Relating to the smart generation



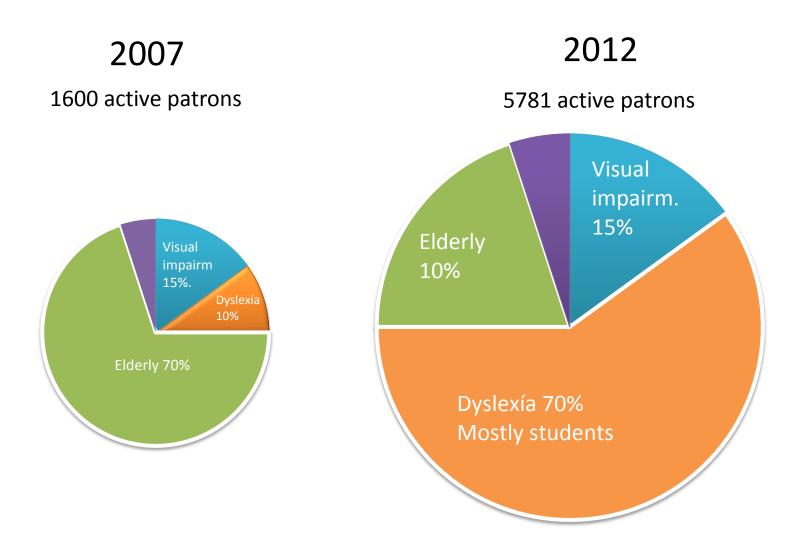


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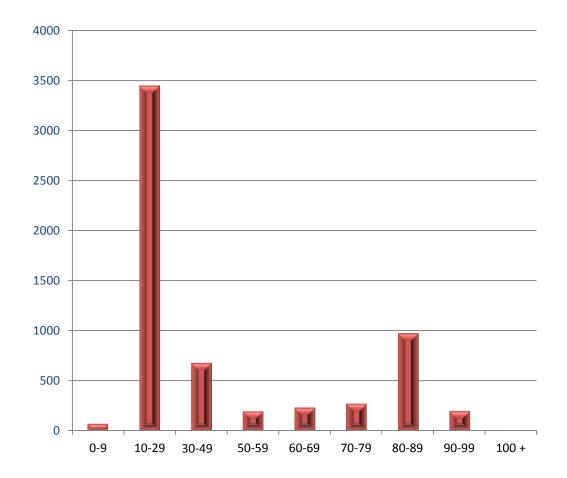
- Around 1950 the Union of the Blind in Iceland started to produce a few audio books – the demand grew constantly.
- In 1982 the Library for the Blind was founded in Iceland
- Services for those who cannot read printed matter for any reason from the beginning
- In the beginning most patrons were blind or partially sighted
 - The number of elderly patrons grew fast





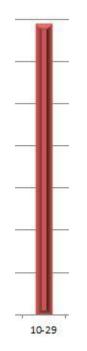






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The smart generation





What happened?

To put it short: we turned a cassette books library focused on the elderly into a digital library focused on all age groups.

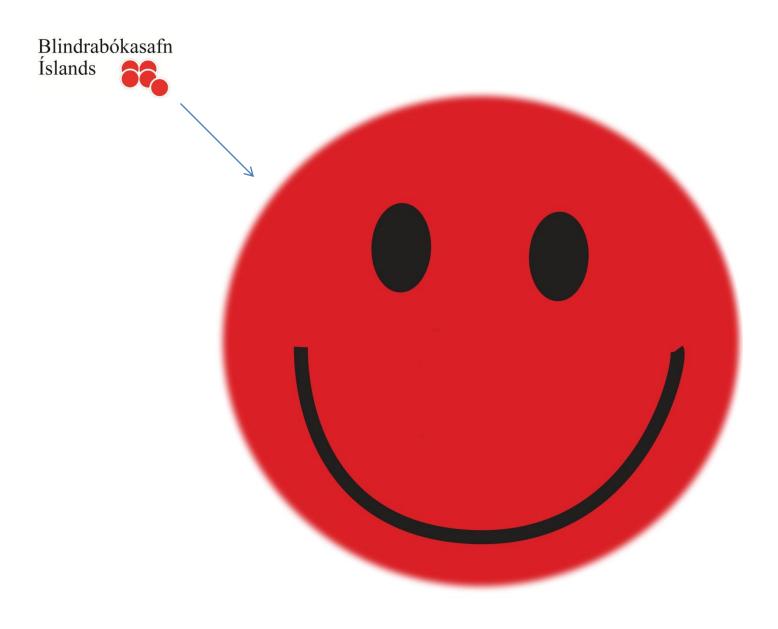




We simultaneously worked on ...

