

Abstract

The purpose of the project "Development of a Model for a Municipal ABM (archive, library and museum - ALM)-cooperation" is to provide a basis for a formally organized and optimized municipal ALM cooperation in the field of local history, on an administrative as well as the professional operating level.

The focus of the project is to use existing resources in the best possible way which will provide the users with an improved quality of the services offered.

The project has been developed in two phases. Phase 1 was completed in 2008. Based on network theories its objective was to develop an applicable model for a committing ALM cooperation. Furthermore a guide (process manual) was prepared to facilitate the daily work.¹

The current report documents phase 2 of the project and describes a practical testing and further development of models for cooperation, which were initiated in the first phase of the project. Tests have been carried out in three key areas of ALM institutions. When it comes to test the model's flexibility, the intention of one of the projects is to create permanent frameworks and platforms for optimized and structured collaboration concerning specific projects and line functions, and the other two are structural and operational-oriented projects that should lead to permanent organizational change among partner institutions.

The model and the guide have been used and tested in the following projects:

1. Collection, exhibition, and documentation cooperation: The specific topic was Greenland in Aalborg. The aim is to establish a permanent platform for continued cooperation.
2. Establishment of a new joint state of the art repository for the collections of the organizations.
3. Establishment of an ALM-reading room, documentation, and experience center: HistorieAalborg (HistoryAalborg)

¹ The first report: <http://www.aalborgkommune.dk/Borger/Kultur-natur-og-fritid/lokalhistorie/Aalborg-Stadsarkiv/Documents/Modeludvikling-for-kommunalt-ABM-samarbejde-i-Aalborg-Kommune.pdf>

Based on the experience of the projects mentioned, the general ALM network model and the guide have been evaluated. The elements of the model are reviewed and revised to enable improved capture of the dynamics of the processes and to account for the various issues and elements of the network and its different foundation in the three types of organizations. Similarly, the strengths and weaknesses of the guide are analyzed and evaluated as a practical working tool, and the findings have led to a revised model and guide.