Kautonen, Turku University Library
- Anne Lehto, Tritonia Academic Library
- Riitta Lähdemäki (chairman), Tampere University Library
- Marja Maijala, University of Eastern Finland Library (1 Feb – 31 Jul 2025)
- Ari Muhonen, University of Eastern Finland Library (until 31 Jan 2025)
- Ari Muhonen, The National Defence University library (from 1 Feb 2025)
- Yrsa Neuman, Åbo Akademi University Library
- Minna Niemi-Grundström, Helsingin University Library
- Irene Ylönen, Jyväskylä University Library (until 20 May 2025)
- Irene Ylönen, University of Eastern Finland Library (from 1 Aug 2025)
- Susanna Parikka, Lapland University Consortium Library
- Miia Willman, LUT Academic Library

# Executive Committee 2025

- Riitta Lähdemäki, Chair, Tampere University Library
- Tua Hindersson-Söderholm, Vice-Chair, Aalto University Research Services
- Tommi Harju, Uniarts Library
- Heli Kautonen, Turku University Library
- Yrsa Neuman, Åbo Akademi University Library

# Secretary of Cooperation 2025

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# FUN Meetings 2025

FUNin Meeting 3/2025  
Tritonia Academic Library



Photo: Anne Lehto

FUNin Meeting 5/2025  
Oulu University Library



Photo: Anu Keinänen

Other meetings in 2025 were held online.

FUN meeting minutes: <http://yliopistokirjastot.fi/toiminta/kokoukset/>

# Meeting 1/2025

- Online meeting 11 Feb 2025, 12:00–15:00
- Approved the 2024 annual report.
- Approved the 2025 budget and library membership fees.
- Discussed the action plan for 2025–2026.
- Reviewed reports from the 2024 working groups.
- Discussed late-2024 FinELib agreements.
- Reviewed organizational structures and practices of member institutions.

# Meeting 2/2025

- Online meeting 8 April 2025, 9:00–12:00
- Discussion on the Rights Retention Strategy.
- Approved the action plan 2025–2026.
- Irene Ylönen presented current news from the University of Jyväskylä Open Science Centre.
- Discussion based on FUN's self-evaluation survey.
- Stakeholder meeting with the National Library's service directors: Katja Hilska-Keinonen, Nina Hyvönen and Johanna Lilja.

# Meeting 3/2025

- On-site meeting at Tritonia Academic Library, University of Vaasa, 3 June 2025, 10:00–15:00
- Anne Lehto presented Tritonia's current developments.
- Discussion on FUN's international activities; updates from LIBER and NUAS.
- Reviewed new recommendations for interlibrary loan pricing.
- Discussion on FinELib collaboration.
- Discussion on Rights Retention Strategy.
- Heli Kautonen held a workshop on AI for FUN members.

# Meeting 4/2025

- Online meeting 29 Sept 2025, 12:00–15:00
- Susanna Parikka presented updates from Lapland University Consortium Library.
- Discussion on Rights Retention Strategy.
- Reviewed updates from the FUN Communications Working Group.
- Stakeholder meeting with TSV and JUFO representatives: Henriikka Mustajoki and Janne Pölönen.

# Meeting 5/2025

- On-site meeting at the University of Oulu Library, 28 Oct 2025, 10:00–15:00
- Minna Abrahamsson-Sipponen presented updates from the University of Oulu Library.
- Discussion on the August FUN workshop and its outcomes.
- Discussion on FUN communication channels.
- Discussion on progress of Rights Retention Strategy work.
- Stakeholder meeting with Johanna Vesterinen, Director of the Repository Library.
- Stakeholder meeting with Päivi Happonen, Director General of the National Archives.

# Meeting 6/2025

- Online meeting 10 Dec 2025, 9:00–12:00
- Reviewed the implementation of the 2025–2026 action plan during 2025.
- Reviewed the draft of the 2025 annual report.
- Decided on the annual fee for the chair.
- Reviewed updates from the statistics development expert group.
- Discussed progress of the Rights Retention Strategy work.
- Stakeholder meeting with Heikki Holopainen, Executive Director of UNIFI.

# FUN Strategy 2025–2028

## Mission

FUN promotes the visibility and impact of university libraries.

## Vision

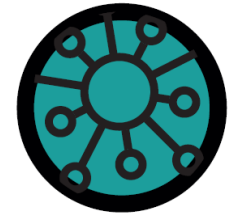
FUN strongly influences the advancement of areas essential to university libraries in society.