- * Developing new loaning and production systems
- * Digitalizing 6000 titles
- Focusing on different age groups young people dealing with dyslexia



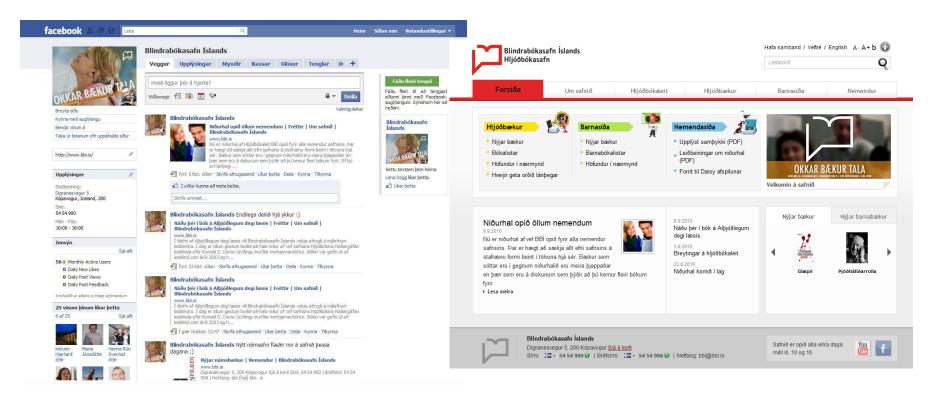


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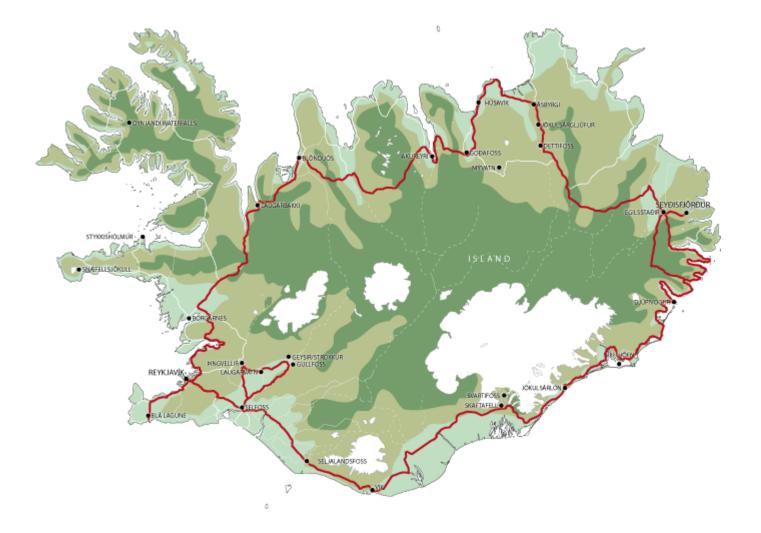
New website, Facebook, downloading



800 followers

up to 2000 visits a day

Road trip around Iceland 33 schools visited







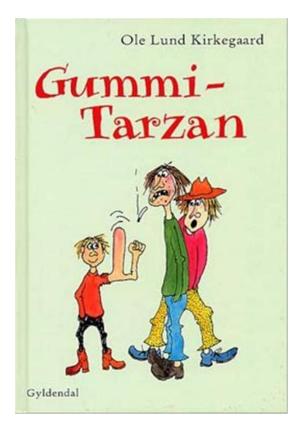
: "During grammar school it was like being slapped over and over again. I was an examplary student, I always showed up, I studied extreemely hard but always got horrible grades. In the end I was put in class with students with cognitive challenges. It is very easy to loose faith in yourself completely. I got depressed and in High School I just gave up. When my mom sent me to a Davis specialist, my life turned around."



