The Danish Library Association is the library guild. For over 100 years the association has worked politically to influence developments in the field of public libraries, and to spread and strengthen democracy and freedom of access to information for all.

The Danish Library Association cooperates strongly with other knowledge, cultural and educational institutions to ensure the libraries as the foundation for developing the knowledge society.

The Danish Library Association base are memberships from the Danish municipalities. Only a few municipalities has chosen not to be members at the moment, leaving the association with an impressive coverage of almost 95% of the population of Denmark.

More information about the association, the work and the structure can be found on www.dbf.dk

THE DANISH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

’Political through and through’

GETTING RESULTS FOR MEMBERS AND CITIZENS BY

■ ADVOCACY
  ● Acting and reacting
  ● Communication, Debate and News
  ● Stimulating political action via surveys and lobby activities

■ INITIATING DEVELOPMENT
  ● Libraries & Citizens’ Services
  ● New library services for children
  ● The digital library

■ NETWORKING & INVOLVEMENT
  ● Annual meetings
  ● Meetings politicians face-to-face
  ● Professional projects
How the Danish Library Association works

- Lobbying towards all relevant decision makers
- Raising awareness and debate on relevant matters
- DLA Annual Meeting – is the meeting place for politicians and the public library sector
- National and regional library conferences on hot topics
- Carrying out, initiating and participating in library projects and surveys
- Participating in official hearings/central committees nationally and internationally

Organisation structure

The Danish Library Association has a unique structure with local politicians as well as library professionals as Council members.