

ALM

Archives, libraries and museums
working together to give people
access to our cultural heritage

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ALM institutions

- A for archives
- L for libraries
- M for museums

International experiences

- ABM utvikling in Norway
- Privatarkivregistret in Finland
- National register of archives in England
- Online archive of California

www.danpa.dk

Denmark's National Private Archives
Database

www.noks.dk

Cultural historical database for
searching material concerning the
North of Jutland

Purpose of NOKS

- Make collections of archives, libraries and museums accessible on the Internet
- Possibility of searching in the institutions at the same time and having the result in one search
- Reuse of the digitally catalogued records
- Collect all sorts of material
- Attempt to create standards

Participants

- 3 local historical archives
- 3 cultural historical museums
- 2 art museums
- The Central Library of the County of Northern Jutland

Organisation

- Steering Committee with equal representation from archives, libraries and museums
- Budget: 143.000 EURO

Figures in NOKS

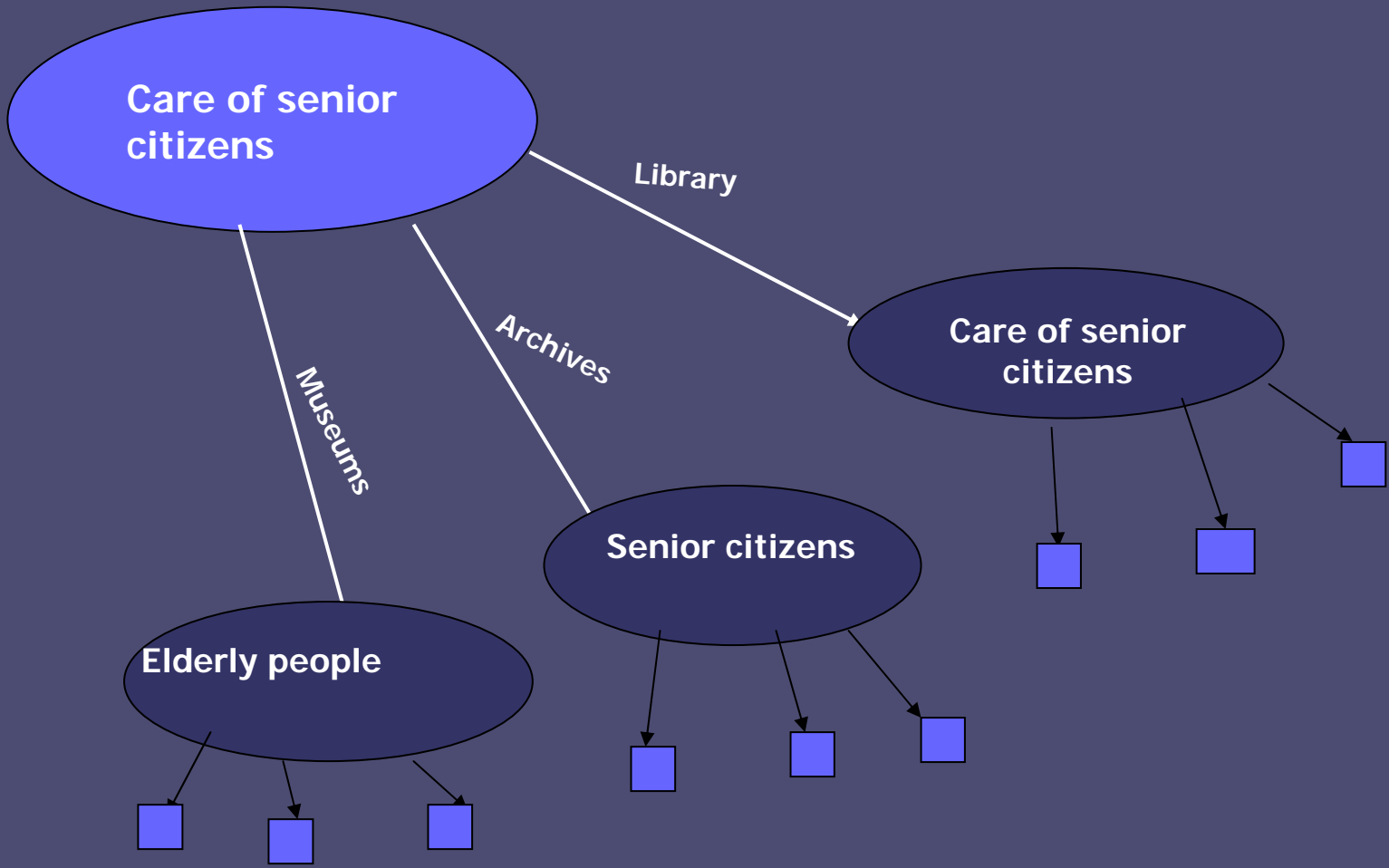
- 115.000 records (8.000 pictures)
- From the archives: 75,000 records
- From the library (the local historical collection):
20,000
- From the museums: 20,000
- 100.000 searches

Three different ways of cataloguing

- Archives system
- Library system
- Museum system

Creating the database

- Data drawn from each institution
- Converted to the same format and structure
- List of subject terms



Using the search system

- Free text search: The Occupation:
353 records
- Subject term search: The Occupation:
1590 records

Users of NOKS

- Students
- Teachers
- Pupils
- Genealogists
- Danes in Denmark and abroad

Present situation

- Money has been raised for an update
- Participation of Vejle County
- Participation of more institutions in North Jutland
- Converting of records to Dublin Core
- Simple subject hierarchy

Recommendations

- Keep a structured subject search
- Possible to search in more institutions simultaneously
- Reuse the existing digitally catalogued records
- Important to have standards