# The Sign Language eLibrary of Finland

By Whom, How and Why?



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- Population 5,5 million
- 854 public libraries, funded by the government
- Special tasks: visual impaired, language
- Academic libraries
- Privately owned special libraries



## THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT

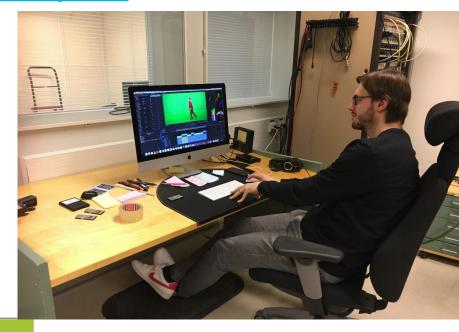
- 1) Equal opportunities everyone to access education and culture
- 2) Availability and use of information
- 3) Reading culture and versatile literacy skills
- 4) Opportunities for lifelong learning and competence development
- 5) Active citizenship, democracy and freedom of expression
- The first version 1928, the newest 2017





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## THE SIGN LANGUAGE E-LIBRARY

# By Whom?

- First plan 2006: Association of the Deaf (FAD) & Ministry of Education and Culture
- National budget 2013: fund granded to the FAD
- FAD has long tradition, knowhow, equipment, good networks

## THE SIGN LANGUAGE E-LIBRARY

# Why?

- Legal perspectives: equal opportunities to everyone (libraries act, sign language act)
- Individual perspective: collect, produce, record and publish sign language and sign language culture for everyone to enjoy and transfer it to the next generations

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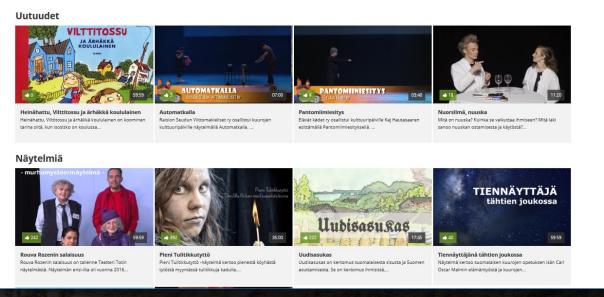
#### How?

- Producer, media worker, production team
- Topics: direct requests, arising from signing community
- Videos are stored in media server and shared online platform, WCAG2.0
- Visual interface Finnish and Swedish
- Most videos have subtitles



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# Thank you!

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