



UK LOCKSS Alliance Roundup

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This is the latest periodic news bulletin reporting developments in the UK LOCKSS Alliance. In this bulletin we report on: UKLA membership pricing for 2014--2015; news about LOCKSS software and content; and about Vicky Reich and David Rosenthal winning the LITA/Hi Tech Award for outstanding communications in library and information technology.

UKLA MEMBERSHIP PRICING FOR 2014-2015

The LOCKSS membership agreement has been renewed for one year, covering the period 1st August 2014 to 31st July 2015. Pricing and details of how to renew can be found on the UK LOCKSS Alliance Membership (2014-15) catalogue page on the Jisc Collections website (<http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/Catalogue/Agreements/YearlyAgreements/1830>).

SOFTWARE NEWS

The LOCKSS developers at Stanford are progressing with implementation of a new SOAP API which will make it possible to programmatically access the status information currently available from the user interface, as well as to change the configuration of your LOCKSS box, e.g. with commands to add or remove archival units. This enhanced API will enable development of new ways to interact with LOCKSS. For example, it would simplify development of new interfaces and integration with external tools and services. The LOCKSS team anticipate release of the API sometime before Autumn 2014.

Another development that may interest institutions with PLNs is the LOCKSS-o-matic software being developed at Simon Fraser University Library in Canada. LOCKSS-o-matic will automate ingestion of content into a private LOCKSS network (PLN) and monitor the PLN to ensure that member boxes are online and operating normally. The software is due for release in Spring 2014. Current information, including the project wiki, is available on Github <https://github.com/mjordan/lockss-o-matic>.

SOFTWARE NEWS

The content available through the Global LOCKSS Network (GLN) was extended last year through the addition of 95 publishers and the complete collections of the Project Muse Classics Archival Foundation Collection, Archive Classics Supplement, History Archival Foundation Collection, and Archive History Supplement.

A broad range of different types of content is being collected by PLNs throughout the world according to the e-content that is important to the group responsible for the PLN. Content in PLNs include collections of photographs, audio files, government files and databases, as well as open-access journals.

VICKY REICH AND DAVID ROSENTHAL WIN LITA/LIBRARY HI TECH AWARD 2014

Vicky Reich and David Rosenthal, the co-founders of LOCKSS, have been awarded the 2014 LITA/Library Hi Tech Award for Outstanding Communications in Library and Information Technology for their collaboration to ensure the preservation of digital content through the development and delivery of the LOCKSS Program. LOCKSS originated in 1999 as an "open-source, library-led digital preservation system". It is the first and only system that allows institutions to take custody and preserve content both purchased and locally created to safeguard the library's digital assets. A significant development has been extension of LOCKSS to allow communities to preserve a diverse range of digital materials in private LOCKSS networks (PLNs). For more information see <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2014/04/reich-and-rosenthal-winners-2014-litalibrary-hi-tech-award>.