

New cooperation between Arctic Centre Library, Science Centre, the Provincial Museum of Lapland and Metsähallitus to produce tuition for local schools

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Arctic Centre with its library and science centre is situated in the same building as the Provincial Museum of Lapland and next to Metsähallitus (formerly the National Board of Forestry). All three organizations have exhibitions for the public. The main target group of the Arctic Centre Library is the visitors of all these exhibitions and especially the local school children visiting the exhibitions as a part of their curriculum. The goals of communication in the three organizations are partly overlapping, partly complementing each other. Common aspects for all of us are arctic, northern, Samish people, climate change, global change.

We have made an agreement to producing common programs for local school classes to learn parts of their curriculum in our exhibitions and library. The exhibitions and library complex is very multidisciplinary. So, the subjects of the programs may vary from philosophy and religion through history and ethnography to natural and environmental sciences. The school class may divide into four groups, each group going to different exhibition or to the library searching for information on the common topic from a different point of view. Then the results of each group are pulled together when they are back at school. We will together prepare the material to be used before, during and after the visit.