Cd´s

The first CD´s with music recorded in Iceland appeared in 1987. The first Icelandic mini-CD, *Birthday* by the Sugarcubes was produced in 1988. The manufacturing was abroad until Myndbandavinnslan acquired the technology to manufacture CD´s in 1997. From then on it became more common to produce music and audio books in smaller circulation on CD´s.

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Private publishing, small publishers and a changing media

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Great changes have taken place in the last decades of the 20th century and in the beginning of the 21st regarding art, ways of publishing and the media.

The National and University Library of Iceland started accepting legal deposit of sound material such as records, magnetic tapes and cassettes when the Law of legal deposit was imposed in the year 1977. In 2002 movies, radio and television material and works in electronic form were also made the objects of compulsory deposit. The National and University Library accepts all legal deposit material, also casettes, DVD´s and electronic/digital material.

Electronic publishing is a growing industry and in order to manage electronically/digitally published material The National and University Library created the database Rafhladan. Very small publishing companies have emerged and blossomed with new ways of publishing during the last decades and publishing gets easier.

Records

The first Icelandic record was 78 rpm, recorded in Copenhagen 1910. Íslenskir tónar published the first 45 rpm records in 1954 and the first LP record came in 1956. All Icelandic records were for a long time manufactured abroad with considerable cost until the company Alfa in Hafnarfjordur started to manifacture records in 1980.

Duplication

In the latter half of the 20th century there were a few offset duplication companies that offered cheaper printing than had been available before. Just after 1950 the first Icelandic duplication companies acquired offset duplicators but until then stencil duplication was dominating.

Digital printing

Digital printing startet in Iceland around 2001 but in 2004 when Leturprent launched the first digital printing method which was accepted by the European Documentation Centre digital printing icreased dramatically. Now it was possible to manufacture any number of copies much more economically than before and you could print on demand.

Cassettes

The first Icelandic cassette appeared in 1974 and in the beginning they were manufactured abroad. After 1980 they were manufactured in Iceland when Alfa in Hafnarfjordur started to offer that service. Vísnavinir published the first all Icelandic cassette in 1980.

Video and DVD

Film making became a real industry in Iceland around 1980 and private radio and television stations started to broadcast in the middle of the 80´s. Bergvík began to produce Icelandic films on VHS-tapes in 1983. Around the turn of the century the price of DVD´s had gone down and Icelandic firms offered the duplication of DVD´s.