



LEARNING ACCESS ILS

Putting information in reach of everyone

POWERFUL LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY.

STANDARDS-BASED.

FULLY INTEGRATED. FLEXIBLE. OPEN.

The **LearningAccess ILS** is an easy to use, yet powerful Web-based library automation system designed for today's demanding and ever changing information needs.

The LearningAccess ILS is uniquely positioned to offer smaller libraries access to state-of-the-art library automation, yet at affordable pricing.

The LearningAccess ILS:

- Organizes the library collections
- Links the collection with enhanced content on the web
- Integrates and controls access to third-party databases and Web-based resources
- Establishes an easy to use library information portal

Web OPAC

Defining the library's identity today on the web is critical. The LearningAccess ILS Web OPAC sets a new standard in sophistication and ease of use in this area.

Access to the catalog has never been easier, allowing the use of a standard web browser at the library, from home, or world wide.

The Web OPAC deploys a revolutionary and unique search system to access local and remote resources.

Powerful searching capabilities

The LearningAccess ILS offers three ways to search:

- **EasySearch** gives patrons a single place to enter search terms and phrases, providing the broadest search results
- **AdvancedSearch** lets patrons search using multiple terms and with Boolean and proximity operators

- **Zsearch** lets patrons easily search remote libraries, including the Library of Congress

Enriching the user experience

While accessing your Web OPAC remotely of from the library, patrons can be seamlessly connected to third-party databases. Remote authentication is handled transparently using a built-in authenticating proxy server.

Catalog records can be easily enriched images, such as a book cover or table of contents. Links to web resources, photo collections, Podcasts or other electronic resources can be made available seamlessly.



Patron Self Service

Your library users will have the ability to manage over-due information, to request material (holds) and place Inter Library Loan (ILL) requests using any Internet-connected Web browser.

QuickCollections®

Users can easily access commonly requested material, including automatically generated new book lists, using an innovative technology that maintains an personalized electronic library.

Increase Community Outreach

The LearningAccess ILS incorporates the ability to easily make community information resources available, and allow patrons to search both library holdings and community resources with one simple integrated search. This same approach can be used to generate answers to frequently asked reference questions (FAQs) in your library database.

SMART SOFTWARE THAT HELPS YOU STAY A STEP AHEAD.

ADAPTS TO YOUR WORKFLOW NEEDS.

HELPS SERVE YOUR USERS FASTER AND BETTER.

The **LearningAccess ILS** staff interface is fully web based and adapts easily to the skill level of your staff, from volunteers to highly skilled library professionals.

Cataloging

The LearningAccess ILS allows for the quick addition of new material to the database by:

- Copy cataloging using the intuitive built-in Zsearch z39.50 copy cataloging tool
- Uploading of vendor-supplied MARC21 bibliographic records
- Original cataloging using one of three MARC21 based cataloging interfaces of increasing complexity and flexibility - Easy, Half and Full.

The cataloging interface is optimized to catalog material fast and get it ready for library shelves. It provides the ability to produce spine-labels and to assign item barcodes, with a workflow that minimizes material handling and maximizes cataloging output.

Book cover images can be easily added, electronic resources attached and special circulation and patron notes incorporated.

Serials Cataloging

The LearningAccess ILS deploys a unique state-of-the-art serial cataloging interface. This cataloging interface supports the full set of Serial Cataloging requirements. Its unique captions and pattern editor ensures that managing serials (magazine) subscriptions becomes easy and fast even in the smallest and under-resourced libraries.

