

# aVISTA

## A TURNKEY SIMPLE TO MANAGE

# LIBRARY AUTOMATION SYSTEM IN A BOX

**aVISTA** is a revolutionary self contained turn-key library automation system built around the LearningAccess ILS V1.0.

With **aVISTA** automating your library could hardly be simpler. No costly specialized servers and technically skilled staff are necessary, everything you need is in one box no larger than a stack of five CD's!

**aVISTA** has the power to automate a typical small to medium sized library with 50,000 items with ease!

**aVISTA** is built on the award-winning Apple MAC Mini platform, which gives you unparalleled stability using the MAC OS X operating system (included).

**aVISTA** deploys the latest Learning Access Institute automation tools which your users can access using a web browser on a PC or MAC. All administration tasks, including cataloging and circulation are also performed via a web browser, making system administration and maintenance a breeze!

### The Learning Access Institute Difference

When acquiring the **aVISTA** product, you get access to a vast array of services, including the benefit of our years of experience with under-served libraries, small and large. As a non-profit, we are different from the typical library vendor: we are interested in your institution and the community you are trying to serve!

Many smaller libraries have over committed staffs that rely on volunteer help, and struggle to stretch their budgets. The last thing they want to worry about is yet another piece of unsustainably complex and expensive technology. This is the problem that the **aVISTA** solution addresses, with a simple yet powerful turnkey library automation system which works for you!

### **aVISTA** your portal to the world

The **aVISTA** system not only makes your local library material accessible, but also functions as an easy-to-use gateway to remote information resources. Your users access your catalog and full text articles from commercial database services such as ProQuest, using the same simple-to-navigate Web-based OPAC interface.

No longer do you need to worry about who gets access to what, since the system has a seamless, innovative built-in au-

thenticating proxy service. Now users can access remote resources from home, from the library, or from around the world -- all managed with a few clicks using our intuitive Web-based administrative interface.

And because of our commitment to open standards, the **aVISTA** system lets you easily collaborate with others libraries.

**aVISTA** can also provide easy access to community resources, by using its built-in capabilities to create, manage and search community based records. Such records may include local contact information for after school programs, social services, volunteer and scholarship opportunities, or whatever is appropriate in your community.



## **aVISTA technical specifications**

The **aVISTA** core system hardware consists of an Apple Mac mini®, pre-configured by the Learning Access Institute with our full library automation system, currently the LearningAccess ILS V1.0.

### **Hardware specifications:**

- 1.42GHz PowerPC G4
- 512MB DDR333 SDRAM
- 80GB Ultra ATA drive
- 4x Superdrive (DVD+/- RW / CD-RW)
- MAC OS X Tiger (10.4.x)

Depending on your local needs the system memory maybe increased from 512Mb to 1Gb of memory.

### **Software Specifications:**

The **aVISTA** core system includes the latest version of the LearningAccess ILS, with all of these:

- Multi lingual Web OPAC with Spanish and English language interface
- Administrative interface including:
  - Cataloging
  - Circulation
  - Reporting
  - System Administration
- Persistent URL authenticating proxy service

### **Optional Software:**

The **aVISTA** system may optionally be configured to include the **LearningAccess ReCon V3.0** system, and the **Community Information** data system.

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## **Library technology requirements**

To administer the **aVISTA** system, the library will need at minimum one PC or Mac computer capable of running FireFox 1.0 and the VNC remote desktop client. For reporting, including overdue notices and spine labels, a PC with Office 2000 or later is required.

Users - including staff - access the **aVISTA** system using a PC or MAC with FireFox, Safari, Mozilla or Internet Explorer. For circulation functionality, you will need at least one barcode reader.

### **The Learning Access Institute Service**

When acquiring the **aVISTA** system you receive the appropriate hardware and software, but equally important you get access to the full range of services provided by the Learning Access Institute.

We will help you plan for the successful implementation, including optional retrospective conversion assistance, configure your system, train you and then provide unparalleled support for 3 years!

It is this commitment to you and our years of experience working with libraries of all types and sizes that truly makes the difference to you.



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