LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network

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LOUIS...

• LOUIS "Group"
• LOUIS Consortium
LOUIS “Group”

- The LOUIS staff of 8 – 6 have MLIS
- Commonly referred to as “LOUIS”
- Located on the LSU campus
- 120 years of LOUIS experience
- 166 years total experience in libraries and IT
LOUIS Consortium

- Combines the collective resources to produce a dynamic library consortium
- Provides information technology solutions to consortium members
- Established in 1992 by academic library deans and directors with support from the Board of Regents
- Has 47 members
- Funded by the Board of Regents, the State and membership fees
- Governed by LLN / LALINC
LOUIS Consortium

• A collaboration, not a mandate
• Objective was to “Level the playing field” & “Do More with Less”
• Two decades of collaboration
• Partnership with Academic Libraries, State and Private Libraries, Museums and Archives
• Main focus is public academic libraries
• Includes all 5 higher education boards:
  — LSU, UL, SU, LAICU, LCTCS
• Doing more with less since 1992!
History

- 1990
  - Louisiana Board of Regents commissioned a Task Force on Libraries
  - Revised Master Plan for Higher Education
  - Developed a plan for greater cooperation & resource sharing among academic libraries in La
  - Only 6 automated
- 1991
  - Task Force funding attempts not successful
- 1992
  - Task Force reorganized and became LALINC – every public and private library could join
  - Wrote a grant and obtained funds from BOR to automate 5 sites using NOTIS
  - LOUIS formed to do automation – Louisiana Online University Information System
  - Additional grants followed
    - Automated more academic libraries
    - Provided workstations & internet in one public library in each parish and 18 K-12 schools
    - Purchased first electronic resources
- 1995
  - Permanent funding made available from Louisiana legislature
- 2010
  - LOUIS eliminated by BOR; partial funding restored
Governance

• LLN
  – The Louisiana Library Network
  – Composed of all public and private academic libraries

• LALINC
  – LA Academic Library Information Network Consortium
  – Partnership of participating libraries and organizations
Affiliates

- State Library
- Lyrasis
- ICOLC
- LLA
- OCLC
- EBSCO Academic Advisory Board Member
- SirsiDynix Strategic Partnership Program
- User Groups (SirsiDynix, ContentDM, ILLiad)
- LONI
Savings since 1992

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LOUIS Products and Services

- Integrated Library System (SirsiDynix Symphony)
- Union Catalog (SirsiDynix Web2)
- Digital Library (OCLC CONTENTdm)
- Interlibrary Loan (Atlas/OCLC ILLiad)
- Electronic Scholarly Resources
- Consulting
- Authentication (EZproxy)
- Link Resolver & Discovery Service (EBSCO LinkSource & EDS)
- Training
- Information Dissemination
- Operational Support
LOUIS Products and Services

- **Operational Support:**
  - 24x7 on call
  - Hotsite, Backup, Recovery and Security
  - Systems and Network Monitoring

- **Electronic Resources:**
  - Negotiation, Licensing, Access, Troubleshooting and Statistics
  - Statewide Purchases
  - Mini Consortia
LOUIS Products and Services

• **Information Dissemination:**
  – LOUIS Users Conferences
  – LOUIS System Administrator Meeting
  – LOUIS Newsletter
  – LOUIS Webpage
  – Online Documentation
  – Consortium Listservs
  – LOUIS ILLiad Users North & South Meetings
  – Facebook, Twitter, YouTube
LOUIS Resources

Library Resources

LOUISiana Union Catalog

LOUISiana Digital Library

- LOUISiana Digital Library Statistics

LOUIS Academic Libraries

- Catalogs
- Electronic Resources
- Electronic Resources ILL Policy
- Electronic Resources Statistics
- LOUIS Libraries' Webpages
- LOUIS Libraries Reference Desk
- SirsiDynix Symphony Statistics
LOUIS Resources

These vendors provide 65+ databases:

- African American Newspapers, 1827-1998
- America’s Historical Newspapers- Louisiana State Package
- CQ Researcher
- Dissertations & Theses
- EBSCOhost Databases
- Gale Cengage Learning
- H.W. Wilson Art and Architectural Resources
- JSTOR
- LearningExpress
- LexisNexis Academic
- Literary Reference Center
- MathSciNet
- Oxford English Dictionary (OED Online)
- ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source
- Sanborn Maps of Louisiana
- WorldCat (via FirstSearch)
QUESTIONS?

There’s more! Go explore!  

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