## Values

- Education
- Impact
- Reliability
- Human-centred approach

## Strategic Themes

Community and Collaboration



Openness

Responsibility and Sustainability



Digitalisation

# FUN Creates Impact

- FUN promoted the adoption of the Rights Retention Strategy in Finnish universities.
- FUN contributed to the steering groups of AVOTT, FinELib, and Finna.
- FUN participated in numerous stakeholder meetings:
  - FUN 2/2025 – National Library service directors
  - FUN 3/2025 – Visit to UNIFI meeting
  - FUN 4/2025 – TSV & JUFO representatives
  - FUN 5/2025 – National Archives & Repository Library
  - FUN 6/2025 – UNIFI Executive Director
- FUN has representatives in many national groups ([see final slides](#)). Representatives report annually on their activities.

# FUN Creates Impact Stakeholder Meetings

FUN & UNIFI  
meetings:  
3 Jun 2025 &  
10 Dec 2025

FUN & TSV  
meeting:  
29 Sep 2025

FUN & JUFO  
meeting:  
29 Sep 2025

FUN & MEC  
meetings:  
6 May 2025 &  
12 Nov 2025

FUN & AMKIT  
meeting:  
18 Nov 2025

FUN & National Library  
meeting:  
8 Apr 2025

FUN & National Archives &  
Repository Library  
meeting:  
28 Oct 2025

# FUN Creates Impact Statements 1/2

Statement on the Government  
Proposal to Parliament concerning  
legislative reform in the  
administrative sector of the  
Ministry of Education and Culture  
(MEC) – 30 Jan 2025

Response to a request for comments on the  
Library Impact Standard ISO 16439:2014  
Methods and procedures for assessing the  
impact of libraries – 7 Feb 2025

Statement on the draft  
Government Proposal on the  
Archiving Act and amendments to  
the Act on Information  
Management in Public  
Administration – 11 Mar 2025

Comment on the draft  
Open Availability of  
Research Data  
2025–2030  
– 21 Mar 2025

Comment on the updated  
sub-policy on the Open  
Availability of Learning  
Materials – 21 Mar 2025

# FUN Creates Impact Statements 2/2

Statement on the Finnish translation of SFS-ISO 2789:2025 Information and documentation – International library statistics standard – 31 Mar 2025

Statement on the final reports of the AI and copyright working groups – 11 Apr 2025

Comment on the Digital Cultural Heritage Reference Architecture – 20 May 2025

Statement to Parliament's Education and Culture Committee on Government Proposal HE 169/2025 concerning the Archiving Act and amendments to the Act on Information Management – 25 Nov 2025

Joint FUN–AMKIT statement to the Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC) on the pricing of Repository Library services – 8 Dec 2025

# FUN Visibility

- FUN maintains a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/yliopistokirjastot/>
- Blog posts published in 2025::
  - [Improving Accessibility at the University of Oulu Library](#)
  - [Greetings from the EOSC Symposium in Berlin, October 21–23, 2024](#)
  - [Renewed Study Spaces at the Arctic Circle Popular Among Students](#)
  - Blog publishing was temporarily paused due to the website renewal project..
- News and social media updates related to FUN's activities were published throughout the year.

# Key Results 2025

- Continued promotion of the Rights Retention Strategy (RRS) with the support of UNIFI. The RRS expert network advanced practical implementation.
- Established a Statistics Development Expert Group, which increased the visibility of statistics on the FUN website and supported harmonisation and guidance.
- Continued the FUN website renewal project.
- FUN representatives participated actively in numerous national steering and working groups. FUN's internal working groups were active throughout 2025.
- FUN issued several statements and comments on topical themes (see [separate list](#)).
- FUN served as a peer-support network for member libraries.
- FUN carried out its first self-evaluation in spring 2025.

# Working Group Highlights 2025

- **National Steering Group for Open Science and Research**  
Commenting on and approving updated declarations and policies. Developing open science monitoring and approving related indicators.
- **FinELib Steering Group**  
Establishing a new expert group to support negotiations and discontinuing the Strategy Group. Strong FUN representation in the expert group. Developing the Service Vision 2025–2030. Presenting the Rights Retention Strategy (RRS) to the steering group.
- **Finto Steering Group**  
Producing the report Subject Indexing and the Use of AI in Research Data Management – Case KAVI. Introducing a new ontology and vocabulary editor. Implementing a new communication plan with more low-threshold vocabulary guidance, e.g. for students.
- **Publication Forum Steering Group (JUFO)**  
Developing the classification (merging levels 2 and 3).
- **FUN Communications Working Group**  
Updating the FUN Communications Strategy for 2026–2028. Advancing and finalizing the website renewal. Establishing the FUN Teams channel.

