

## The Nordic Bible Museum Is Hoping to Open Soon

The capital's many museums have been closed since November last year. After a long period of closed doors, the Nordic Bible Museum is hoping to be among the first to reopen when the City Council permits it.

Executive director Rune Arnhoff says that employees and volunteers at the museum are ready to showcase the museum's collection of Bibles. Everyone is welcome, and the Bible Museum particularly hopes that young people will be able to see the collection before the summer holiday.

The museum noticed an increase of school class visitors last spring

- We are interested in reopening in a manner which maintains infection control regulations well. The museum has well established routines as well as a layout that makes it easy to keep a distance. We are hoping for the school classes to return, says Arnhoff.

Offers free guided tours for school classes

The activities for the school classes at the museum takes one hour, and contains a presentation with general information about the history of the Bible, a tour, and then tasks in the museum for the students to complete. Both tickets and the tour are free for school classes. The museum is open to the public every day except Mondays.

- Both teachers and students have given positive feedback in regard to the contents and the activities. With us, the students receive a concrete experience with how the Bible has evolved through the years, and how it has shaped both history and present time. Visiting us is a great opportunity for learning, Arnhoff says

A vibrant presentation of the book which has shaped our culture

The Nordic Bible Museum opened its doors for the first time on May 31st, 2018. The museum exhibits central parts of what is the biggest collection of Bibles in the Nordic countries. The purpose is to make the history of the Bible and its contents accessible and known, by answering the following questions:

- Who wrote the Bible?
- What are the contents of the Bible?
- Where was the Bible written?
- Why was the Bible written?
- What opposition has the Bible survived?
- How has the Bible influenced our language, culture, values, society, and law?

- I am looking forward to wishing the schools back to the museum. As a niche museum with an eagerness to communicate the Bible's history, it is important to us to present history in a vivid manner. I am hoping that more schools, no matter the grade, makes contact to arrange tours when we are able to reopen, says Amhoff.