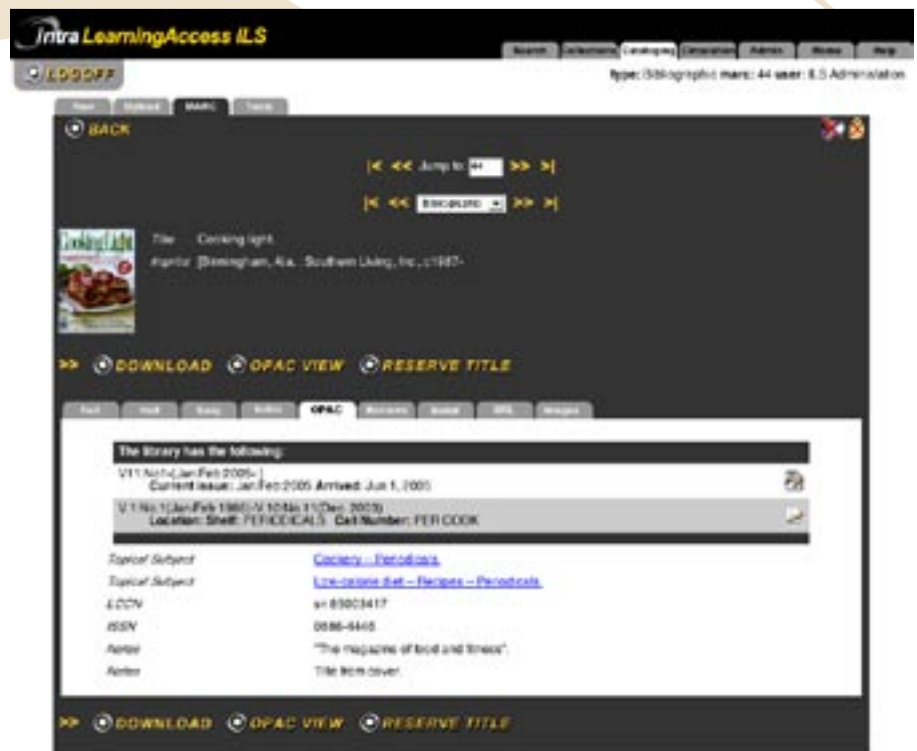
The captions and pattern editor allows for the import and export of publication patterns from CONSER records or to create MARC standard serial records with ease.

The unique serials subscription manager combined with a highly intuitive, predictive, serial issue check-in system makes tracking and claiming missed issues a breeze.

Authority Control

The LearningAccess ILS cataloging system implements full Authority Control at various levels. Authority Control is accomplished through:

- Our self-learning authority system, using known quality MARC21 bibliographic records already in the system to enforce Authority Control
- Incorporating LCSH, SEARS or other thesauri authority records imported in MARC21 authority format.



Circulation

Circulation has never been easier, thanks to an intuitive Web based interface equally suited to volunteers and professional librarians. The circulation system makes it easy to keep track of all types of circulating and non-circulating materials.

By deploying a unique predictive check-in / check-out system, circulating multi-part books-on-tapes and kits has never been easier. Producing over-due reports, hold request reports or item transfer slips are all equally straight forward.

Specifications

The LearningAccess ILS supports the following **library standards**:

- MARC21 - Bibliographic, Holdings, Authority and Community
- Z39.50 V2.0/V3.0 SRW
- Z39.71 NISO Serials Standard
- AACR2 and ISBD

The LearningAccess ILS server communicates with both the OPAC and Staff web clients using the following **communication protocols** over TCP/IP:

- HTTP and HTTPS.
- ODBC for ad-hoc reporting using any ODBC compliant reporting tool on Linux, Windows or MAC OS X.

Scalability

The LearningAccess ILS is fully scalable from a few hundred catalog records to well over a million records. From a few users to thousands.

Because of its unique modular design and the use of the latest SQL Database technology from MySQL, the size of library collection and the number of users to be served is truly limitless.

Server Technology

The LearningAccess ILS server requires RedHat ES 4.0 on an Intel X86 platform, or MAC OS X 10.3 or better.

Server hardware support ranges from the Apple MAC Mini to the XServer/Xsan system, and single processor to multi processor and RAID Array capable Intel X86 systems. The hardware needed depends on the number of simultaneous

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Client Workstation Requirements

The LearningAccess ILS requires no special client software, and can be accessed with most modern Web browsers. The Preferred browsers are: FireFox 1.0 or later, Mozilla 1.0 or later, Internet Explorer 6.0 or later, and Safari 1.0 or later.

Internationalization

Because of the use of UNICODE the LearningAccess ILS is truly multi language capable, in its search system as well as in the Web OPAC interface. The default configuration includes both the English and Spanish language interfaces.

Customized Look and Feel

The LearningAccess ILS because of its unique modular design can be readily tailored to library-specific needs, including color scheme of the Web OPAC, search interface capabilities, and links to external third party databases.

Technical Support

The Learning Access Institute provides full support for the ILS and all other tools, including software upgrades, hardware support and full turn-key system support.

In addition, a full array of training and pre-installation planning and configuration options is available.

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