# FUNin Representation 1/4

- The National Open Science and Research Steering Group (2025–2026): Riitta Lähdemäki, deputy member Tua Hindersson –Söderholm
- Digitaalisen kulttuuriperinnön pyöreä pöytä (DKPP) (Digital Cultural Heritage Roundtable): Irene Ylönen
- Expert Group for FinELib Negotiations (currently): Minna Abrahamsson-Sipponen, Anne Lehto, Riitta Lähdemäki, Susanna Parikka
- FinELibin ohjausryhmä (FinELib steering group) (2025–2028): Tommi Harju and Heli Kautonen, deputy members Minna Niemi-Grundström and Tua Hindersson-Söderholm
- Finna-konsortiorryhmä (Finna consortium group) (2025–2028): Susanna Parikka, deputy member Yrsa Neuman
- Finn-ARMA-verkoston yhteistyöneuvosto (Finn-ARMA Network collaboration council) (2019–): Riitta Lähdemäki (from 1.1.2025)
- Finto-palvelun ohjausryhmä (Finto service steering group) (2025–2028): Heli Kautonen, deputy member Miia Willman

# FUNin Representation 2/4

- Julkaisufoorumin ohjausryhmä (Publication Forum steering group) (2024–2027): Riitta Lähdemäki
- National Library's Board of Directors (1.4.2026–31.3.2030): Tommi Harju, deputy member Minna Abrahamsson-Sipponen
- Kirjastot.fi-koordinaatioryhmä (Libraries.fi coordination group) (2020–): Minna Abrahamsson-Sipponen
- Kuvailevan metatiedon asiantuntijaryhmä (KUMEA, descriptive metadata expert group) (2026–2027): Pia Backman (ÅA), Ville Huhtala (HY), Josefin Häggblom (UTU), Juho Jussila (UEF)
- Kuvailustandardiryhmä (Kusti, description standard group) (2026–2027): Maria Kovero (HY), Hannu Markkanen (JYU)
- Melindan ja kuvailuyhteistyön ohjausryhmä (Melinda and collaborative description steering group) (2025–2028): Heli Kautonen and Ari Muhonen
- Musiikkiaineiston kuvailun asiantuntijaryhmä (Muusa, music collections description expert group) (2026–2027): Ilkka Haataja (Uniarts)

# FUNin Representation 3/4

- NUAS (Det Nordiska Universitets Administratörs Samarbetet), Library Group: Anne Lehto and Susanna Parikka
- Sisällönkuvailun asiantuntijaryhmä (document description expert group) (2026–2027): Maria Forsén (ÅA), Ilkka Haataja (TaiY), Liisa Hilander (UTU), Jaakko Tuohiniemi (HY), Tarja Turunen (UEF)
- Tieteellisen laskennan ja datanhallinnan yhteistyöfoorumi (Scientific Computing and Data Management Collaboration Forum) (2025-2027): Riitta Lähdemäki
- Tietohuoltokomitea (information maintenance committee): Maria Kovero (HY)
- Toimijakuvailuverkosto (TOIKU, operator description network) (2024–2025): Ilkka Haataja (Uniarts), Tuija Nevala (deputy member Tuula Harmoinen) (JYU), Jaakko Tuohiniemi (University of Helsinki), Päivi Wendelius (University of Oulu)
- Tutkain-palvelun ohjausryhmä (Tutkain service steering group) (2023–2027): Riitta Lähdemäki, Katja Kettunen (OY), Ludvig Forsman (TY)
- Tutkijan vastuullisen arvioinnin ohjausryhmä (responsible researcher evaluation steering group) (2025–2028): Yrsa Neuman

# FUNin Representation 4/4

## **FUN Working Groups:**

- FUN Communications Working Group: Irene Ylönen (chair), Tommi Harju, Tua Hindersson-Söderholm, Arto Ikonen, Anu Keinänen (sec.)
- FUN Rights Retention Strategy (RRS) Expert Network: Representation from all FUN member organizations. Chair: Mari Aaltonen (HY). Mentor: Tua Hindersson-Söderholm.
- Statistics Development Expert Group: Jonna Lahti (TAU), Tomi Rosti (UEF), Liisa Tiittanen (TY), Veli-Matti Häkkinen (JYU). Mentor from FUN: Heli Kautonen.