LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network is a project of the Louisiana Academic Library Information Network (LALINC), a consortium of public and private college and university libraries. This partnership, established in 1992 by academic library deans and directors, currently has 49 members, and is funded by LALINC members and the Louisiana Board of Regents.

Visit LOUIS at www.LOUISLibraries.org, email at louisfb@lsu.edu, or call at 225.578.3700

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
November 2016

**Location:** Baton Rouge  ●  **FTE:** 5,716

Actual Cost through Partnership:  
**$127,646.69**

Cost without Partnership:  
**$1,671,035.12**

---Costs as of 2016/2017---

**Partnership Participation Summary**

**SirsDynix Symphony ILS:** Yes

Symphony, a product by SirsiDynix, is the library automation system supported by LOUIS. Symphony contains the metadata (pointers) to both books on the shelves and electronic resources that support university accredited programs delivered over the Internet.

**Electronic Resources:** Yes

Electronic resources are some of the most valuable and convenient library resources that faculty and students can use to enhance research and learning, and these resources can be accessed from anywhere at any time. These resources include formats such as eBooks and eJournals, full-text, indexing and abstracting, and reference databases, statistical databases, and multi-media collections.

**EBSCO Discovery Service:** Yes

LOUIS supports EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS). EDS brings together the library’s entire collection, including consortium-licensed electronic resources, locally purchased electronic resources, and print collections. It provides a single, customizable, search interface similar to that of Google’s, which maximizes the value and usefulness of the library’s collection.

All LOUIS members that subscribe to EDS through LOUIS have implemented the Curriculum Builder LMS plugin. This plugin provides access to databases, eBooks, and other digital resources found in the library’s discovery system directly from online learning management systems such as Blackboard and Moodle.

**ILLiad ILL:** Yes

LOUIS supports ILLiad, a resource sharing management software that helps automate routine interlibrary loan functions. It allows a library to increase staff productivity and reduces the paperwork associated with ILL. ILL is an important initiative that supports the consortium’s goal to further enhance member libraries’ collections through resource sharing.

**LALINC Card:** Yes

The LALINC Card is a reciprocal borrowing program. The LALINC Card is issued by the user’s home library and allows the holder to borrow library materials from any of the participating members. Each institution determines its level of reciprocity.

**Reciprocity level = 2**

0=does not participate; 1=faculty/staff only; 2=faculty/staff & grad students; 3=faculty/staff, grad students, undergrads restricted; 4=faculty/staff, grad students, undergrads; 5=Collection is mainly ER

**Electronic Resources are licensed from:**

- Alexander Street Press
- American Mathematical Society
- Annual Reviews
- CAS
- Chronicle of Higher Education
- Credo Reference
- EBSCOhost
- Elsevier
- Gale
- Cengage
- IEEE
- JSTOR
- LearningExpress
- LexisNexis
- OCLC FirstSearch
- Oxford University Press
- ProQuest
- Readex/Newsbank
- Sage/CQ Press
- Springer
- Springshare
- Thomson

All LOUIS members participate in the electronic resources initiative. Check the LOUIS website for a list of database titles.

**How many academic libraries partner with LOUIS?**

Members include academic libraries in the five higher education governing systems in the State of Louisiana, which include the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (LAICU), the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), the Louisiana State University System (LSU), the Southern University System (SU), and the University of Louisiana System (ULS).

LOUIS is Cost-Effective

Cost avoidance through group purchases:

$222,000,000

That’s an 8-to-1 payoff for Louisiana!