

The UK LOCKSS Alliance

Today's Scholarly Content, Secured For Tomorrow



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Participation in the UK LOCKSS Alliance improves a library's ability to guarantee long- term access to scholarly information, reducing the reliance on external service providers.

Globally, hundreds of publishers and librarians have joined LOCKSS to ensure that libraries continue their role as custodians of information. Join them now and make a difference. The UK LOCKSS Alliance will allow your institution to:

- Build local collections of scholarly assets for which you have already paid
- Activate perpetual access rights to content when needed
- Receive dedicated support and guidance on all aspects of LOCKSS
- Become a member of a growing UK electronic journal archiving community
- Influence LOCKSS development to better meet your institution's needs
- Influence content development by helping identify and appraise titles of interest, both for commercial and open access use

Participation

- For membership fees and information on participation, see: <http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/catalogue/lockss>

The Support Service for the UK LOCKSS Alliance is led by EDINA in conjunction with the Digital Curation Centre (DCC).

Why is electronic journal archiving important?

The Internet has enabled the library to make electronic journals available to readers when and where they want.

But the current model of electronic distribution comes with risks. The library is reliant on an external party to provide access to content over an indefinite period of time. What happens if the external provider can no longer facilitate access?

Allowing libraries back into the information management process gives librarians and scholars confidence in the electronic environment.

Online services have changed the way information is accessed. While libraries should not reject the benefits provided by external online services, it may be prudent for libraries to consider the risk of depending on them exclusively.

What is LOCKSS?

Lots Of Copies Keep Stuff Safe (LOCKSS) is an international initiative to ensure libraries remain central to the process of scholarly information management. It provides libraries with the tools and support to easily and inexpensively take custody of the assets for which they have paid; to build – not simply lease - local collections of the scholarly material their readers care most about.

LOCKSS allows libraries to activate perpetual access rights when needed, without affecting the daily relationship between library and publisher.

What can the UK LOCKSS Alliance do for you?

The UK LOCKSS Alliance is cooperative activity of UK libraries that are committed to identify, negotiate, and build local archives of material that librarians and academic scholars deem significant. Library experience feeds into the development of the LOCKSS system to ensure it fits into library workflows and systems. Dedicated support and guidance is offered to participating institutions.

The UK LOCKSS Alliance follows a well-received UK LOCKSS Pilot Programme. To benefit the broader UK library community the UK LOCKSS Alliance collaborates closely with publishers and community driven organisations including JISC Collections to ensure changes to archiving policies are made at both local and national levels.





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