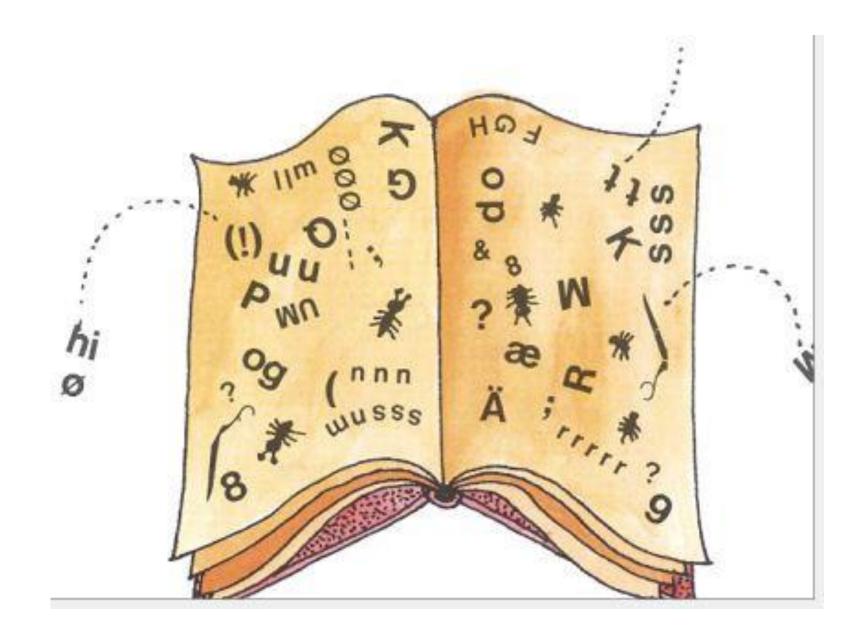




Ole Lund Kirkegaard 1940 -1979 And we took the example of Rubber Tarzan, a persona created by Ole Lund Kirkegaard.



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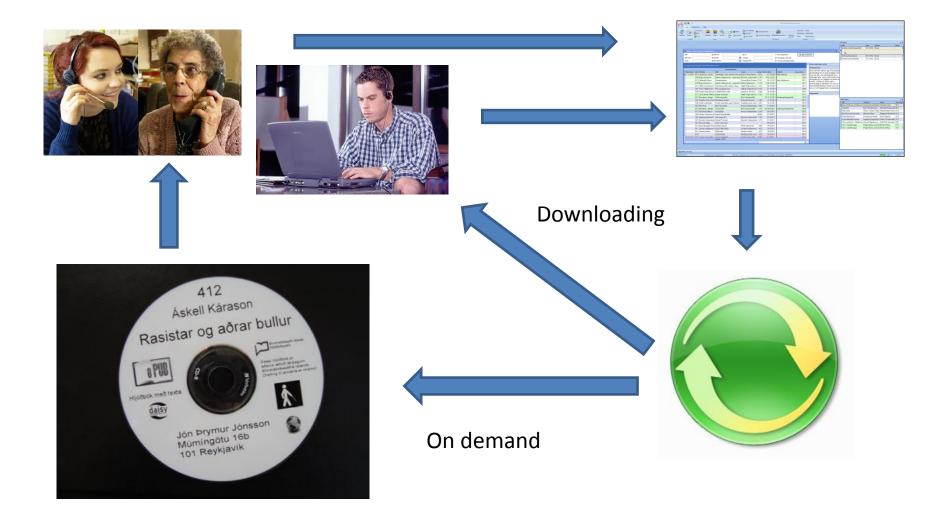








Sneak in the services and how it works - go for it!



The biggest lesson!

* Talk to the patron himself rather than teachers, parents or other intermediaries.



 because they are the smart generation.



The prison mission









The future



New challenges ... new opportunities all the time ...

Thank you for listening



Questions?



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