

The X-files – the role of libraries and archives vs. local music. The Gävle example.
Arkiv X. Folkbibliotekens och arkivens roll i det lokala musiklivet. Gävle-exemplet.

In 50 years time maybe someone will want to listen to her grandma singing as she used to in her youth when she was a member of a heavy metal rock band! Will that be possible?

The Music Library in Gävle, Sweden has in cooperation with the Municipal Archives recently started a project in hope that this will be so.

The municipality of Gävle on the east coast of Sweden has a public music library situated in the Concert Hall. What's important for us is to be a contact between music life in Gävle and the audience. We would also want to preserve the local music on demos and CDs and make it available for the public and for future studies. Having the local knowledge and the local contacts we could be a complement to The Swedish National Archive of Recorded Sound and Moving Images.