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## FamilySearch has scanned in books

According to a news item, the LDS web site FamilySearch has now, with the help of hundreds of volunteers, scanned more than 160,000 family history books. That is amazing. In addition to family, local, and county histories, the collection contains directories, how-to books, medieval genealogies, Bible records, cemetery records, vital records, biographies, periodicals, yearbooks, and gazetteers.

A search for "Sweden" gave almost 12,000 results. A search for "Värmland" gave 377 results.

*(The Ancestry Insider 2014 Sep. 16)  
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## The SweAme bookshelf

The SweAme organization, based in Texas, has a nice bookshelf, where you can download and read for free seventeen booklets (at the moment). The subject are diverse: Swedes on the Mississippi; The SMS ranches; How to become a polar explorer; and Growing our SweAme family tree, to just mention a few.

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## Visit Pompeii in Stockholm!

The *Millesgården* sculptural museum at Lidingö, next to Stockholm, has a great temporary exhibition on Pompeii that runs until 18 May 2015. The exhibition is a joint project between *Millesgården* and the Swedish archeologists that have been digging in Pompeii since the early 2000s. Visitors are invited to visit the home of Caecilius Iucundus, a banker and may see many of his treasures. An opportunity not to miss!

## Allt för Sverige 4 starts soon

Here are the participants in season 4 of *Allt för Sverige*, or the *Great Swedish Adventure*, as is the American title.

The participants are:

*Jennette Landes*, age 37, hair stylist from Georgetown, CO.

*John Olson*, age 30, author/server from Astoria, NY.

*Nicholas "Nick" Jones*, age 35, barber from Valley Village, CA.

*Amanda Vinicky*, age 32, political reporter from Springfield, IL

*Courtney Schlagel*, age 25, singer/songwriter from Frisco, TX.

*George Strid*, 60 år, retired choir leader and composer from Olympia, WA.

*Katie Malik*, age 34, opera singer from Gig Harbour, WA.

*Nate Butler*, age 48, *levnadskonstnär* survivalist(?) from Fresno, CA.

*Troy Bankord*, age 49, garden and interior designer from Palm Springs, CA.

*Leslie Longoria*, age 49 år, grocery cashier from Waelder, TX.

The series starts in Sweden on 19 October, and as usual it will be very exciting to follow this group in their contacts with "The Old Country."

## Genline closes down!

Since Ancestry.se bought Genline a few years back- most of the Genline subscribers have changed their subscription to Ancestry.se. This gives them access to the same church records, but also to many more databases for a lower price.

Thus Genline has decided to close down their operations on 31 Dec. 2014.

Genline was the first company to allow people access to church records online in Sweden.

*(Genline.se accessed 15 Oct. 2014.)*



## The new prime minister of Sweden: Mr. Stefan Löfven

Mr. Löfven, age 57, was in September elected to be prime minister. He has a strong background as a union leader, but has never been a member of parliament. His party, the Social Democrats, have formed the government with the Environmental party (*Miljöpartiet*).

## News from the Nordic Heritage Museum in the Seattle area

The Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard, near Seattle, is planning for a new museum building, also in Ballard. They have already acquired a property there on which to build. Now they are in the planning stage and hoping to start building in 2016 and open the new museum in 2017. The new premises will allow a wider perspective on their effort to study the historical immigration, but also to partly focus on modern times in the Nordic countries, with art and design, social questions, and on how to build a sustainable society.

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