

Member's Briefing for the UK LOCKSS Alliance

July 2009

This briefing is to provide you with an update on the various activities underway during the establishment of the UK LOCKSS Alliance as a co-operative organization whose overall aim is to ensure continuing access to scholarly work in ways that are sustainable over the long term. Current information on the UK LOCKSS Alliance will always be available from <http://edina.ac.uk/lockss>.

LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe), based at Stanford University Libraries, provides libraries with digital preservation tools and support so that they can acquire and preserve subscription and open access content. LOCKSS unbundles payment from access and provides both post cancellation access and long-term preservation.

System and Content Development

New Content Forthcoming to the LOCKSS Network

UK LOCKSS Alliance content development efforts are focused on publishers of high interest to the UK community.

We are processing more content from *Oxford University Press* and *Annual Reviews* for collection and preservation by your local LOCKSS box. Please watch for content release notifications soon.

New to the LOCKSS Program, *Emerald Publishing Group* is in the final stages of development required for LOCKSS compliance. We are now testing Emerald content. When the remaining development and testing tasks are complete we will make this content available for your LOCKSS boxes to collect and preserve.

Also new to the LOCKSS Program, earlier this year *Taylor and Francis* began development needed to make content available for LOCKSS preservation.

The *British Psychological Society (BPS)* in conjunction with their publishing partner, Ingenta have now made BPS content available for LOCKSS preservation. Now that Ingenta works well with the LOCKSS technology, other publishers hosted on Ingenta can be encouraged to join the program. What publishers should we, as a group, approach?

Monitoring At-Risk Content

UK LOCKSS Alliance members have brought to our attention the publisher closures detailed below. We would like to thank librarians for the active role taken in at-risk title identification, and encourage librarians to send information on other at-risk titles to edina@ed.ac.uk.

Pain Reviews, first published by *Hodder Arnold*, is also published online through Ingenta from 1998 to 2002. This ceased title is scheduled to be taken offline from October 2009. Libraries that select and preserve *Pain Reviews* in LOCKSS will have access to this journal in perpetuity, without any further payment for access. The LOCKSS team requested that *Hodder Arnold* take two actions to ensure this ceased content persists into the future:

- Make content hosted on Ingenta Open Access so LOCKSS Alliance libraries without previous subscription access can collect and preserve it.
- License the content with a creative commons license so legal future use of this material is flexible.

The *International Journal of Psychiatric Nursing Research* (<http://www.drogoresearch.co.uk/>) is scheduled to be taken offline in October 2009. Negotiations by the LOCKSS team have resulted in the subscription wall being removed. We are now in discussion with the publisher to encourage adding a Creative Commons Open Access license. Both of these measures are important for long term preservation. Open Access licensing allows any motivated library or archive to preserve the content and make it available; helping to ensure free access will persist over long periods of time.

The *ICTHES World Care charity* (<http://www.icthesworldcare.com/>) closed at the beginning of 2009. This organisation publishes three journals and we have been working to make them available through LOCKSS. We have had a positive response from editorial board directors at two of the three journals: both directors will be making a case for LOCKSS at their summer board meeting where they plan to discuss the future publication strategy for these journals.

Library Access to Archived Content using Link Resolvers

The LOCKSS team wishes to invite UK LOCKSS Alliance members to test integration of LOCKSS with link resolver systems. To get involved please contact us at edina@ed.ac.uk.

LOCKSS boxes can deliver their content either by acting as a web server or by acting as a web proxy. With the help of De Montfort University we have been exploring various ways of integrating LOCKSS with SFX. Based on this work, we believe the correct way to integrate LOCKSS acting as a web server with SFX in production is, as with any other publisher, to write an SFX target parser for the LOCKSS box. We are looking for partners to help us do so.

In the meantime, we can demonstrate integration between SFX and LOCKSS acting as a web proxy, or by emulating the behaviour of EZProxy. Please contact us to receive documentation for either of these methods.

The LOCKSS team is able to identify issues and solutions and improve system behaviour only as a result of LOCKSS community contributions (this means you). Real-world testing is essential. Testing so far has focused on SFX integration. We would like to test LOCKSS with other link resolver systems and with a broader range of content. We're very grateful for all the support, participation and feedback given to date! We'd like to build upon current understanding and, with a technical contact at each institution, begin a discussion on the necessary configuration.

Meetings and Events

Online Meeting of the UK LOCKSS Alliance

An online meeting of the UK LOCKSS Alliance was held on the afternoon of the 28th July 2009. This meeting updated participants on progress with publishers and content access options and outlined the approach to be taken to establish a UK LOCKSS Alliance Steering Committee.

Face to Face Meeting of the UK LOCKSS Alliance

A face-to-face meeting of the UK LOCKSS Alliance will be held on Thursday 22nd October 2009. The venue is likely to be central London. The agenda is still being planned, but as David Rosenthal (LOCKSS Chief Scientist) will be present we are likely to focus on content access mechanisms.

DPC/EDINA Meeting at British Library on E-Journal Preservation Action

EDINA is collaborating with the Digital Preservation Coalition to host a workshop at the British Library to consider the UK response to the challenges of e-journal continuing access and preservation. Our intention is to bring together librarians, publishers and policy makers and highlight where additional support can be offered at an institutional, national and international level, and to identify the additional steps that can be taken to cater best for UK needs.

Operational Development

Participate in the UK LOCKSS Alliance Steering Committee

We wish to invite UK LOCKSS Alliance members to participate on a short working group to define the role of the UK LOCKSS Alliance Steering Committee.

The UK LOCKSS Alliance is a collective of libraries concerned with and acting collaboratively to ensure the long-term accessibility of scholarly content. A steering committee (or governing board) will help drive forward the development of LOCKSS and other relevant initiatives in the UK. Guidance from a steering committee will also help ensure the UK LOCKSS Alliance support service is meeting the needs of participating libraries.

Rather than EDINA prescribing in advance the role and objective of a steering committee, we would first like to set up a short term working group bringing together librarians and representatives from JISC Collections and EDINA. The group will consider and define an appropriate model of governance; its role, remit and objectives. Details on this working group's structure, schedule and workload will be sent in a separate document.

UK LOCKSS Alliance Membership

For reference, please find the current UK LOCKSS Alliance membership listed below:

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- Cardiff University
- De Montfort University
- Durham University
- Glasgow University
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Hull
- King's College London
- Leicester University
- London School of Economics
- University of Liverpool
- University of Newcastle Upon Tyne
- University of Sheffield
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick
- University of Wolverhampton
- University of York

Of these institutions, membership is roughly split between one- and two-year subscription options. JISC Collections are preparing renewal invoices for the institutions that signed up for two years, and will be in communication with the remaining institutions to ascertain whether they would like to renew for a further year.

Related Activities

EDINA is a lead partner in PEPRS (Piloting an E-journals Preservation Registry Service). The aim of PEPRS, as a two-year JISC-funded project, is to investigate, build and pilot an online facility that enable librarians and policy makers, principally in the UK but also worldwide, to ascertain the archival provision for an e-journal: which publishers are participating in which archiving schemes, what access/release arrangements apply to each journal; which e-journals are not (yet) within an archiving scheme.

For more information on PEPRS see: <http://www.edina.ac.uk/projects/peprs>

CLOCKSS is transitioning from pilot into service mode. The number of governing libraries (who are also hosts for archived content) has grown to eleven, with an additional twenty libraries now signed up as supporting libraries. Fourteen major publishers have now committed their content to CLOCKSS. Three preserved titles have so far been made available through CLOCKSS with that content released under an Open Access license, available to all.

For more information on CLOCKSS see: <http://www.clockss.org>

