



LOUIS Introduces Unified Search to Member Libraries with EBSCO Discovery Service™

BATON ROUGE, LA — February 26, 2014 — LOUIS: [The Louisiana Library Network](#) completed its implementation of a new service, [EBSCO Discovery Service™](#) (EDS), that was piloted to explore the impact of a one-stop “discovery” system on user research.

Libraries are the intellectual crossroads of the community and ensure access to knowledge today and to succeeding generations. While offering many valuable resources to users, the challenge has been connecting users to these resources in a simple way. Discovery services with a single search box approach simplify the search experience and expose the vast set of library resources to users in one location.

EBSCO Discovery Service brings together the most comprehensive collection of content—including superior indexing from top subject indexes, high-end full text and the entire library collection—all within an unparalleled full-featured, customizable discovery layer experience. EDS couples the libraries’ vast collections of electronic resources and their unique library catalogs and brings them together in one searchable repository. The result is better discoverability of the scholarly resources available to faculty and students throughout the colleges and universities in the state. An added benefit is that the inclusion of library catalogs allows each LOUIS site to create a virtual union catalog of library material that can be searched separately or with other electronic resources.

Feedback from the library staff and faculty has been positive, specifically with regard to the features and functionality of EDS. In a recent poll to library staff, many have been pleased with the EDS search experience. Popular features include the automatic citation feature, ability to limit searches to a specific discipline and the fact that the results screen is easy to use and manipulate.

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About LOUIS

LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network is a project of the Louisiana Academic Library Information Network (LALINC), a consortium of public and private college and university libraries. This partnership, established in 1992 by academic library deans and directors, currently has 49 members, and is funded by LALINC members and the Louisiana Board of Regents. With a centralized support staff, LOUIS combines the collective resources of all members to produce a dynamic library consortium. LOUIS provides member-approved initiatives which include information technology solutions such as an integrated library system, a digital library system, an interlibrary loan system, electronic scholarly resources, remote access, any time, any place, and a host of other services. LOUIS is growing, adding new member institutions, as a result of the continued efforts of the state to refine the community and technical college system.

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