

Women's History Collections, Gothenburg University, Sweden

Activities 2006-2008

Conferences

Own

Every year since 2004 the Women's History Collections (WHC) have organized an annual conference.

- 2006 - Vad är genusvetenskap? (What is gender research?). Among the speakers was Professor Ulla M. Holm.
- 2007 - Genus i hjärta och hjärna (Gender in heart and brain) on gender, psychology and pedagogics. This conference was a cooperation between the WHC and Stockholm University Library.
- 2008 - Genus och bibliotek (Gender and libraries, also including lectures on libraries and archives)

Participation

Librarians from the WHC have taken part in several conferences during the last years, with presentations of our work and resources.

- Genus och digitalisering i arkiv (Gender and digitisation in archives, with focus on digitisation of photographs), Västergötlands museum, 2006
- The Know How Conference, Mexico City, 2006
- Mötesplats inför framtiden (Meetingplace for the Future), a conference where library researchers and working librarians meet and share experiences from research and projects, 2006, 2007
- Stockholm School Fair, 2006
- Athena/Wine meeting, Budapest 2007, Madrid 2008
- At Biblioteksdagarna, the annual meeting of the Swedish Library Association, we have taken part in the poster session, presenting different historical portals, 2006, 2007, 2008. At the meeting 2007 the WHC received the Library Association's Award for Good Marketing.

Digital resources

Portals

In order to make our collections available to a broader audience, we have constructed historical portals on different themes. We have collaborated with gender researchers, who have written a historical introduction and we have digitised photos, pamphlets and manuscripts from our archives. Since 2006 we have produced three portals.

- Rösträtt för kvinnor – Swedish Women's Struggle for Suffrage, 2006
- Kvinnors kamp för kunskap (Women's Struggle for Knowledge, not translated), 2007
- Kvinnor i arbete - Women at Work (English translation will come this August), 2008

Journals

In the late 1990s we started digitising older women's periodicals. By now 11 Swedish journals are available in fulltext. Since 2006 we have digitised "Rösträtt för kvinnor", "Morgonbris" and five so called "fruntimmerstidskrifter" from the 18th century.

Exhibitions

Produced by the WHC, shown at the University Library

- Sonja Åkesson, poet, 1926-1977, whose manuscripts and other papers belong to the WHC, 2006
- Jubilee exhibition about the WHC, founded in 1958. The exhibition opened on March 8th 2008 and the same evening we had an anniversary party for library staff and special guests.

Participation

The WHC have contributed with material to an exhibition on the suffrage movement in Europe. It opened in Bonn, Germany, in 2006 and was later shown at the Women's Museum, Aarhus, Denmark, and in Berlin and Offenburg, also in Germany, 2007-2008.

Seminars

The WHC are part of a Nordic network for libraries and documentation centres on gender issues. NING –the Nordic Information Network Gender - meet twice a year in the different Nordic countries.

During 2006 and 2007 librarians from the WHC and teachers and researchers from the Department for Comparative Literature at Gothenburg University met for seminars, on the theme gender, archives, lives.

Newsletter

Three or four times a year we send out an electronic newsletter to our subscribers.

Education, demonstrations

As a part of our work we regularly give classes for university students and demonstrations for members of various organizations.

In progress

- A Gender Researchers Database is under construction. We are now inviting researchers to register in the database, which will be launched at the end of the year.
- We are working on a new historical portal, on the theme "Kvinnor och fred" (Women and Peace). This will be launched in the early 2009.
- Swedish Women's History - a new entrance on the web - is under construction. Here we will link to all our historical resources – archives, photographs, portals, journals, etc.
- More women's journals are being digitised. We are now working on "Hertha" and "Tidevarvet".

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TV programs

Swedish television, in 2007, produced two programs based on material from our collections. One was about Fogelstadgruppen , a group of women who in the 1920s founded a folk high school for women, the other one was about the poet Sonja Åkesson, 20 years after her death.

Link to website

<http://www.ub.gu.se/kvinn/>

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