Swedish and Sweden in the UW Libraries

Overview: The University of Washington Libraries supports the Department of Scandinavian Studies’ Swedish program with collections of print, electronic, and audiovisual media from and about Sweden. The Libraries hold over 30,000 cataloged items in Swedish.

Finding Swedish Books and Media: Use UW Libraries Search, the UW Libraries’ online catalog, to find Swedish books, films, and music to borrow. This is the main search box on the UW Libraries’ homepage at lib.washington.edu

- **Swedish characters (å, ä, ö):** English-language interfaces will usually accept a for å, ä; o for ö; and e for é. Note that Swedish interfaces may require the Swedish characters.

- **Finding materials in Swedish:** Search using Swedish words, and/ or run a search by subject or author, then limit language to “Swedish” under “Refine My Results”. To find works by Swedish authors translated to English, search the author and limit language to “English”. To find particular types of books:
  - Dictionaries: Search keywords **Swedish language dictionaries English**
  - Grammars: Search keywords **Swedish language grammar**
  - Children’s literature: Search keywords **juvenile literature Sweden**
  - Folklore: Search keywords **folklore Sweden**
  - Short stories: Search the keyword **noveller or berättelser** and limit language to “Swedish”.
  - Poems: Search the keyword **dikter or poesi** and limit language to “Swedish”.

- **Browse Swedish films:** To browse Swedish films, in UW Libraries Search’s Advanced Search, enter $$ (dollar sign) as the keyword and select “Audio & Video” in material type. After running your search, limit language to “Swedish” and resource type to “DVD Videos” or “Audio CDs” or other desired format.

- **Sort by date:** Select “Date-newest” in the “Sorted by” drop-down menu to bring the most recent items to the top of the list.

- **Get a UW book/disc:** Either use the “Availability & Request Options” tab, or get the item from the shelf. Before going to the shelf, note the location, call number, and availability. Items may be on a different campus or in closed “Auxiliary” stacks. Items in the “Auxiliary” locations are off-site and closed to browsing, and must be requested via the catalog.

- **Summit libraries:** If the book/disc is not owned by UW Libraries, or the UW copy is checked out, a note may indicate “held by Summit Libraries”. These items can also be requested, but may take longer to retrieve because they come from other institutions.

- **Ebooks:** UW ebooks can generally be accessed on or off campus. Summit ebooks are displayed in the catalog but are not usually accessible.
Finding More Swedish Resources: The UW Libraries can also help you find and access resources about Sweden and Swedish beyond books, films, and music. The best place to start is the Scandinavian Studies Research Guide at guides.lib.washington.edu/scandinavian

- Find **scholarly articles** related to Sweden in the humanities and other disciplines using pre-selected databases with international content in the “Find Articles” tab.
- Locate **dissertations and theses** about Sweden and Swedish topics in the “Theses/Dissertations” tab.
- Get **background information** on Sweden in the “Online Reference” tab.
- Find Swedish **news** (in English and Swedish) in “Current Events”.
- Find more resources in the “Nordic Libraries” and “Open Access” tabs.
- See the full list of subject-specific guides at guides.lib.washington.edu

More Study/Research Help: UW Librarians are available to help you with topic selection, recommending starting points for search, search strategies, accessing resources, citation management, etc. Librarians can help with anything from simple directional information to setting up individual consultations for complex reference and research questions.

- For most general inquiries, talk to a librarian at the reference desk in any UW Library or contact librarians electronically via chat, email, phone, or text. If assistance on your question would be better handled by someone else, they can refer you.
  - Email/chat contact options: www.lib.washington.edu/about/contact
  - Main reference desk - phone: (206) 543-0242

- For in-depth questions specific to a particular subject/discipline:
  - For Scandinavian studies or linguistics, email Dan Mandeville, UW Nordic Studies & Linguistics Librarian, at dcman@uw.edu
  - For other disciplines, contact a subject librarian: http://guides.lib.uw.edu/research/subject-librarians