

LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network Goes Live with SirsiDynix SaaS

All sites in Louisiana's academic consortium complete SaaS migration and launch BLUEcloud Campus rollout

March 17, 2016, LEHI, UT—SirsiDynix is pleased to announce the completed SaaS migration and go-live of [LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network](#). LOUIS, a statewide consortium of public and private academic libraries, has hosted their SirsiDynix Symphony ILS since 2001. In June 2015, LOUIS made the decision to host its Symphony ILS and BLUEcloud products on SirsiDynix SaaS. The migration process was completed in late January, and [all 35 Symphony sites](#) of the LOUIS consortium are now live. This project also included a conversion from Informix ISAM database structures running on IBM's AIX to an Oracle database management system with Unicode encoding, running on Red Hat Enterprise Linux. Unicode support allows importing, cataloging, searching, and displaying of data containing non-Latin characters.

LOUIS sites reported an easy, quick migration with improved service. Brian Sherman, Interim Director and Head of Access Services and Systems for Noel Memorial Library at Louisiana State University Shreveport, confirmed "Going live with SaaS entailed very little inconvenience, and with the LOUIS/SirsiDynix team at the helm, the migration was as smooth as silk, delivering faster response times."

In addition to bringing LOUIS 99.95% uptime, advanced security, and automatic upgrades, the migration to SaaS is serving as a springboard for LOUIS to move forward with their BLUEcloud Campus product rollout. Currently, LOUIS sites are in the process of installing BLUEcloud Analytics and BLUEcloud Cataloging, as well as setting up BLUEcloud PAC and BookMyne.

"The LOUIS migration has been a great success," said Bill Davison, SirsiDynix CEO. "We are proud that LOUIS has selected our SaaS solution and eager to get them rolling on BLUEcloud Campus. The Campus line is designed with strategic partners, like LOUIS, specifically to meet the needs of academic

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libraries. Now that they are backed by SaaS, LOUIS sites will enjoy vast potential for their BLUEcloud Campus tools.”

About LOUIS

[LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network](#) is a library consortium representing a collaboration among Louisiana’s academic libraries and governed by the Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortium (LALINC) Executive Board, which is made up of the deans and directors of the member libraries. Established in 1992, LOUIS is made up of 47 academic libraries and is the foundation on which members build to support and enrich research, teaching and learning. LOUIS delivers equitable access to resources, services, and technologies by maximizing purchasing power and sharing expertise and is widely recognized as a model for cost-effective collaboration in higher education. LOUIS provides a Library Services Platform, consisting of an integrated library system, a discovery system, an interlibrary loan system, and other emergent technologies; procurement, administration, and delivery of electronic content; consulting and data conversion services; and training opportunities. It promotes cooperation, communication, and collaboration among multi-type libraries and researchers. LOUIS supports all academic libraries in the state’s higher education systems, including the University of Louisiana System, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the Southern University System, the Louisiana State University System, the Louisiana Academic Independent Colleges and University Network, and LUMCON. In addition, LOUIS works closely with the State Library of Louisiana, parish libraries and K12.

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