



UK LOCKSS Alliance Roundup

Today's scholarly content, secured for tomorrow

The UK LOCKSS Alliance is a co-operative organisation whose goal is to ensure continuing access to scholarly work in ways that are sustainable over the long term. This is a periodic news bulletin reporting developments in UK LOCKSS Alliance functionality and content.

New content added to the GLN over the last year

Between September 2012 and August 2013, a total of 19,022 additional archival units (volumes) were made available for preservation on the Global LOCKSS network. These included volumes from 1,011 new titles and from 142 publishers not previously available in the Global LOCKSS Network. Two further releases were added to the GLN in September 2013. In the coming months, Project Muse e-books will be made available for libraries to preserve in their LOCKSS boxes.

Libraries' valuing of LOCKSS

Libraries value the LOCKSS system as a means to preserve content over the long-term and to reassure academics that content will continue to be available when the library shifts towards an e-only collection. They also value the opportunity to redirect users to content in the LOCKSS box when a publisher source is unavailable in the short term. See our recent case studies for more detail on how librarians use their LOCKSS boxes: <http://www.lockssalliance.ac.uk/participating-institutions/case-studies/>

Integration of the OpenURL resolver with the LOCKSS box

Libraries can make content in their LOCKSS boxes available as cover for short-term outages by integrating LOCKSS as a source for the local OpenURL resolver. Integration with LOCKSS is currently available for Innovative Interfaces, Serials Solutions, and Ex Libris products and work to integrate EBSCOhost and the OCLC OpenURL resolver is underway. We encourage UKLA members to integrate their resolvers with LOCKSS to benefit from this additional functionality. The easiest way to kickstart integration is to have a quick conversation to discuss next steps. Please get in touch if you'd like to schedule this.

Source of information on current content

There are several ways in which you can keep up to date with what content is available through LOCKSS. We provide monthly updates to administrators of LOCKSS boxes, providing information on the new publishers, titles and volumes available for preservation. We also provide a KBART-compliant spreadsheet on our website at <http://www.lockss.org/community/publishers-titles-gln/>, which lists content both previously made available for preservation and forthcoming 'in progress' content, and we participate in the Keepers Registry (www.lockss.org/community/publishers-titles-gln/), a registry service that acts as a global monitor on the archiving arrangements for electronic journals.

We value library feedback around content selection, and the LOCKSS team at Stanford welcomes information from libraries about which 'in process' titles are high priority.

New features that optimise value

We have recently introduced two new features to enhance the value of LOCKSS to libraries:

- Libraries can now record COUNTER-compliant usage statistics to report usage of the content in a LOCKSS box.
- LOCKSS can be protected by Shibboleth authentication, which allows libraries to provide off-campus access to content.

For guidance on integrating LOCKSS with your link resolver, or to activate the new functionality, please contact the EDINA Helpdesk at edina@ed.ac.uk.